

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016  
EAST WINDSOR TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

**MINUTES**

**I. Call to Order**

Jerilyn Corso called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Attendance/Appointment of Alternates**

In attendance: Jerilyn Corso, Kathy Pippin, Bill Syme, Jim Richards Alternate: Paulette Broder

A motion was made by Jim Richards, seconded by Bill Syme to appoint alternate Paulette Broder in place of Steve Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

**III. Public Participation**

Bill Lepore of 4 Norton Road said he found the percentage increase in this year's budget startling. The increase has to go down before the budget is finalized. The increase should be under 2%; no one in town had their income go up by 5% this year.

Paul Anderson of 89 Main Street, Broad Brook said the format of the Board of Education budget is not legible; you need reading glasses to look at it. The town budget changes too fast and is difficult to follow. He has a big concern with food service in the Board of Education budget. Why does the line have only \$1 in it? How is food service paid for?

Marie DeSousa of 10 Rice Road said the town budget was confusing; the percentage increase changed when the Board of Education budget was added. Where did the calculation for the fire district mill rates come from? Also, the Board of Education budget should be created by someone in house. The State is looking into layoffs and the 5% increase needs to be looked at; we may lose PILOT money. She added that the East Windsor Housing Authority has asked to be placed on the Board of Selectmen agenda regarding their PILOT payment to the town. The First Selectman offered the number he wanted with no explanation. Now that he's doing less of his job, is he really entitled to the money he's getting?

**XIV. Adjournment**

The public hearing adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Lord  
Temporary Clerk