

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Cheshire in the County of Berkshire
GREETING.

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at said Cheshire.

CHESHIRE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Place: Former Cheshire Elementary School Cafeteria

191 Church Street, Cheshire, MA

Date: Monday, March 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Voter check-in begins at 6:30 PM.

40 Voters present.

Meeting called to order by Moderator Francesconi at 7:00 PM.

Moderator asked for non-voters to identify themselves. 3 non-voters present

Pledge of Allegiance.

Head of the warrant was read by the Moderator.

Motion to waive the reading of the balance of the warrant and the return of service made by Selectmen Michelle Francesconi; seconded by Selectmen Killeen.

Discussion: None

Voice Vote Taken.

Motion Carried.

Article 1.

To see if the Town Will Vote to accept and confirm as a public town way a certain portion of the roadway known as Sandmill Road, a public town way, in locations ordered by the Board of Selectmen and depicted on the plan entitled; "Sandmill Road Over Dry Brook Cheshire, Bridge No. C-10-002, Preliminary Right of Way Plan dated November 18, 2022", said plan having been placed on file with the

Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain, such interests in land as necessary to allow for the use and maintenance of said ways for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Cheshire, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator stated a 2/3 vote is required.

Motion to accept the article as read made by Selectmen Francesconi; seconded by Selectmen Killeen.

Discussion: Question asked what is the purpose of the two articles for Sandmill Road?

Answered by Town Administrator Jennifer Morse.

The articles are necessary to proceed with the second part of the engineering by the State for the Sandmill Bridge Project

Card Vote Taken. YES 40 NO 0

Motion Carried.

Article 2.

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, permanent and temporary easement in certain parcels of land within, adjacent to and/or contiguous to Sandmill Road in the locations more or less depicted on the plan entitled "Sandmill Road Over Dry Brook Cheshire, Bridge No. C-10-002, Preliminary Right of Way Plan dated November 18, 2022" as it may be amended, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Town Clerk and permanent and temporary easement in parcels of land located within 200 feet of said parcels, as such additional area may be shown on said plan, for public way purposes, to enable the Town to undertake the Sandmill Road bridge replacement project, and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the funds necessary for the purpose of providing for such acquisitions and paying all costs and expenses associated therewith, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator stated 2/3 vote required.

Motion to accept the article as read made by Selectmen Levesque; seconded by Selectmen Mc Grath.

Discussion: None.

Card Vote Taken.

YES 39 NO 1

Motion Carried.

Article 3.

To see if the Town Will Vote to appropriate a sum of money to pay costs for a Lead Service Line Inventory and Replacement Program; The 2021 Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) require all Public Water Systems (PWSs) to complete an inventory of utility-and customer-owned service lines connected to its distribution system and prepare a replacement plan by October 2024; including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; and to determine whether this appropriation shall be met by borrowing with the potential of borrowing from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust through a 100 % principal forgiveness loan or otherwise; or take any other action in relation thereto.

Moderator Francesconi stated that Article 3 has been postponed indefinitely.

Article 4.

To do and transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting or take any other action in relation thereto.

Motion to dissolve this meeting made by Town Clerk Emerson; seconded by Moderator Francesconi.

Discussion: None

Voice vote taken.

Motion Carried.

Meeting dissolved at 7:20 PM by Moderator Francesconi, who thanked everyone for attending.

ATTEST: True Copy

Christine B. Emerson, Cheshire Town Clerk