

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
BOARD OF FINANCE**

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Thursday, March 28, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Police Department-Emergency Management Meeting Room
25 School Road, Broad Brook, CT. 06016

Budget Workshop

Board of Finance:

Jerilyn Corso, Chairman

Kathleen Pippin

Cynthia Herms

Steve Smith

William Syme

Jim Richards

Alternate:

Luis Valdez

Paulette Broder

ATTENDANCE:

Jerilyn Corso, Cynthia Herms, Kathleen Pippin, Bill Syme, Steve Smith, Jim Richards

Alternates- Luiz Valdez, Paulette Broder

GUESTS:

Broad Brook Library-Bill Dove

Warehouse Point Library- Vincent Bologna

Registrar of Voters- Linda Sinsigallo and Angelo Sevarino

Call to Order:

Chairman Corso called the Meeting to Order at 5:37 p.m. in the Police Department-Emergency Management Meeting Room, 25 School Road, Broad Brook, CT.

Appointment of Alternates:

A motion was made by Cynthia Herms and seconded by Jim Richards to appoint Paulette Broder in Kathleen Pippin's place until she arrived.

Motion Passed

Budget Presentations:

Libraries-710300

Broad Brook Library:

Bill Dove presented the budget for FY16-17 asking for \$10,000. He stated that the Broad Brook Library had only received \$2,550 for the last 5 years and the library could not survive more than 2-3 years with that amount. He stated the Library Endowment Fund only had about \$18,000 left in it. Steve Smith asked what the long-term viability of the Broad Brook Library was with this funding and was told about 2-3 years. Kathleen Pippin asked how the money was used she was told there is 1 paid part-time worker and the rest of the money goes to utilities, books and the grounds. The Broad Brook Library serves about 40-50 people a week. When Luiz Valdez asked if any types of fees were collected on late books and materials he was told that no fees were collected that they “weren’t that type of library” and that “it wasn’t worth it”. When Jim Richards asked if there were any plans to complete the last three ideas that weren’t met under the Self-Help category of Launch a “People for the BBL” Fund Drive, Develop a website and hold a tag sale, bake sale and book sale no real answer was given, just that it cost money.

Warehouse Point Library:

Representatives from the Warehouse Point Library presented the budget for FY 16-17 asking for an increase of about \$24,000. The increase will go towards 2 part-time workers to expand the hours. Their annual fundraiser is about \$13,000 and that money goes towards the purchase of books, books on cd’s, cd’s and their database. Their driveway will need patching and they want to add lighting to the parking lot. They would also like to add security cameras, but that has been put on the back burner. They do get a grant from the Hartford Foundation but they need to expand their hours, they have 7 staff members and want to have 3 staff members on at all times. Luiz Valdez asked if they replacing or expanding their book collection. He was told they are expanding the collection and that they are running out of shelf space. There are no multiple copies on the shelves of books in their collection. They stated they lost about ½ of their endowment in the crash of the stock market. They do charge fees and have an outreach programs for patrons that can’t get to the library. They have 7 computer terminals that are busy all the time. They are in a consortium in the State Library Database. They have about 100 patrons a day that range from infants in strollers to the elderly. Kathleen Pippin asked if old books were removed to make room for new ones and the answer was yes. When asked if they have seen a decrease in borrowing because of electronic devices they said they had seen a slight decrease but not much.

Activities, Fees and Associations-910100

Cemetery Association:

Moved to Thursday, March 31, 2016

Registrar-41150

Registrar of Voters:

Representatives from the Registrar of Voters presented their budget for the FY 16-17 with an increase of \$6,264. The increase is due to an unfunded state mandated education (8 courses x2 at \$200 per class and \$50 for parking), also the increase in minimum wage and the need of a computer and software. They could also be forced to pay unemployment for poll workers. Media cards have to change every election. They also need to purchase battery back-ups since none of them work (\$74 a piece). Also a \$574 increase in salary. Jim Richards asked what the increase per election and was told it would be \$25 per worker from \$125 to \$150 because of minimum wage increase.

Revisit Board of Education:

A discussion about the purposed Board of Education budget took place.

A motion was made by Bill Syme and seconded by Jim to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$550,000.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Revisit Broad Brook Library:

A discussion about the purposed Broad Brook Library took place.

A motion made by Jim Richards and seconded by Bill Syme to de-fund the Broad Brook Library and change the line item to zero.

Motion Passed 7-1 Cynthia Herms opposed

Revisit Warehouse Point Library:

A discussion about Warehouse Point Library took place.

A motion was made by Jim Richards seconded by Bill Syme to increase the Warehouse Point Library by \$19,500 above the suggested amount. After a discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A new motion was made by Bill Syme and seconded by Jim Richards to take the \$12,000 from the Board of Selectmen and the \$2,600 from what would have been given to the Broad Brook Library and give it all to the Warehouse Point Library with the total increase of \$14,600.

Motion Passed 7-1 Kathleen Pippin opposed.

Registrar of Voters:

No discussion, no change.

Board Member Comments:

Chairman Corso reminded everyone the April 7, 2016 workshop was canceled and anything on that agenda will be addressed on the April 18, 2016 workshop.

No other Board Members had any comments.

A motion was made by Bill Syme and seconded by Jim Richards to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca D'Amicol, Clerk