

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

OFFICIALS Daniel Steward, First Selectman

RTM Andrea Kanfer, Robert Brule, Diane Cramer, Thomas Dembek

MEDIA Chelsea Krisanda, The Day

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

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

ITEM 1 Public Hearing of all Town Budgets for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Chairman Fedor explained the budget review process to this point. It will be forwarded to the RTM after finalization this evening.

He asked if anyone wished to comment on any of the budgets.

Maggie Liparulo, Myrock Avenue, spoke regarding contributions to outside agencies in the Social Service Grants budget. She asked the Board to reconsider the contributions since this is taxpayer money and felt that citizens would not be denied services if the agencies didn't receive funds from Waterford. She felt that the Board did not review back-up when this budget was reviewed. Mr. Sheehan noted that an Ad-Hoc Committee spent many hours reviewing this budget prior to the start of the budget reviews.

Mr. Vachris replied that he would have made more cuts, but these contributions help people in need.

Teresa Wilensky, Melanie Drive, hope the Board would reverse its decision regarding a reduction of \$160,000 in the Board of Education budget.

Brian Flaherty, 2 Mayfair Drive, as well as Director of Recreation and Parks Department spoke regarding Community Use of Schools and noted that it is the policy of the Board of Education as well as Recreation and Parks Department that users of the facilities pay for damages incurred. There were damages at a function at Quaker Hill School and they were paid for.

Mr. Sheehan addressed the Board regarding the budget and how the large budget reductions would affect taxes. A copy of his statement is attached.

MOTION To adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:25 pm.
Vachris, Dupuis Unanimous

Mr. Fedor convened the Special Meeting at 7:26 pm.

MOTION To approve the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$41,666,612 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Dupuis

Mr. Wilensky felt that each of the cuts were fair, that 3% increase was forced on the Board of Education and selected enforcement on government budgets is a bit unfair.

Mr. Vachris noted that most of the budgets with the largest increase are \$538,617 for Insurance, \$444,602 for Retirement, and \$792,000 for Debt Service.

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Mr. Glidden felt that General Government was reduced by a greater amount than the Board of Education and the reduction of \$160,000 is a small percentage.

Mr. Fedor felt a reduction of \$128,000 to eliminate a Technology Coordinator would be fair.

MOTION To reduce the \$160,000 reduction to a reduction of \$100,000.
AMENDED Wilensky, no second Motion failed

**Vote on original motion: Yes: Sheehan, Dupuis, Peteros, Fedor, Glidden, Vachris
No: Wilensky
Motion passed**

MOTION To approve the Board of Selectmen budget in the amount of \$213,266 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Registrars of Voters budget in the amount of \$57,711 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Dupuis, Sheehan Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Board of Finance budget in the amount of \$62,267 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Assessor budget in the amount of \$262,949 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Vachris, Sheehan Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Board of Assessment Appeals budget in the amount of \$1,423 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Tax Collector budget in the amount of \$203,906 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Finance Department budget in the amount of \$816,706 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Legal Department budget in the amount of \$326,000 as designated by the sub-total.

Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Town Clerk budget in the amount of \$237,992 as designated by the series sub-totals.

Sheehan, Glidden

MOTION To reduce LI 51101 Elected Officials to \$75,555; LI 51110 Administration to \$55,105; LI 51210 Clerical/Technical to \$44,030; LI 51920 FICA 13,383 reflective of furlough days.

Vachris, Wilensky Unanimous

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MOTION To approve the 51000 series in the amount of \$188,273 as designated by the line items.
Vachris, Wilensky Unanimous

Vote on new total: \$237,355 Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Planning and Zoning Commission budget in the amount of \$489,134 as
designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Building Maintenance budget in the amount of \$164,478 as designated by
the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Insurance budget in the amount of \$3,222,571 as designated by the sub-
total.
Dupuis, Sheehan Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Economic Development budget in the amount of \$9,919 as designated by
the series sub-totals.
Dupuis, Vachris Yes: Fedor, Peteros, Dupuis, Vachris, Wilensky, Glidden
Abstained: Sheehan

MOTION To approve the Conservation Commission budget in the amount of \$16,000 as designated
by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Zoning Board of Appeals budget in the amount of \$7,152 as designated
by the series sub-totals.
Vachris, Sheehan Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Retirement Commission budget in the amount of \$2,787,511 as
designated by the sub-total.
Dupuis, Sheehan Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Representative Town Meeting budget in the amount of \$18,099 as
designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Building Department budget in the amount of \$242,342 as designated by
the series sub-totals.
Vachris, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Social Services Grants/Miscellaneous Accounts budget in the amount of
\$104,972 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Dupuis

MOTION To reduce the items in the 58000 series by 50% to \$16,150.
Vachris, Wilensky

Mr. Peteros won't support this since a reduction would affect those who least can afford
it.

Mr. Fedor will support it with the exception of agencies that support Waterford.

Mr. Sheehan feels that services are provided for people who have no place to go.

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MOTION AMENDED To approve LI 58330 S.C.A.D.D. \$2,500; LI 58440 United Community and Family Services \$8,000; LI 58450 NL County Assn. Ret. Citizens \$2,000; LI 58588 Child and Family Agency of SECT \$2,000; SECT Advocates for Development Disabilities \$3,000; LI 58593 Community Health Center \$2,000; New London Homeless Hospitality Center \$2,500 per original requests and a total of \$27,150.
Vachris, Wilensky Yes: Fedor, Wilensky, Glidden, Vachris
No: Sheehan, Dupuis, Peteros
Motion passed

MOTION To approve the Social Service Grants budget in the amount of \$99,822 as designated by the sub-totals.
Vachris, Wilensky Yes: Fedor, Wilensky, Glidden, Vachris
No: Sheehan, Dupuis, Peteros
Motion passed

MOTION To approve the Contingency budget in the amount of \$250,000 as designated by the sub-total.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Flood and Erosion Control Board budget in the amount of \$1,054 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Harbor Management budget in the amount of \$1 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Ethics Commission budget in the amount of \$973 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Dupuis, Sheehan Unanimous

MOTION To approves the Human Resources budget in the amount of \$176,386 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Vachris, Sheehan

Mr. Peteros noted that the City of Norwich recently posted an ad for the Human Resources position at a salary of \$80,000 and had many applications for the position.

**Vote on final total \$176,386 Yes: Fedor, Wilensky, Sheehan, Vachris, Glidden
No: Peteros, Dupuis**

MOTION To approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$830,987 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Vachris, Sheehan Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Board of Fire Commissioners budget in the amount of \$1,931,790 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Dupuis, Vachris

Knox boxes at all the fire departments are being replaced by the Waterford Ambulance Service.
MOTION To reduce LI 52040 Service Contracts and Repairs by \$4,750 to \$23,075.
Wilensky, Vachris Unanimous
Series sub-total: \$461,916

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MOTION To reduce Thermal Cameras – Quaker Hill to \$9,500 for one camera.
Wilensky, Peteros Unanimous
54000 Series sub-total: \$54,090

Vote on Final Total \$1,917,540 Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Waterford Fire Engine Company #1 budget in the amount of \$134,054 as designated by the sub-total.
Vachris, Dupuis

MOTION To reduce the Waterford Fire Engine Company #1 budget by \$243 for Knox Box.
Vachris, Wilensky Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Waterford Fire Engine company budget in the amount of \$133,811.
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous

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

Discussion regarding the grant that the company received and how the funds are being used. It was noted that these funds cannot be used to subsidize the budget. Chief Carson said funds are being used for training personnel. Discussion included turn-out gear and fire fighting supplies. It was felt that the request could be reduced relative to items that can be obtained as a result of the grant. There was an error of \$700 in the budget calculation.

MOTION To reduce Quaker Hill Fire Company budget to \$114,657 - \$7,000 for department, \$243 for Knox Box, and \$700 calculation error.
Vachris, Glidden Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Goshen Fire Department budget in the amount of \$100,086 as designated by the sub-total.
Vachris, Dupuis

MOTION To reduce the Goshen Fire Department budget by \$243 for Knox Box.
Wilensky, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Goshen Fire Department budget in the amount of \$99,843.
Vachris, Dupuis Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Oswegatchie Fire Co. budget in the amount of \$144,762 as designated by the sub-total.
Vachris, Dupuis

MOTION To reduce the Oswegatchie Fire Co. budget by \$243 for Knox Box.
Wilensky, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Oswegatchie Fire Co. in the amount of \$144,519.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the Cohanzie Fire Company budget in the amount of \$137,582.
Wilensky, Peteros

It was noted that this company has moved to the Town's cell phone service.

