

PRESENT Chairman Ronald Fedor, George Peteros, Rosalyn Dupuis, Alan Wilensky,  
John W. Sheehan, Norman Glidden, G. Brian Vachris

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Thomas Dembek, Andrea Kanfer

ALSO Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer

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

Chairman Fedor called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

He asked if anyone wished to comment on the budgets. There were no comments.

**ITEM 1 Fire Commission**

Fire Administrator Bruce Miller and Commission Chairman Eric Munsell were present.

MOTION To tentatively approve the Fire Commission budget in the amount of \$2,011,153 as  
designated by the series sub-totals.  
Sheehan, Dupuis

LI 51110 Administration – Mr. Peteros questioned increases for the Fire Administrator  
and the Fire Marshal, noting that other administrators in Town do not get increases.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 51110 Administration to \$185,966; LI 51120 Inspection to  
\$118,004; LI 51210 Clerical/Technical to \$108,302 representing furlough days.  
Vachris, Sheehan Unanimous

LI 51240 Education Incentive – Discussion included cost for classes for the Office  
Co-coordinator and the Clerk/Typist at \$400 each and firefighters' educational incentive.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 51240 Education Incentive to \$12,070.  
Fedor, Peteros Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding the Volunteer Incentive Program. Mr. Sheehan is not  
opposed to the program, but he doesn't feel this is the right time to introduce it. The  
Town can't afford it at this time.

MOTION To tentatively reduce Volunteer Incentive Program to \$0.  
Vachris, Sheehan Unanimous

LI 51410 Fire Fighting – Discussion of the substitution classification over last year's  
level. There was no back-up for this increase.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 51410 Fire Fighting to \$846,010.  
Peteros, Dupuis Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding Mutual Aid calls and it was noted that New London had  
three ambulances that were disabled and have now been repaired.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 51920 FICA to \$97,492.  
Sheehan, Peteros Unanimous

MOTION To tentatively approve the 51000 series in the amount of \$1,376,560 in the amount of  
\$1,376,560.  
Wilensky, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52020 Postage to \$175.  
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

LI 52050 Dues, Conferences and Education – Mr. Wilensky questioned attendance at International Associations. Mr. Munsell noted that ‘International’ includes the United States and Canada.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52050 Dues, Conferences and Education to \$12,550 - \$400 due to a calculation error, and \$1,450 to eliminate conference attendance.  
Wilensky, Vachris Unanimous

LI 52040 Service Contracts and Repairs – Discussion included \$500 for Camera Equipment, and \$500 for Office Equipment. Mr. Peteros wants more specificity regarding on how Camera and Office Equipment will be spent.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52060 Printing to \$100.  
Vachris, Sheehan Unanimous

LI 52070 Reimbursable Expenses – The volunteer Incentive Program was eliminated. The Fast Track system in this line item (52070) that was intended to track attendance and participation will no longer apply.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52070 Reimbursable Expense to \$500.  
Peteros, Sheehan Unanimous

LI 52310 Examinations – Discussion was held regarding history of expenses for this item.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 52310 Examinations to \$7,000.  
Fedor, Glidden Unanimous

LI 52320 Rental of Hydrants – Lengthy discussion regarding a rate increase for the expense of the Water System Contract with the City of New London. Mr. Glidden felt that the contract should be reviewed and Mr. Steward agreed to that.

MOTION To tentatively approve the 52000 series in the amount of \$466,666.  
Peteros, Dupuis Unanimous

LI 53070 Automotive Repairs – Each company budget includes funds for apparatus maintenance. This line should be for what the commission needs to repair their own vehicles, and the companies’ budgets to support their own repair costs. There was no detail for this item.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 53070 Automotive Repairs to \$17,000.  
Peteros, Glidden Unanimous

MOTION To tentatively approve the 53000 series in the amount of \$24,974.  
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

There was no detail for LI 54060 Office Equipment and LI 54202 Equipment – Fire Investigations.

LI 54207 SCBA Replacement Bottles – Eight bottles to be obtained by Quaker Hill under their grant.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 54207 SCBA Replacement Bottles to \$23,840.  
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

Thermal Cameras at Quaker Hill and Thermal Cameras at Jordan @ \$19,000 each. Back-up states that the thermal imaging cameras are in excess of fourteen years each. Mr. Peteros requested confirmation of this fact. Noted that each company received a Camera in October 2000, and a second one through a State grant in July 2002. Mr. Sheehan inquired as to the condition of the cameras and why it's time to replace them.

Rescue Equipment, Quaker Hill – Discussion regarding Air Bag set . Mr. Munsell said this is a new line item. The current bag wasn't purchased by the Town and replacement is based on the age and condition of the item and the recommendation of the manufacturer. It was felt that this item should be in Capital Projects.

MOTION To tentatively reduce Rescue Equipment, Quaker Hill to \$0.  
Fedor, Wilensky Yes: Fedor, Wilensky, Dupuis, Sheehan, Glidden  
No: Peteros, Vachris

MOTION To tentatively approve the 54000 series in the amount of \$63,590.  
Sheehan, Dupuis Yes: Fedor, Wilensky, Dupuis, Sheehan, Glidden,  
Vachris  
No: Peteros

MOTION To tentatively approve the Board of Fire Commissioners budget in the amount of \$1,931,790 as designated by the series sub-totals.  
Sheehan, Dupuis Yes: Fedor, Wilensky, Dupuis, Sheehan, Glidden,  
Vachris  
No: Peteros

The Board recessed at 9:39 pm.  
The meeting was reconvened at 9:50 pm.

**ITEM 2 Waterford Fire Company**

MOTION To tentatively approve the Waterford Fire Company budget in the amount of \$137,270.  
Sheehan, Vachris

Discussion regarding long distance telephone charges, radios – Knox Box Repairs and reprogramming @ \$243, overhead door repairs, and Administration Expenses (Awards for Volunteer Responders.)

MOTION To tentatively reduce Telephone by \$300, Gasoline and Fuel by \$2,416, and Building Maintenance by \$500 for a total of \$3,216 for a new total \$134,054 for this budget.  
Wilensky, Sheehan Yes: Wilensky, Sheehan, Peteros, Dupuis, Fedor  
No: Glidden, Vachris

Mr. Vachris hopes the Board is not over-cutting the budget.



MOTION        To adjourn at 11:35 pm.  
                    Glidden, Sheehan

Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Alan Wilensky, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary