

CHESPROCOTT HEALTH DISTRICT (CHD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 13, 2023

Cheshire Town Hall – Room 207/209

84 South Main Street

Cheshire, CT 06410

Present: Sean Kimball, Committee Chair
Barbara Ecke
Lauren Backman

Committee Members Absent: Andrew Giordano

Also in attendance: Michael Federico, Accountant
Tom Dunn, Mayor of Wolcott (via Zoom)
Arnett Talbot, Cheshire Asst. Town Manager

The Board meeting was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

I. Roll Call

The roll call showed a quorum was present at 2:05 p.m.

II. Discussion on Per Capita Fee Adjustments/Budget Impact

The committee began the discussion by reviewing the various budget scenarios provided by Mr. Federico showing projections for the remainder of the current fiscal year, in addition to full years for both FY25 and FY26, with revenue generated at the current \$13.15 per capita rate as well as \$12.15, \$11.15 and \$10.00. In all scenarios, staffing/service reductions were not contemplated until FY26 (beginning July 1, 2025). Mr. Kimball commented, and Mayor Dunn agreed, that the Towns likely would not support any Chesprocott service level reductions as part of the budget planning. However, ultimately will this be a determination made by the Board of Directors during the FY26 budget planning.

The committee discussed the original proposal offered by Director Esposito to refund \$300,000 of fund balance to the three towns proportionate with their populations. Mr. Federico expressed his concerns that doing so significantly impacts the budget projections, particularly at lower future per capita rates. Mr. Kimball suggested that any proposed fund balance refund payments should be considered only after the costs to relocate the Chesprocott headquarters have been determined.

The discussion continued and Mr. Federico suggested he was much more comfortable with the \$11.00-\$12.00 range for Per Capita fees and associated revenue if the \$300,000 remains in the fund balance at this time. Mr. Kimball noted that the projections also included an assumption that the remaining two per capita quarterly payments for the current fiscal year would be lowered. Mayor Dunn and Mr. Kimball both commented that while any savings is welcomed and appreciated, it is most important to show savings for the next full fiscal year, as the current year has already been accounted for in this year's Town budgets.

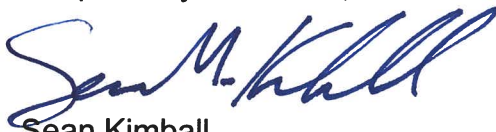
MOTION: Mr. Kimball made a motion to recommend a Per Capita Fee reduction for the FY25 Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 from \$13.15 to \$11.15, with consideration of any Fund Balance refund payments to the towns tabled until such time as a determination on the cost of Chesprocott's headquarters is complete. Seconded by Ms. Ecke. Vote was unanimous.

A brief discussion ensued regarding other service fee considerations in the budget and any concerns from Wolcott's perspective. Mayor Dunn offered that he's received complaints from some local restaurants that they pay an annual food license fee but then have to pay an additional fee if they participate in community events/festivals. He suggested maybe they could get a break on the festival fee if they are a local restaurant.

III. Adjournment

MOVE TO ADJOURN: Ms. Ecke moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Kimball. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Kimball
Board Member
Chesprocott Health District