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- MOTION To reduce Telephone by \$2,460 for two cell phones.
Wilensky, Glidden Unanimous
- MOTION To reduce Dues, Conferences and Education by \$500.
Wilensky, Peteros Unanimous
- There was a miscalculation in fuel consumption. Diesel is \$2,200 and Gasoline is \$1,700 for a total cost of \$8,400.
- MOTION To reduce Gasoline by \$3,335.
Peteros, Wilensky Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Cohanzie Fire Company budget in the amount of \$131,044.
Wilensky, Peteros Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Police Commission budget in the amount of \$4,875,084 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Vachris, Dupuis
- Discussion was held regarding LI 51421 Marine Patrol. Mr. Peteros questioned the use of officers versus patrolmen.
- MOTION To reduce LI 51421 Marine Patrol by \$5,000 to \$15,928.
Peteros, Glidden Yes: Sheehan, Dupuis, Wilensky, Peteros, Glidden
No: Fedor, Vachris
Motion passed.
- MOTION To reduce LI 51920 FCA to \$307,556.
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the 51000 series sub-total in the amount of \$4,255,865.
Peteros, Sheehan Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Police Commission budget in the amount of \$4,869,702 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Wilensky, Dupuis Yes: Wilensky, Dupuis, Sheehan, Vachris, Glidden, Peteros
No: Fedor
Motion passed
- MOTION To approve the Public Works budget in the amount of \$4,799,400 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Utility Commission budget in the amount of \$1 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Youth Services budget in the amount of \$199,159 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Conservation of Health budget in the amount of \$142,816 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

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- MOTION To approve the Public Health Nursing Service budget in the amount of \$64,350 as designated by the sub-total.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Senior Citizen Commission budget in the amount of \$506,594 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Waterford Public Library budget in the amount of \$1,016,877 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Recreation and Parks budget in the amount of \$1,721,228 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Vachris, Dupuis
- MOTION To reduce LI 51620 Recreation Programs to \$241,511 due to reduced of the high school pool during construction.
Wilensky, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To reduce LI 51920 FICA to \$75,289.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the 51000 series in the amount of \$1,062,201 as designated by the line items.
Vachris, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the Recreation and Parks budget in the amount of \$1,713,181 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Vachris, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve the General Government budget in the amount of \$26,351,506.
Wilensky, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve Current Year Capital Improvements budget in the amount of \$983,424 as designated by the sub-totals.
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous
- MOTION To approve Transfers to Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures budget in the amount of \$827,000 as designated by the sub-totals.
Sheehan, Dupuis
- Discussion regarding LI 57605 Mago Point Pump Station Partial Upgrade. Mr. Peteros questioned the timing of this project, considering construction at the high school. He felt the issue is how long term projects will be paid for, and an Ad-hoc committee would serve as a means of determining funding for this and future upgrades. Mr. Vachris said we need to have preventive maintenance and asked Mr. Steward to have discussion as to what the Town can afford to pay for. Mr. Sheehan said the cost could be spread out through a bond and he would support an Ad-hoc committee.
- MOTION To reduce LI 57605 Mago Point Pump Station Partial Upgrade to \$0.
Peteros, Wilensky Yes: Peteros, Glidden, Wilensky
No: Fedor, Sheehan, Dupuis, Vachris
Motion failed

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**Vote on original motion \$827,000. Yes: Sheehan, Dupuis, Fedor, Vachris, Glidden
No: Peteros, Wilensky**

MOTION To approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$2,210,313.
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous

MOTION To approve the total budget in the amount of \$72,038,855.
Sheehan, Dupuis Yes: Fedor, Vachris, Sheehan, Dupuis, Wilensky
No: Peteros, Glidden
Motion passed.

MOTION To adjourn at 9:35 pm.
Wilensky, Dupuis Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Alan Wilensky, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary