

Board of Finance
Budget Hearing Minutes

Wednesday, March 14, 2016
Town Hall Auditorium

Present: Chairman Ronald Fedor, John W, Sheehan, Cheryl Larder,
Anthony Jessuck Jr., James Reid, Elizabeth Sabilia,
Norman Glidden

Elected: Daniel M. Steward, First Selectman

Staff: Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance
Gail Miller, Secretary
Joyce Sauchuk, Director of Human Resources
Alan Wilensky, Tax Collector
Michael Bekech, Assessor
Steve Mansfield, Ledge Light Health District (7:47 p.m.)

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1. The Board of Finance Budget Hearing was called to order at 7:22 p.m.
2. Public Comment – None

A Standing Motion was made by Mr. Jessuck and seconded by Mr. Sheehan to tentatively approve the following budgets:

3. **Tax Collector (10106) in the amount of \$206,228**
Alan Wilensky, Tax Collector, was present to answer questions from the Board.

Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance, noted a typographical error in the cover spreadsheet and offered the correction of reducing the Clerical Technical line by \$3,000.

Motion by Ms. Sabilia and **seconded** by Mr. Glidden to reduce Line Item #10106-51210 Clerical Technical by \$3,000 from \$75,959 to \$72,959.

Vote: Unanimous Motion Passed.

Motion by Mr. Sheehan **seconded** by Mr. Glidden to tentatively approve the new 51000 Series Subtotal in the amount of \$164,854.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Sheehan **seconded** by Mr. Glidden to tentatively approve the new Department Total in the amount of \$203,228.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

4. **Assessor (10104) in the amount of \$324,850.**
Mike Bekech, Assessor, was present to answer questions from the Board.
Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

5. **Board of Assessment Appeals (10105) in the amount of \$1,466.**
Mike Bekech, Assessor, was present to answer questions from the Board.
Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

6. **Board of Selectmen (10101) in the amount of \$223,415.**
First Selectmen Steward was present to answer questions from the Board.
Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

7. **Human Resources (10145) in the amount of \$211,660.**
Joyce Sauchuk, Director, was present to answer questions from the Board.
Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

Mr. Glidden excused himself from the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Sheehan and **seconded** by Ms. Sabilia to review Item 10 Conservation of Health budget at this time.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

10. **Conservation of Health (10432) in the amount of \$141,623.**
Steve Mansfield of Ledge Light Health District was present to answer questions from the Board.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

8. **Finance Department (10107) in the amount of \$962,270.**
Maryanna Stevens, Director, was present to answer questions from the Board.

Motion by Mr. Sheehan and **seconded** by Ms. Sabilia to reduce Line Item #10107-51210 Clerical Technical by \$4,214 from \$210,573 to \$206,359.

Vote: Unanimous Motion Passed.

Motion by Mr. Sheehan and **seconded** by Sabilia to reduce Line Item #10107-51920 FICA by \$322 from \$38,715 to \$38,393.

Vote:

Motion by Mr. Sheehan **seconded** by Mr. Jessuck to tentatively approve the new 51000 Series Subtotal in the amount of \$540,527.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

8. Finance Department (10107) in the amount of \$962,270 (continued).

After a lengthy discussion regarding Information Technology, it was the consensus of the Board that the IT Department should be a separate budget next year, FY2018. It was also noted that the Town needs an IT Plan put in place.

Motion by Mr. Sheehan **seconded** by Mr. Jessuck to tentatively approve the new Department Total in the amount of \$957,734.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

9. Legal (10108) in the amount of \$289,000.

First Selectmen Steward was present to answer questions from the Board.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sheehan **seconded** by Mr. Reid to adjourn the Board of Finance Budget Hearing at 9:15 p.m.

Vote: Unanimous Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony Jessuck Jr. *Reid*
Clerk


Gail R. Miller
Secretary