

MINUTES

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

Annual Budget Meeting

May 4, 5, 6 and May 11, 2015

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was called to order by Moderator Thomas J. Dembek on May 4, 2015, at 7:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL

PRESENT: Thomas F. Ammirati, William M. Auwood, Marc Balestracci, Timothy R. Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steven D. Garvin, Gerard J. Gaynor, Madelynn J. Greif, Michael J. Hannan, Andrea F. Kanfer, Brian F. Lynch, Marianna G. McGuirk (8:17 P.M.), Craig Merriman, Richard F. Muckle, Valerie A. Muckle, Theodore Olynciw, Janet Smith, Julie Watson Jones.

ABSENT: Kimberly A. Alfultis, Leon Goss.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Daniel M. Steward, Selectman Robert J. Brule, Jr., Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor, and Chair of the Board of Education Jody M. Nazarchyk (8:05 P.M.).

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Paul Konstantakis.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Annual Budget Meeting is, in fact, an open meeting called to order on May 4, 2015, to be recessed on May 4 and again on May 5 and May 6, and only to be adjourned after final action on May 11, 2015. Consideration of the budget by department/agency follows the posted schedule. Standing motion and second by Majority Leader R. Muckle and Minority Leader Kanfer 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 – Recommended General Fund Budget FY 2015-16 in the amount of \$88,268,716

Consideration and action upon the General Fund Budget, which includes both Board of Education and General Government budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, 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) \$96,569

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52590 (Waterford Shellfish Commission) from \$6,201 to \$3,901.

NO SECOND,

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52633 (Waterford/East Lyme Shellfish Commission) from \$5,000 to \$3,300.

NO SECOND.

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52645 (Eastern CT Conservation District) from \$1,000 to \$618.

NO SECOND.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 58595 (NL Homeless Hospitality Center) from \$4,000 to \$3,090.

VOTING IN FAVOR (of the reduction): Hannan, R. Muckle.

VOTING AGAINST: Ammirati, Auwood, Balestracci, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, Lynch, Merriman, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Smith, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

VOTING IN FAVOR (\$96,569): Unanimous.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (10120) \$62,214

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Auwood, Balestracci, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Smith.

ABSTAINING: Watson Jones.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Diana Cramer, former member of the RTM and, until her passing, the Democratic Registrar of Voters.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERV (10433) \$36,863

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH (10432) \$139,461

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU (10419) \$224,123

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD (10141) \$885

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ETHICS COMMISSION (10143) \$723

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (10105) \$1,346

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 51210 (Clerical/Technical) from \$362 to \$314.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Garvin, Hannan, R. Muckle.

VOTING AGAINST: Ammirati, Auwood, Balestracci, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, Lynch, Merriman, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Smith, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

VOTING IN FAVOR (\$1,346): Unanimous.

ASSESSOR (10104) \$319,240

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TAX COLLECTOR (10106) \$199,137

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (10330) \$4,657,717

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

POLICE COMMISSION (10229) \$5,513,303

VOTING IN FAVOR: Ammirati, Auwood, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Smith, Watson Jones.

ABSTAINING: Balestracci.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (10222) \$1,239,432

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52020 (Postage) from \$50 to \$25.

NO SECOND.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52040 (Service Cont & Repair) from \$289,163 to \$284,163.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Hannan, Smith.

VOTING AGAINST: Ammirati, Auwood Balestracci, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Garvin, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52070 (Reimbursable Expense) from \$200 to \$100.

NO SECOND.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Lynch, to reduce the entire 54000 series from a total of \$3 to zero.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN.

VOTING IN FAVOR (1,239,432): Unanimous.

RECESS

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by R. Muckle, to recess at 8:35 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL

PRESENT: Balestracci (7:40 P.M.), Condon (8:00 P.M.), Dembek, Driscoll (7:50 P.M.), Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw,(Francisco) Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

ABSENT: Alfultis, Ammirati, Auwood, Garvin, Goss.

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

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Konstantakis and Chair of the Board of Education Nazarchyk.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (10115) \$5,129

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Smith, to reduce LI 52010 (Advertising) from \$4,600 to \$4,586.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Dembek, Greif, Hannan, Lynch, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Gaynor, Kanfer, McGuirk

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$5115: Unanimous

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (10113) \$10,252

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52010 (Advertising) from \$1,100 to \$755.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52020 (Postage) from \$50 to \$25.

NO SECOND.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52060 (Printing) from \$600 to \$200.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Hannan, Lynch, R. Muckle, Smith.

VOTING AGAINST: Balestracci, Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, McGuirk, Merriman, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Smith, to reduce LI 52070 (Reimbursable Expenses) from \$150 to \$75.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended department total) \$9,907: Unanimous.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (10114) \$18,275

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

ABSTAINING: R. Muckle.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (10110) \$588,016

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52010 (Advertising) from 4,271 to \$4,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Hannan, R. Muckle, Smith.

VOTING AGAINST: Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Lynch, to reduce LI 52030 (Professional Fees) from \$25,000 to \$22,500.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Hannan, Lynch.

VOTING AGAINST: Balestracci, Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52050 (Dues, Conf & Education) from \$3,285 to \$2,985.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Hannan, R. Muckle.

VOTING AGAINST: Balestracci, Dembek, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52060 (Printing) from \$500 to \$300.

NO SECOND.

VOTING IN FAVOR (\$588,016): Unanimous.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (10118) \$296,384

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52030 (Professional Fees) from \$750 to \$500.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52040 (Service Cont & Repairs) from \$2,598 to \$2,398.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN.

