

MINUTES
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
May 2 – May4, 2011

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Sharon M. Palmer at 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Kimberly A. Alfultis, Thomas F. Ammirati, Robert J. Brule, Jr., Michael J. Cannamela, Thomas J. Dembek, John A. Foley, Steven D. Garvin, Gerard J. Gaynor, Jr., Paul S. Goldstein, Mark R. Gelinias, Michael J. Hannan, Andrea F. Kanfer, Brendan J. McGuirk, Richard F. Muckle, Theodore Olynciw, Sharon M. Palmer, Rodney A. Pinkham, Jr., George C. White, Teresa A. Wilensky.

ABSENT: David L. Cattanach, John W. Doroski, Timothy D. Sullivan.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel M. Steward.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen Paul A. Suprin and Paul Konstantakis, Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor, and Chair of the Board of Education Donald B. Blevins.

MOMENT OF SILENCE in memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and the men and women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1. It is understood that budgets are approved at the series sub-total level. For the purpose of compliance with Section 3.1.14(g) of the Charter, each such series sub-total shall be construed as a "specific line item appropriation."
2. The Annual Budget Meeting is, in fact, an open meeting called to order on May 2, 2011, to be recessed on May 2 and May 3, and only to be adjourned after final action on May 4, 2011.
3. Consideration of the budget by department/agency to follow according to the posted schedule.
4. Standing motion and second by Party Leaders Thomas J. Dembek and Andrea F. Kanfer.

CALL ITEM 1 – Recommended General Fund Budget (FY 2011-12) in the amount of \$74,332,834

Consideration and action upon the General Fund Budget, which includes both Board of Education and General Government budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as recommended by the Board of Finance, and as may be modified by the determination of the Representative Town Meeting.

SOCIAL SERVICE GRANTS/MISC (10120) \$86,436

MOTION by McGuirk, seconded by Kanfer, to hear an appeal by the First Selectman on behalf of the Southeast Area Transit (SEAT) to restore \$5,812 cut by the Board of Finance.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Cannamela, Gaynor, Goldstein, Kanfer, McGuirk, Palmer, Wilensky.

VOTING AGAINST: Alfultis, Brule, Dembek, Foley, Garvin, Gelinias, Hannan, Muckle, Olynciw, Pinkham, White.

APPEAL DENIED.

VOTING IN FAVOR of the original motion in the amount of \$86,436: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Dembek, Foley, Garvin, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Cannamela, Gaynor, McGuirk, Wilensky.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (10102) \$54,996

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Garvin, Gaynor, Goldsten, Gelinas, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, White, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Pinkham.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING (10433) \$54,350

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH (10432) \$129,444

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

YOUTH SERVICES (10419) \$ 199,032

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD (10141) \$929

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (10142) \$1

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ETHICS COMMISSION (10143) \$873

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (10105) \$1,328

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ASSESSOR (10104) \$283,519

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Garvin, to reduce total budget in the amount of \$12,682.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Brule, Garvin, Hannan, Muckle, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Ammirati, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinas, Kanfer, McGuirk, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, Wilensky.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Alfultis, to reduce Overtime (51810) in the amount of \$300 and FICA (51920) in the amount of \$23.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Dembek, Foley, Garvin, Gaynor, Gelinas, Hannan, Muckle, Olynciw, Pinkham, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Cannamela, Goldstein, Kanfer, McGuirk, Palmer, Wilensky.

VOTING IN FAVOR of an amended budget in the amount of \$283,196: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Garvin, Gaynor, Gelinas, Hannan, Kanfer, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.

VOTING AGAINST: Goldstein, McGuirk, Muckle.

TAX COLLECTOR (10106) \$190,675

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Kanfer, to hear an appeal by the Tax Collector to restore \$2,400 to Professional Fees (52030) cut by the Board of Finance.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Cannamela, Wilensky.

VOTING AGAINST: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Foley, Garvin, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White.

APPEAL DENIED.

VOTING IN FAVOR of the original motion in the amount of \$190,675: Unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS (10330) \$4,652,322

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

UTILITY COMMISSION (10331) \$1

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS (10229) \$4,912,252

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (10222) \$867,477

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Garvin, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Muckle, Olynciw, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Palmer.

RECESS

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Hannan, to recess at 10:18 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:32 P.M., May 3, 2011, with the call to order by Moderator Palmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.

ABSENT: Ammirati, Cattnach, Doroski, Garvin, McGuirk, Sullivan.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Steward and Chairman of the Board of Finance Fedor.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen Suprin and Konstantakis and Chairman of the Board of Education Blevins.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (10115) \$5,918

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (10113) \$9,651

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, White, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Pinkham.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (10114) \$19,850

MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Pinkham, to reduce Professional Services (52030) by \$977 and Planning Services (52031) by \$2,393.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Brule, Foley, Pinkham, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Cannamela, Dembek, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Olynciw, Palmer, Wilensky.

MOTION FAILS.

