

Board of Finance  
Special Meeting Minutes  
August 29, 2017

The Board of Finance convened its Special Meeting at the Deep River Town Hall on Tuesday August 29, 2017. Meeting called to order by George Eckenroth, Chairman, at 6:30 PM. Members present: Carmela Balducci, Lori Guerette, Russ Marth. Also present Angus McDonald, Dave Oliveria, Duane Gates, Tom Lindner.

The call of the meeting is to discuss the State budget, State funding to the Town, and the Town's financial options.

The current Executive Order from Gov. Malloy eliminates Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding to 85 towns, Deep River's cut would be approximately \$1,400,000. Additional funding cuts to the Town include PILOT and Pequot revenues.

Discussion noted that ECS funding from the State is received in October, January and April, this year it was projected/budgeted to be October \$426,158, January \$411,387, and April \$823,253. This funding is paid directly to the Town. The school bills the Town monthly, approximately \$500,000, based on ADM.

The school administration has not discussed any budgeting options with the Town.

Funding options being considered by the Town include a supplemental tax or short term bridge loan in order to meet financial obligations until State funding is received, both options include additional expenses and other considerations, including tax bill preparation and costs, banking fees, attorneys fees, delinquency collections and costs.

A supplemental tax bill would not increase the town mill rate, is not reimbursable if the State budget is later passed after collection is made, does not require a town meeting.

A short term loan, in whatever form is available to the Town, would require a town meeting for approval, consideration how long the term would be, desire to not have a prepayment penalty, interest rates, loan bank fees, attorneys fees, repayment options, all to be determined, if pursued would potentially need to be available for October.

It was noted that the Regional School Board meets next on September 7 at 7:00 PM at JW Jr. High School Library, and all citizens were encouraged to attend to express their concerns, including budget concerns.

On MOTION made by C. Balducci, seconded by R. Marth, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Guerette, CRA COA OCT-C  
Vice-Chairman and Secretary  
Board of Finance