



TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER CONNECTICUT

P.O. Box 216, 44 Main Street South, Bridgewater CT 06752

BRIDGEWATER BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING – APRIL 13, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Nancy Hawley, called the meeting to order at 5:08PM.

Board Members present: Walter Barlow, Jen Gattie, Dennis MacDonald, Molly Stratton

Guests present: First Selectman, Curtis Read and Town Treasurer, Susan Wilcox

Discussions and Actions:

First Selectman Read presented extensive and detailed reports, regarding the fuel tanks and wells on Town owned properties, within the center of Town.

- *The Grange 550 gallon buried oil tank was found to be completely perforated
- * The Peck House was found to also have a leaking tank
- * Improvements and upgrading of the water system to Town Hall was discussed
- *Surrounding wells are being tested and monitored
- * Discussion on testing tanks at the Town Garage – apparently no evidence of leaking gas at this time, however, there appears to be contamination from the oil tank.

Following continuing discussion, concerning funds needed for this major project, a Motion was offered by Nancy, with a Second by Walter to recommend the Board of Selectmen, call a Special Meeting to appropriate \$100,000 from the Reserve Fund, to finance the removal of the deteriorated fuel tanks and remediation of same. Unanimously approved.



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BUDGET REVIEWS AND WORKSHOP

*School Budget Region 12

First Selectman Read, presented a Historic Budget Analysis report for BOF review, which showed a budget reduction was in order. First Selectman Read also distributed a memo from Region 12, suggesting that the surplus returned to the Towns be returned to Region 12, for the purpose of funding the Agri-Science project.

*Budget Development Report

Extensive discussion of the complete report and discussion of Capital Improvement Projects - ie: Repair of enclosed entrance in front of Library

*Discussion of future school attendance numbers.

*Discussion of Employee Health Insurance reduction

*State trooper increase – many unknowns, due to potential Town projects

*Insurance and Bonds

*Town owned buildings

Chimney on Library

Trash disposal and recycling

Contingency – Discussion of amount appropriated

The Workshop session closed with a discussion of the projected 16/17 review and Revenue.

A Motion to adjourn at 6:37PM was offered by Walter, with a Second by Dennis.
Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia D. Barlow