

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

ABSENT Kenneth Brown

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Andrea Kanfer, Thomas Dembek

ALSO Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer

MEDIA Stephen Chupaska, The Day

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

Chairman Sheehan called the Budget Hearing to order at 8:40 pm.

He generally described the budget process and asked if any members of the public had comments regarding the budget process. There were no comments.

ITEM 1 Tax Collector

MOTION To tentatively approve the Tax Collector budget in the amount of \$198,020 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Fedor, Dupuis

Tax Collector Mark Burnham was present. Discussion was held regarding tax collections made by credit card, number of photocopies produced, office supplies, envelopes as well as a discretionary step increase awarded by the tax collector to new clerical personnel.

Vote: Final Total: \$198,020 Unanimous

ITEM 2 Assessor

MOTION To tentatively approve the Assessor budget in the amount of \$264,826 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Fedor, Dupuis

Assessor Michael Bekech was present. Discussion was held regarding Service Contracts and Repairs, advertising costs, software costs and upgrades, Professional Services and revaluation, and staffing.

Vote: Final Total: \$264,826 Unanimous

ITEM 3 Board of Assessment Appeals

MOTION To tentatively approve the Board of Assessment Appeals budget in the amount of \$1,542 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Fedor, Dupuis

Unanimous **\$1,542**

ITEM 4 Board of Selectmen

MOTION To tentatively approve the Board of Selectmen budget in the amount of \$210,511 as designated by the series sub-totals.
Fedor, Dupuis

Mr. Steward answered questions regarding Clerical/Overtime. This request is for a substitute secretary to cover Board of Selectmen meetings in the event his secretary is not available. He also answered questions regarding the Human Resource's guidelines for salary for the new Executive Secretary in his office.

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 51210 Overtime to \$300.
Wilensky, Peteros Unanimous

MOTION To tentatively reduce LI 51920 FICA to \$10,773.
Fedor, Dupuis Unanimous

Sub-total: \$152,271 Unanimous

Final Total: \$209,703 Unanimous

ITEM 5 Utility Commission

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

Chairman Peter Green and Chief Engineer Neftali Soto were present. Discussion was held regarding the Schedule of Fees. Mr. Peteros requested a complete budgeting statement from the Utility Commission similar to that prepared by other depts. to better understand the Commission's monetary needs. Mr. Fedor asked that in addition to the Commission's description of expansion/extension of the system, it include a statement as to how any expansions/extensions would be paid for.

Vote: Final Total: \$50,850 Unanimous

MOTION To adjourn at 9:45 pm.
Fedor, Wilensky Unanimous

Submitted by, Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk Yvette M. Pier, Secretary