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TO: Town Council
FROM: Sean M. Kimball, Town Manager
SUBJECT: Town Manager’s Report – June 2024
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Bartlem Park South

- Crews are currently working on grading the Great Lawn area along with tree plantings and lamp post installations.
- Yesterday (June 10th) we finally received official approval from DEEP to relocate the pile of unsuitable soil to the closed landfill adjacent to the DPW garage. The final change order to relocate this pile came to just under \$7,900. Many thanks to Marek Kement and Dan Bombero for identifying this solution as our consultants from W&S were convinced the only option was going to be transportation and disposal to an out-of-town facility for a total of approximately \$100,000.
- The staff working group along with Peter, David and John met on May 24th to review and approve the preliminary design plans for the bandshell from Poligon. All agreed the plans met the design intent and W&S subsequently notified Poligon. Final engineered plans estimated to arrive July 17th. Fabrication will take 10-12 weeks.
- Precast bathroom building nearing completion offsite, delivery and installation tentatively in early July.
- On Friday, we received a quote for the addition of a cupola with a “Ram” weathervane for the new bathroom building. The total cost installed will be \$13,363. We have been carrying a \$15,000 placeholder for this option in our budget and we are pleased to be moving forward with this feature.





Bartlem Beats Concerts

The Bartlem Beats Concerts will be starting up next month, and the four dates for 2024 have been announced:

- Friday, July 19th - Zep & Co., playing music from Led Zeppelin and Bad Company
- Friday, July 26th - Struggle Monkey, a high energy, party rock cover band
- Friday, August 2nd - Zac 'n Fried, tribute to the Zac Brown Band
- Friday, August 9th - Jeff Tuohy, playing a variety of rock, country, and Americana music

The shows on each of these dates will start at 7:00pm and rain dates for each will be the following Tuesday.

Mixville Parking Passes Available

Reminder that Mixville summer parking passes are available for purchase at Cheshire MyRec or by visiting the Recreation Offices during regular business hours.

<https://cheshirect.myrec.com/info/news/details.aspx?NewsID=4547>

Dog Licenses

A reminder that dog licenses are available for renewal as of June 1, 2024. For additional information on the process, fees, and required documents, please go to our Town website at:

https://www.cheshirect.org/news/dog_licenses_available_6_1

Cheshire Library Summer Adventure 2024 – Kickoff Event Friday, June 14th

The Cheshire Library is kicking off its annual Summer Reading Challenge with an event at Mixville Park. Pack a picnic, grab your lawn chairs and join us from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Friday, June 14th to kick off our 2024 Summer Adventure. Enjoy giant bubbles, crafts, a petting zoo, pictures with a special guest, and trivia for adults!

This event takes place at Mixville Park: 1300 Notch Road. Parking is free but limited for this event, so carpooling is encouraged.

<https://www.cheshirelibrary.org/summer-adventure/>

Chesprocott Status Update as of June 11th

Lease: A proposed lease document incorporating Council comments was been presented to the Chesprocott Board leadership several weeks ago. They will be discussing it with the full Board in executive session at their meeting tomorrow evening. The Board is still expressing interest in this property, although they have looked at a few alternative locations. They must vacate their current office by July 26, 2024.

Renovations: Chesprocott is working with an architect to develop scaled down renovation plans. The state has appropriated \$350,000 to Cheshire for the health district which the Town can use toward the renovations. Chesprocott has indicated that they plan to spend a portion of their fund balance on this project as well. Once we have confirmation that Chesprocott has committed to 1220 Waterbury Road, the Town will negotiate a Work Letter for the project; Atty. Donofrio has a draft prepared.

MOU: The Chesprocott Board wishes to work through the current situation and hire a permanent Director before considering the execution of the Town's proposed Memorandum of Understanding. However, they are also committed to implementing many of the requests in the MOU, and plan to ensure open communication with the member towns.

Director of Health: the Chesprocott Board has updated the job description for the Director of Health and has hired a recruitment firm to handle the process. The position has been posted, and the Town is assisting with publicity as appropriate. The posting closes on June 21, 2024.

Siting Council June 13th Hearing – Big Y/King Rd. Area Cell Tower

The Connecticut Siting Council has scheduled a hearing on a proposal by Tarpon Towers and CellCo Partnership (Verizon Wireless) to construct a 90-foot cell tower in the parking lot behind Big Y, adjacent to King Rd. This site would address persistent cell coverage complaints in the South part of Town including throughout the Elim Park facility and would be able to host additional cell carriers as co-locators.

Residents are encouraged to participate in the hearing process. The hearing is scheduled for **Thursday, June 13th via Zoom**. The hearing begins at 2:00pm with an evidentiary session and continues with a public comment session beginning at **6:30pm**. To participate in the hearing, residents should email siting.council@ct.gov or call 860-827-2935 to leave a voicemail with your contact information by June 12th.

ArtsPlace at Ball & Socket - Final Inspection/Move In Plans

ArtsPlace has officially moved to its new home at Ball & Socket Arts. Thank you to Joan, Karen, Arnett, John Gawlak, Public Works staff, the Town Council and many others for their continued support to see this project through to a successful completion. We are planning a ribbon cutting in the coming weeks once all unpacking and settling in has been completed!

Projects Around Town

Just a reminder to check out our Project Around Town page which is frequently updated to provide more information on many Town and State capital projects occurring across town:
<https://www.cheshirect.org/spotlight/projects>

Town Facilities Closed Monday, June 19th:

Town facilities will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024 in observance of Juneteenth. Please note that while the Town offices will be closed, the Cheshire Community Pool and various recreation sports clinics and lessons will remain open as scheduled. Additionally, there will not be a delay in trash and recycling collection.

Business Appreciation Day – Friday, June 21st

The Town’s Annual Business Appreciation Day will be held on Friday, June 21st at Elim Park. Invitations have gone out to over 500 Cheshire business for this free event to honor our local business community.

Doors open at 8:30am for registration with the program beginning at 9:00 featuring Anthony Anthony Chief Marketing Officer for the State of Connecticut.

All Town Councilors are invited to attend and should have received formal invites in the mail. We hope you can join. And a special thanks to Elim Park for their support.

Upcoming Town Council & Committee Meetings:

- **Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** – Capital Budget Workshop (Public Works)
- **Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** – Planning Committee Meeting
- **Monday, June 17, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** - Capital Budget Workshop for Misc. Items and Deliberations
- **Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.** – Tentative Capital Budget Workshop if needed
- **Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** – Town Council Regular Meeting / Tentative Capital Budget Adoption