

**BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT 06088**

MINUTES OF BUDGET WORKSHOP

Monday March 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Members Present:	Jason Bowsza, Joseph Pellegrini, Danelle E. Godeck, Jerilyn Corso, Marie DeSousa and Kathleen Pippin
Members Absent:	None
Alternates Present:	Paulette Broder and Sharon Tripp
Alternate Absent:	None
Others:	Catherine Cabral and Dale Nelson

I. Call to Order

Chairman Jason Bowsza called the Special Meeting to Order at 7:10 p.m., in the East Windsor Town Hall.

II. Budget Discussions

Chairman Bowsza began the meeting by asking each of the members to discuss the direction they are interested in seeing the budget process go this year. A lengthy discussion followed. Ideas were brought forth that cuts needed to be made in the BOE budget, IT and GIS for the Town needed to be preserved in the budget and a general feeling that the proposed 6+ % increase was way too high and that the board needed to look very hard at the proposed budget and find areas that could be scaled back.

Treasurer Cabral started a discussion on Special Revenue Accounts for the BOE, these accounts needed to be addressed on the advice of the auditors. After discussion the board felt that these should be part of the BOE budget. Treasurer Cabral stated that they would need to be shown under the revenue and expenditure accounts if they were put in the government side of the budget.

Discussions were then held in regards to the Fire Dept. and when to pay off the fire truck debt. It was agreed that the debt would be paid off over the next two budgets and not all at once this budget.

The question of what the "Approved Budget" is for the year and whether it includes the MBR monies that were added due to underfunding in the past budget. Treasurer Cabral

said she would get the board the Town Attorney to clarify what he felt was the proper definition.

The board discussed revenue including tax collections and Building Dept revenue. The Board agreed to add back in \$300 for the AHR Council for membership so that they would be able to receive grants. A discussion on retirements over the next fiscal year and if there was a need to budget for these probabilities in the Public Safety or Town Government budgets was had.

III. Adjournment

Motion was made (Moved) by Paulette Broder and seconded by Jerilyn Corso to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Pellegrini
BOF Secretary