

**BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
BROAD BROOK, CONNECTICUT 06016**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 13, 2015, immediately following the Board of Finance Public Hearing.

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Members Present: Jerilyn Corso (Chairman); Cindy Herms, Robert Maynard, Kathy Pippin, and Sharon Tripp.
Members Absent: Robert Little.
Alternate Present: Paulette Broder and Gil Hayes
Alternate Absent: Both Alternate Members were present.
Others: **Town Treasurer:** Kim Lord; **Deputy First Selectman:** Jason Bowsza; **Selectmen:** Dale Nelson, and Jim Richards; **Town Staff or Department Heads:** Melissa Maltese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Joe Sauerhoefer, Department of Public Works; **East Windsor Public Schools:** Dr. Christina DeBarge; **Board of Education:** Chris Mickey, Chairman; and Cathy Simonelli, Secretary (available in the audience)

Press: Kyle Penn, Journal Inquirer.

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Corso called the Meeting to Order at 7:07 p.m. immediately following the close of the Board of Finance Public Hearing.

II. Time and Place of Meeting:

Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall (11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.)

III. Appointment of Alternates:

See appointment of Alternate Member after general discussion under **V. Discussion and Action: 2015 – 2016 Budget – Set budget amount for referendum on My 26, 2015.**

IV. Public Participation:

Various members of the audience spoke from the floor on items for which their input assisted the Board.

V. Discussion and Action: 2015 – 2016 Budget – Set budget amount for referendum on My 26, 2015.

Chairman Corso polled Board members for input on the recent referendum vote, and spent lengthy time reviewing various components of the recent budget presentation for reduction options. The Board reviewed the cuts already made to the original budgets presented by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education, which resulted in the budget put forth for the failed referendum. They then considered both the Board of Education Budget and the Town Budget, as well Debt Services, and the Capital Improvement Projects component (which includes projects proposed by both the Town and the Board of Education).

Midway in the Meeting the representatives of the Board of Education and Dr. DeBarge left the BOF Meeting as they had a Board of Education Meeting scheduled this evening as well. Selectman Richards, as the BOS's liaison to the BOE, exited the BOF Meeting also.

The Board of Finance members continued discussion regarding various reductions.

MOTION: To TAKE A FIVE MINUTE BREAK.

Tripp moved/Herms seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

The Board RECESSED at 7:50 p.m. and RECONVENED at 8:02 p.m.

Acting Chairman Corso noted the absence of Regular Member Robert Little; she called for a motion to appoint an Alternate to fill the vacancy.

MOTION: To APPOINT Alternate Member Broder as a voting member for the May 13, 2015 Special Meeting of the Board of Finance.

Tripp moved/Herms seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Maynard/Pippin/Tripp)

MOTION: To REDUCE Debt Services by \$50,000.00.

Hems moved/Corso seconded/

DISCUSSION: The Board recalled previous discussion during Budget Workshops regarding the level of debt services the Town could incur.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Maynard
Opposed: Broder/Pippin/Tripp
Abstained: No one

Mr. Sauerhoefer, of the Public Works Department, suggested the Town's hazardous waste collection day could be cut for this year, with the understanding this service for the residents should be reinstated next year.

MOTION: To CUT \$15,000.000 for the hazardous waste collection budget line from the Town Budget

Tripp moved/Herms seconded/DISCUSSION: No additional comments
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Broder/Herms/Maynard/Pippin/Tripp)

MOTION: To CUT \$175,800 from the Capital Improvement Projects Budget.

Tripp moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Broder/Herms/Maynard/Pippin/Tripp)

MOTION: To CUT \$550,000 from the Board of Education Budget.

Tripp moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Broder/Herms/Maynard/Pippin/Tripp)

MOTION: To CUT \$100,000 from Debt Services.

Tripp moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Broder/Herms/Maynard/Pippin/Tripp)

MOTION: To **SEND TO REFERENDUM a Budget of \$37,030,254.00, which is a total increase of 3.89 percent, and to set a mill rate of 31.08, which is a 1.3 mil increase.**

Tripp moved/Pippin seconded/

DISCUSSION: Mr. Maynard questioned the total tax increase; Treasurer Lord suggested it would be 4.36%.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Broder/Herms/Maynard/Pippin/Tripp)
(No one opposed/No one abstained).

VI. Board Member Comments: None.

VII. Invoice Authorization:

Invoice not presented this evening.

VIII. Adjournment:

MOTION: To **ADJOURN** this Meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Pippin moved/Corso seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted: _____

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Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Finance