VOTING IN FAVOR of the original motion in the amount of \$19,850: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Muckle.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (10110) \$521,547

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (10118) \$264,405

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (10111) \$141,999

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION (10537) \$1,329,318

MOTION by Foley, seconded by Olynciw, to reduce Co-Sponsored Programs (52390) by \$8,890.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Foley, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Pinkham, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Palmer, Wilensky.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Olynciw, to reduce Co-Sponsored Programs (52390) by \$350.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Foley, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.

VOTING AGAINST: Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Gaynor, Goldstein.

MOTION APPROVED.

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Foley, to reduce Programs (52380) by \$5,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Kanfer, Olynciw, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Muckle, Palmer, Pinkham, Wilensky.

MOTION FAILS.

VOTING IN FAVOR of an amended budget in the amount of \$1,328,968: Alfultis, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldsten, Gelinias, Hannan, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.

VOTING AGAINST: Brule, Cannamela, Kanfer.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS (10546) \$283,346

VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous.

RECESS: 9:45 – 9:55 p.m.

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS (10223) \$2,073,495
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous (Foley retired at 9:45 P.M.).

WATERFORD ENTGINE CO #1 (10224) \$99,500
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

QUAKER HILL FIRE CO (10225) \$92,881
MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by White, to hear an appeal by the Administrator of Fire Services on behalf of Chief Matthew Carson and the Quaker Hill Fire Company to restore \$3,000 cut by the Board of Finance.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Pinkham, Wilensky.

APPEAL UPHELD.

VOTING IN FAVOR of restoring \$3,000: Alfultis, Brule, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer White.

VOTING AGAINST: Cannamela, Pinkham, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Dembek.

VOTING IN FAVOR of the amended budget total in the amount of \$95,881: Alfultis, Brule Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Cannamela, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Dembek.

GOSHEN FIRE DEPARTMENT (10226) \$78,781

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Dembek.

OSWEGATCHIE FIRE CO (10227) \$108,702

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

COHANZIE FIRE CO (10228) \$100,159

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (10101) \$212,315

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10638) \$1,136,000

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Olynciw, to hear an appeal by the Administrator of Fire Services on behalf of Chief Neil Wiseman and the Goshen Fire Department to approve funding for the replacement of the 1990 Simon Duplex Pumper in FY'12 rather than FY'13.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Gaynor, Kanfer, White.

VOTING AGAINST: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, Wilensky.

APPEAL DENIED.

VOTING IN FAVOR of the original motion in the amount of \$1,136,000: Alfultis, Brule, Cannamela, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.
ABSTAINING: Dembek.

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL & NONRECURRING EXPENDITURE FUND (10640) \$570,247

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Cannamela, Dembek, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, White, Wilensky.
ABSTAINING: Brule.

RECESS

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Hannan, to recess at 11:30 P.M.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:31 P.M., May 4, 2011, with the call to order by Moderator Palmer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Muckle (8:00 P.M.), Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham (retired 9:20 P.M.), Wilensky.

ABSENT: Cattanach, Doroski, Garvin, Sullivan, White.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Steward, Chair of the Board of Finance Fedor, and Chair of the Board of Education Blevins.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen Suprin and Konatantakis.

WATERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (10536) \$1,048,703

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION (10435) \$514,979

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING (10117) \$18,099

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOWN CLERK (10109) \$243,017

VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Cannamela, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, Wilensky.

ABSTAINING: Muckle.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (10107) \$816,647

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (10145) \$182,339
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF FINANCE (10103) \$62,267
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CONTINGENCY (10121) \$250,000
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (10739) \$2,045,876
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

INSURANCE (10112) \$3,536,595
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT (10108) \$306,000
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RETIREMENT COMMISSION (10116) \$3,912,149
VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Ammirati, Brule, Dembek, Foley, Gaynor, Goldstein, Gelinias, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Muckle, Olynciw, Palmer, Pinkham, Wilensky.
ABSTAINING: Cannamela.

RECESS: 9:10 – 9:20 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (10560) \$42,914,414
DISCUSSION lengthy. Issues included Board of Education spending priorities, including the value of conferences.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Alfultis, Ammirati, Cannamela, Foley, Gaynor, Gelinias, Hannan, McGuirk, Muckle, Palmer, Wilensky.
VOTING AGAINST: Dembek, Goldstein, Kanfer, Olynciw.
ABSTAINING: Brule.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

On a motion by Cannamela and seconded by Alfultis, the RTM unanimously agreed to assign a review of designations in the Capital & Nonrecurring Account to the Finance, Wage & Personnel Committee.

TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET FY 2011-12 \$74,335,161
MOTION by Alfultis, seconded by Cannamela, to approve the total General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$74,335,161.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 2 – Tax Payment Schedule

MOTION by Dembek, seconded by Kanfer, to adopt the following schedule of tax payments for FY'12, as recommended by the Tax Collector: Retain the two-payment system, providing for collection in July and January; real estate bills over \$100 will be collected in two equal installments, due July 1, 2011, and January 1, 2012; real estate bills of \$100 or less will be due in full July 1, 2011; personal property and motor vehicle tax bills will be due in full July 1, 2011; and motor vehicle supplemental tax bills will be due in full January 1, 2012.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by Alfultis, to adjourn at 11:05 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nye
Town Clerk