

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, Cheryl Larder, Kenneth Brown, George Peteros, Alan Wilensky, Ronald Fedor, Rosalyn Dupuis

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Andrea Kanfer, Thomas Dembek

ALSO: Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

Chairman Sheehan called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 pm.

ITEM 1 Public Hearing on all Town Budgets for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

He explained the budget hearing process to this point and that it will be forwarded to the RTM after its finalization this evening.

He asked if anyone if anyone wished to comment on any of the budgets presented. Barbara Aube, Human Resources Director, spoke regarding the merger of the Human Resources function for the Town with the Board of Education, and her belief that the integration makes sense from both a business and an economic perspective. She said she is willing to take on the additional responsibilities with no increase in compensation from what she will receive as the Town's Director of Human Resources for the first six months while the new Human Resource department is being set up.

G. Brian Vachris, 27 Soljer Drive, said the Board of Finance has done a good job and urged the Board to not use fund balance to offset operating expenses.

Jerry Lokken, Ad-Hoc Playground Committee member, said the Town has a duty to stimulate health in the community, and to educate children and he feels the Townwide playground project is a part of that duty. He also said fund raising is on-going and Town money could be used as a vote of confidence to encourage contributions.

Melissa Guarneri, Ad-Hoc Committee Member, spoke of fund raising efforts, and that taxpayers are seeking more economical ways to entertain their families, that the Townwide playground is an essential service, and that Waterford has a duty to provide such a service.

Robert Brule, 15 Leary Drive; Greg Swanson, 119 Shore Road and President of the Soccer Club; Liz Norris, 29 Division Street spoke in support of the Soccer Lights at Spera Field project and indicated that financing has been secured to move the project forward in the current fiscal year.

Chairman Sheehan asked three times if anyone else wished to comment on the budget.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:19 pm.  
Chairman Sheehan convened the Special Meeting at 7:20 pm.

MOTION To approve the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$40,466,280.  
Fedor, Dupuis

MOTION To reduce the Board of Education budget by an additional \$10,000 to reflect the reduction made by the Board of Selectmen relating to the Human Resource stipend.  
Peteros, Brown Unanimous

**Vote: Final Total: \$40,456,280**

**Unanimous**

- MOTION To approve the Board of Selectmen budget in the amount of \$209,757 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Registrars of Voters budget in the amount of \$49,157 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Board of Finance budget in the amount of \$63,664 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Assessor budget in the amount of \$264,826 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Board of Assessment Appeals budget in the amount of \$1,542 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Tax Collector budget in the amount of \$198,020 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Finance Department budget in the amount of \$993,396 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Legal Department budget in the amount of \$330,542 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Town Clerk budget in the amount of \$235,634 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Planning and Zoning Commission budget in the amount of \$493,975 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Building Maintenance budget in the amount of \$135,586 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Insurance budget in the amount of \$2,683,954 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Economic Development Commission budget in the amount of \$11,418 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Yes: Larder, Brown, Peteros, Fedor, Wilensky, Dupuis  
Mr. Sheehan abstained – he is a member of SeCTer.

- MOTION To approve the Conservation Commission budget in the amount of \$16,400 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Zoning Board of Appeals budget in the amount of \$7,077 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Retirement Commission budget in the amount of \$2,343,309 as designated by the series sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Representative Town Meeting budget in the amount of \$18,399 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Building Department budget in the amount of \$242,543 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Wilensky, Fedor Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Social Service Grants budget in the amount of \$111,020 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Wilensky, Larder
- Discussion: Rental income of \$7,800 per year from the Nevins Cottage goes to the Historical Society, and that the society should engage in fund raising.
- MOTION To reduce LI 58340 Waterford Historical Society by \$3,800 to \$1,200 to reflect additional income.  
Peteros, Fedor Unanimous
- It was noted that the YMCA of SE Connecticut has closed.
- MOTION To reduce LI 58480, YMCA of SE Connecticut to \$0.  
Wilensky, Dupuis Unanimous
- Vote: New Total: \$106,220** **Yes: Sheehan, Peteros, Larder, Brown, Wilensky, Dupuis**  
**No: Fedor**
- MOTION To approve the Contingency budget in the amount of \$250,000 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Flood and Erosion Control budget in the amount of \$1,371 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Harbor Management Commission budget in the amount of \$1 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Ethics Commission budget in the amount of \$1,323 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$829,780 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Dupuis, Fedor Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Board of Fire Commissioners budget in the amount of \$1,803,906 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Waterford Fire Engine Company #1 budget in the amount of \$137,300 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Quaker Hill Fire Co. budget in the amount of \$122,636 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Goshen Fire Department budget in the amount of \$102,635 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Oswegatchie Fire Company budget in the amount of \$145,262 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Cohanzie Fire Company budget in the amount of \$137,582 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Police Commission budget in the amount of \$4,803,758 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis

Discussion regarding striping/decals for patrol cars 3 @ \$520 = \$1,560. Chief Pendleton said uniformity in police car markings is a requirement of the Police Department Certifying Agency. Further discussion regarding 2011 planned replacement of the vehicles the striping was intended to update.

MOTION To reduce LI 54040 Vehicles Equipment to \$16,314.  
Peteros, Wilensky Yes: Peteros, Wilensky, Larder, Fedor, Dupuis, Sheehan  
No: Brown

Discussion regarding information provided by the Department's administrative team regarding individuals identified to fill vacancies reflected in the patrol budget. Additional discussion that current contract provisions do not impose a cap on the accumulation of leave that can be used as terminal leave upon an individual leaving the department and its impact upon department staffing.

**Vote: Final Total: \$4,802,198 Unanimous**

MOTION To approve the Public Works budget in the amount of \$4,928,971 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Utility Commission budget in the amount of \$50,850 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

- MOTION To approve the Youth Services budget in the amount of \$197,270 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Conservation of Health budget in the amount of \$144,422 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Public Health Nursing budget in the amount of \$91,960 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Senior Citizens Commission budget in the amount of \$514,117 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Waterford Public Library budget in the amount of \$1,014,328 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Recreation and Parks budget in the amount of \$1,766,240 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis

Discussion regarding geese control and fuel usage information provided.

**Vote: Final Total: \$1,766,240** Unanimous

- MOTION To approve the Current year Capital Improvements budget in the amount of \$1,076,748 as designated by the sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis

Discussion regarding the replacement of the Cohanzie pickup. The Fire Commission has converted all department pickups to utility type vehicles with funding assistance from the Waterford Ambulance Association and other insurance claims.

Discussion of information provided by the Police administrative team regarding the command vehicle, its intended use by the Waterford Police Department for existing needs within the confines of the town and it is not intended for regional use.

Request that the First Selectman consider the ongoing Fleet Management Plan work being done in determining the appropriate time to replace public works vehicles with high replacement costs and low maintenance costs.

**Vote: Final Total: \$1,076,748** Unanimous

- MOTION To approve the Transfers to Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund budget in the amount of \$1,491,330 as designated by the sub-totals.  
Fedor, Dupuis

Discussion: Mr. Peteros referred to LI 57707 Playground Addition. He said the reduction of \$35,000 needs to be viewed as a deferral of the project until demonstration of the ability to fund raise is shown.

Discussion was held regarding LI 57706 Soccer Lights @ Spera Field, scope of the project, fund raising that has occurred, specific fundraising activities planned and vendor financing that has been secured. Discussion regarding use of funds from fundraising activities specific to the lighting project to accelerate pay down of the financing debt if they exceed current goals.

MOTION To reinstate \$55,000 to LI 57706 Soccer Lights @ Spera Field.  
Peteros, Brown Unanimous

**Vote: Final total: \$1,546,330 Unanimous**

MOTION To approve Debt Service budget in the amount of \$1,418,313 as designated by the sub-total.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve General Government budget in the amount of \$25,447,570.00.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve Capital and Debt Service budget in the amount of \$4,041,391  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve Total Budget in the amount of \$69,945,242.  
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To adjourn at 8:30 pm.  
Fedor, Wilensky Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary