

MINUTES
REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
Annual Budget Meeting
May 2,3,4, and May 5, 2016

CORRECTED DRAFT (Attendance May 5)

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas J. Dembek on May 2, 2016, at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL

PRESENT: Thomas F. Ammirati , Marc Balestracci, Ryan Cairns, Thomas J. Dembek, Steven D. Garvin (7:34PM), Paul S. Goldstein, Jeremy Grabel, Bruce Kruszewski, Julia Kushigian-Secor (8:00 PM), Calley Merriman, Richard F. Muckle, Valerie A. Muckle, Jennifer S. Mullen, Theodore Olynciw, Michael T. Perkins, Brian Rheaume, Francisco Ribas, Michael E. Rocchetti.

ABSENT: Timothy R. Condon, Susan Driscoll, Gerard J. Gaynor, Brian F. Lynch.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel M. Steward, Selectman Robert J. Brule, Jr., Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor, and Board of Education Chair, Jody M. Nazarchyk.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Peter Davis.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Annual Budget Meeting is, in fact, an open meeting called to order on May 2, 2016, to be recessed on May 2 and again on May 3 and May 4, and only to be adjourned after final action on May 5, 2016. Consideration of the budget by department/agency follows the posted schedule. Standing motion and second by Majority Leader R. Muckle and Minority Leader Driscoll (Balestracci in her absence) respectively. It is understood that the department budgets are approved at the series sub-total level with the exception of the Board of Education.

CALL ITEM 1 – Municipal Complex Renovations Design work.

MOTION by Olynciw, Seconded by R. Muckle to approve a request from the Board of Finance for an appropriation in the amount of \$38,500.00 from Capital and Non-Recurring Designated Line Item #20530-57695 Municipal Complex Renovation for design work relating to the Municipal Complex Renovation, based upon its consistency with the Capital Improvement Plan.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Balestracci, Cairns, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Grabel, Merriman , R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

ABSTAINING: Kruszewski, Olynciw.

CALL ITEM 2 - General Fund Budget.

Consideration and action upon the General Fund Budget, which includes both Board of Education and General Government budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, as recommended by the Board of Finance, and as may be modified by the determination of the Representative Town Meeting.

TAX COLLECTOR (10106) \$203,228

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (10102) \$65,529

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERV (10433) \$37,016

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH (10432) \$141,623

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU (10419) \$237,826

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD (10141) \$5,685

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ETHICS COMMISSION (10143) \$723

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (10105) \$1,466

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ASSESSOR (10104) \$324,850

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

SOCIAL SERVICES GRANTS/MISC (10120) \$95,593

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (10330) \$4,738,152.

MOTION by Kruszewski, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 51540 (Snow Removal) by \$28,800, from \$128,800 to \$100,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Cairns, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Grabel, Kruszewski, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Ammirati.

MOTION by Ribas, seconded by Perkins, to reduce LI 52090 (Fuel Oil) by \$8,000, from \$36,500 to \$28,500.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Mullen, seconded by Kruszewski, to reduce LI 53090 (Fuels & Lubricants) by \$30,500, from \$180,000 to \$149,500.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$4,670,852: Unanimous.

POLICE COMMISSION (10229) \$5,845,041

MOTION by Ribas, seconded by Perkins, to reduce LI 52090 (Fuel Oil) by \$4,500, from \$18,391 to \$13,891.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Cairns, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Grabel, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

ABSTAINING: Ballestracci

MOTION by Ribas, seconded by Perkins, to reduce LI 53090 (Fuels & Lubricants) by \$20,000, from \$92,446 to \$72,446.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Cairns, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Grabel, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

ABSTAINING: Ballestracci.

MOTION by Olynciw to reduce LI 54020 (Equipment & Furniture) from \$10,000 to \$5,613.

NO SECOND

MOTION FAILS

MOTION by Grabel, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 54020 (Equipment & Furniture) from \$10,000 to \$7,500.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Olynciw.

VOTING AGAINST: Ammirati, Cairns, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Grabel, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

ABSTAINING: Ballestracci.

MOTION FAILS

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$5,820,541: Ammirati, Cairns, Dembek, Garvin, Goldstein, Grabel, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

ABSTAINING: Ballestracci.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (10222) \$1,360,752.