VOTING IN FAVOR (\$296,384): Unanimous (including Condon).

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (10111) \$184,308

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION (10537) \$1,380,554

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS (10546) \$317,503

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FIRE SERVICES (10223) \$2,927,679

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Greif, to reduce LI 51810 (Overtime) from \$23,640 to \$22,640.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Smith.

VOTING AGAINST: Balestracci, Driscoll, Gaynor, McGuirk, Merriman, Olynciw, Ribas, Watson Jones.

ABSTAINING: Condon, Dembek.

MOTION FAILS.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Smith, to reduce LI 52020 (Postage) from \$500 to \$400.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Balestracci, Driscoll, Hannan, Kanfer, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Gaynor, Lynch, McGuirk.

ABSTAINING: Condon, Dembek, Greif.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52040 (Service Cont & Repairs) from \$33,397 to \$32,647.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN.

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 52290 (Public Safety Awareness) from \$2,500 to \$2,250.

NO SECOND.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52378 (Building Maintenance) from \$66,420 to \$55,000.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended 52000 series: \$919,344): Balestracci, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

ABSTAINING: Condon, Dembek.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Smith, to reduce LI 53021 (Consumable Supplies) from \$7,500 to \$5,000.

MOTION and SECOND WITHDRAWN.

MOTION by Smith to reduce LI 54221 (Service Truck Equipment) from \$6,500 to \$5,000.

NO SECOND.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended Department total \$2,927,579): Balestracci, Driscoll, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Ribas, Watson Jones.  
VOTING AGAINST: Smith.  
ABSTAINING: Condon, Dembek.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (10100) \$224,396  
VOTING IN FAVOR: unanimous.

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10638) \$1,599,200  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL & NONRECURRING EXPENDITURE FUND (10640) \$2,554,181  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RECESS  
MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by R. Muckle, to recess at 9:25 P.M.  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesday, May 6, 2015, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Condon, Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.  
ABSENT: Alfultis, Ammirati, Auwood, Balestracci, Driscoll, Garvin, Goss, Olynciw.  
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Steward, Selectman Brule, and Chair of the Board of Finance Fedor.  
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Konstantakis and Chair of the Board of Education Nazarchyk.

WATERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (10536) \$1,051,122  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION (10435) \$543,747  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING (10117) \$18,434  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOWN CLERK (10109) \$247,348  
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (10107) \$942,555

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52010 (Advertising) from \$250 to \$200.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce LI 52070 (Reimbursable Expense) from \$283 to \$200.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Condon, Dembek, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Gaynor.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended 52000 series \$338,508): Unanimous.

MOTION by Hannan to reduce LI 54130 (Computer System) from \$30,166 to \$29,666.

NO SECOND.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended total \$942,422): Unanimous.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (10145) \$206,561

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF FINANCE (10103) \$52,519

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CONTINGENCY (10121) \$245,000

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (10739) \$7,415,135

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

INSURANCE (10112) \$4,405,892

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT (10108) \$281,000

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RETIREMENT COMMISSION (10116) \$4,888,039

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by R. Muckle, to reduce the OPEB Trust Fund Contribution from \$1,160,000 to \$1,000,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Hannan.

VOTING AGAINST: Condon, Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, Lynch, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Ribas, Smith, Watson Jones.

MOTION FAILS.

VOTING IN FAVOR (\$4,888,039): Unanimous.

RECESS

MOTION by Kanfer, seconded by R. Muckle, to recess at 8:22 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:50P.M., on Monday, May 11, 2015, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL

PRESENT: Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Smith, Watson Jones.

ABSENT: Alfultis, Ammirati, Auwood, Balestracci, Condon, Driscoll, Garvin, Goss, Lynch, Ribas.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Steward (8:15 P.M.), Chair of the Board of Finance Fedor, and Chair of the Board of Education Nazarchyk.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectmen Brule and Konstantakis.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (10560) \$45,374,474

VOTING IN FAVOR: Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, McGuirk, Merriman, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Kanfer, Olynciw, Smith.

ABSTAINING: R. Muckle, V. Muckle.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (10113) \$9,907

MOTION by Hannan, seconded by Kanfer, to reinstate \$345 to LI 52010 (Advertising) restoring the original LI request of \$1,100 and a department total equaling the original request of \$10,252.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Smith.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (Amended Total) \$31,325,479

VOTING IN FAVOR: Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Hannan, Smith.

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10638) \$1,599,200 (Unchanged)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Hannan, Kanfer, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Smith.

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURE FUND (10640) \$2,554,181

DISCUSSION: The Director of Finance recommended removing the Jordan Cove Bridge Project grant in the amount of \$1,940,00 from the General Fund.

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Hannan, to reduce the 10640 total from \$2,554,181 to \$614,181.

VOTING IN FAVOR (Amended total \$614,181): Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (10739) \$7,415,135 (Unchanged)

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND TOTAL CAPITAL AND DEBT SERVICE \$40,953,995

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOTAL BUDGET \$86,328,469

VOTING IN FAVOR: Dembek, Gaynor, Greif, Kanfer, McGuirk, Merriman, R. Muckle, V. Muckle, Olynciw  
Watson Jones.

VOTING AGAINST: Hannan, Smith.

CALL ITEM 2 – Tax Payment Schedule

(See Attachment)

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Kanfer, to approve the tax payment schedule for Fiscal Year 2015-  
2016, as recommended by the Tax Collector.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by R. Muckle, seconded by Kanfer, to adjourn at 8:58 P.M.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. Nye  
Town Clerk