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Goldstein, to reduce LI 52040 (Service Cont & Repair) by \$65,000, from \$380,914 to \$315,914.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$1,295,752: Unanimous

RECESS at 9:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Marc Balestracci, Ryan Cairns (7:45 PM), Timothy R. Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Steven D. Garvin, Gerard J. Gaynor, Paul S. Goldstein, Jeremy Grabel, Bruce Kruszewski, Julia Kushigian-Secor, Richard F. Muckle, Valerie A. Muckle, Jennifer S. Mullen, Theodore Olynciw, Michael T. Perkins, Brian Rheaume, Francisco Ribas, Michael E. Rocchetti.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Waterford resident, Ellen Gottfried, spoke regarding her support for improvements to the Waterford Beach Park for improved accessibility for the physically disabled and for senior citizens.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (10115) \$5,640

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Goldstein, to reduce LI 52010 (Advertising) by \$2,000, from \$4,900 to \$2,900.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$3640.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (10113) \$10,809

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (10114) \$18,250

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ballestracci, Cairns, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Gaynor, Goldstein, Grabel, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, V. Muckle, Mullen, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

ABSTAINING: R. Muckle.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (10110) \$581,187

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (10118) \$296,414

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (10111) \$170,147

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Perkins, to reduce LI 52090 (Fuel Oil) by \$2,000, from \$10,439 to \$8,439.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$168,147.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION (10537) \$1,387,444.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Goldstein, to reduce LI 51810 (Overtime) by 7,000, from \$30,875 to 23,875.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Goldstein, to reduce LI 51920 (FICA) by \$535, from \$69,836 to \$69,301.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Ribas, seconded by Perkins, to reduce LI 53090 (Fuel & Lubricants) by \$4,000, from \$18,680 to \$14,680.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$1,375,909: Unanimous

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS (10546) \$356,705.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FIRE SERVICES (10223) \$3,013,306.

MOTION by Ribas, seconded by Perkins, to reduce LI 52090 (Heating Oil) by \$9,000, from \$43,994 to \$34,994.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Olynciw, to reduce LI 52372 (Insurance) by \$7,000, from \$112,635 to \$105,635.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Ribas to reduce LI 52392 (Generator Maint & Repairs) by \$2,000, from \$8000 to \$6000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Ribas, seconded by Rheume, to reduce LI 53090 (Fuels & Lubricants) by \$6,000 from \$26,500 to \$20,500.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Grabel, to rename LI 54226 from "Thermal Imaging Cameras" to "Equipment".

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$2,989,306: Unanimous

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (10101) \$223,415

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10638) \$2,147,500.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Rheume, to reduce LI Kenyon Rd – Reclaim & Repave from \$130,050 to Zero.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Cairns, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Gaynor, Grabel, Goldstein, Kushigian-Secor, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Mullen, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheume, Rochetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Kruszewski, Ribas.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Perkins to reduce LI Parking Lot – Police/YSB from \$300,000 to \$150,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Cairns, Condon, R. Muckle, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheume.

VOTING AGAINST: Balestracci, Dembek, Garvin, Gaynor, Grabel, Goldstein, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, V. Muckle, Mullen, Ribas, Rocchetti.

MOTION FAILS

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department total) \$2,147,500: Unanimous

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL & NONRECURRING EXPENDITURE FUND (10640) \$2,455,715.

MOTION by R. Muckle , seconded by Olynciw, to reduce LI 57779 (Cohanzie Rescue Truck equipment) by \$5,000, from \$25,000 to \$20,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Olynciw, to reduce Emergency Management (Mobile & Portable Radio Replacement Program) from \$569,700 to Zero.

WITHDRAWN by R. Muckle, Olynciw.

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Rheume, to reduce Emergency Management (Mobile & Portable Radio Replacement Program) by \$319,505, from \$569,700 to \$250,195.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Garvin, Gaynor, Goldstein, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Perkins, Rheume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Cairns, Condon, Grabel, Mullen.

ABSTAINING: Ballestracci, Dembek.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Olynciw, to reduce Recreation & Parks (WBP Causeway Bridge) by \$268,500, from \$318,500 to \$50,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department total) \$1,862,710: Unanimous

RECESS at 10:18PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Marc Balestracci, Timothy R. Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Gerard J. Gaynor, Paul S. Goldstein, Jeremy Grabel, Bruce Kruszewski, Julia Kushigian-Secor (8:00PM), Richard F. Muckle, Valerie A. Muckle, Jennifer S. Mullen, Theodore Olynciw, Michael T. Perkins, Brian Rheaume, Francisco Ribas, Michael E. Rocchetti.

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel M. Steward, Selectman Robert J. Brule, Jr., Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor.

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WATERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (10536) \$1,053,750.

MOTION by Ribas, seconded by Goldstein, to reduce LI 52090 (Fuel Oil) by \$1,500, from \$8,440 to \$6,940

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department Total) \$1,052,250.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION (10435) \$544,948.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Olynciw, to reduce LI 53090 (Fuels & Lubricants) by \$2,500, from \$9,049 to \$6,549.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department Total) \$541,948.

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING (10117) \$19,856.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOWN CLERK (10109) \$248,080.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (10107) \$957,734

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Kruszewski, to reduce LI 51210 (Clerical/Technical) by \$19,673, from \$206,359 to \$186,686 and LI 51910 (FICA) by \$1,505, from \$38,393 to \$36,888.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department Total) \$936,556: Unanimous.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (10145) \$211,660.

MOTION by Perkins, seconded by Rheaume to reduce LI 53020 (Vaccine and Supplies) by \$1,000 from \$1,645 to \$645

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department Total) \$210,660.

BOARD OF FINANCE (10103) \$53,544.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CONTINGENCY (10121) \$265,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (10739) \$7,383,808.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

INSURANCE (10112) \$4,316,949.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT (10108) \$289,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RETIREMENT COMMISSION (10116) \$4,904,047

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RECESS at 8:27PM

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, May 5, 2016, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT Marc Balestracci, Ryan Cairns, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steven D. Garvin, Gerard J. Gaynor, Paul S. Goldstein, Jeremy Grabel, Bruce Kruszewski, Julia Kushigian-Secor, Richard F. Muckle, Valerie A. Muckle, Jennifer S. Mullen, Michael T. Perkins, Brian Rheaume, Francisco Ribas, Michael E. Rocchetti.

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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Peter Davis

BOARD OF EDUCATION (10560) \$46,353,730.

Presented by Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giard, Board of Education Chair Jody Nazarchyk, Assistant Superintendent Craig Powers, and Director of Finance, Joseph Mancini.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Ballestracci, to reduce LI 59901 (Education) by \$500,000 from \$46,353,730 to 45,853,730.

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Cairns, to reduce LI 59901 (Education) by \$350,000, from \$46,353,730 to \$46,003,730.

MOTION TO AMEND MOTION accepted by Driscoll and Balestracci.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Cairns, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Gaynor, Grabel, Goldstein, Kruszewski, R. Muckle, Mullen, Ribas, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Kushigian-Secor, Perkins, Rheaume.

ABSTAINING: V. Muckle.

MOTION by Goldstein, seconded by Rheaume, to reduce LI 59901 (Education) by \$111,473, from \$46,003,730 to \$45,892,257

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Cairns, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Grabel, Goldstein, Kruszewski, R. Muckle, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Gaynor, Kushigian-Secor, Mullen.

ABSTAINING: V. Muckle.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department Total) \$45,892,257: Balestracci, Cairns, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Gaynor, Grabel, Goldstein, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, R. Muckle, Mullen, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.

ABSTAINING: V. Muckle.

FINAL ACTION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (Amended Total) \$31,762,356.

MOTION to accept by Balestracci, seconded by Grabel.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (Amended Total) \$45,892,257

MOTION to accept by Ribas, seconded by Perkins.
VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department Total) \$45,892,257: Balestracci, Cairns, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Gaynor, Grabel, Goldstein, Kruszewski, Kushigian-Secor, R. Muckle, Mullen, Perkins, Rheaume, Ribas, Rocchetti.
ABSTAINING: V. Muckle.

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (Amended Total) \$2,147,500

MOTION to accept by R. Muckle, seconded by Perkins.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE (Amended Total) \$1,862,710.

MOTION to accept by R. Muckle, seconded by Kruszewski.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (Amended Total) \$7,383,808

MOTION to accept by Ribas, seconded by Grabel.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOTAL CAPITAL AND DEBT SERVICE (Amended Total) \$11,394,018.

MOTION to accept by R. Muckle, seconded by Driscoll.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOTAL BUDGET (Amended Total) \$89,048,631
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 3 – Tax Payment Schedule. (see attachment)
(See Attachment)

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Goldstein, to approve the tax payment schedule for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, as recommended by the Tax Collector.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Grabel, to adjourn at 9:35 P.M.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Campo
Town Clerk