

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
BOARD OF FINANCE**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2016  
7:30 p.m.**

Town Hall Meeting Room  
11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT. 06016

**Special Meeting**

**Board of Finance:**

Jerilyn Corso, Chairman  
Kathleen Pippin  
Cynthia Herms  
Steve Smith  
William Syme  
Jim Richards  
Alternate:  
Paulette Broder

**ATTENDANCE:**

Jerilyn Corso, Chairman  
Cynthia Herms  
Kathleen Pippin  
Bill Syme  
Steve Smith  
Jim Richards  
Alternate:  
Paulette Broder

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Corso called the Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

**Attendance/ Appointment of Alternates:**

All here.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Jim Richards made a motion, seconded by, Kathy Pippin, to accept the minutes from the Budget Workshop on April 18, 2016, as is.

Motion passed unanimously.

Cindy Herms made a motion, seconded by, Steve Smith, to accept the minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 20, 2016, as is.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Participation:**

First Selectman, Robert Maynard asked that if cuts were to be made to the budget he felt they could be made in 610300: Road Improvements and 910700: Capital improvements.

A motion was made by Jim Richards and seconded by Kathy Pippin to move New Business above Communications on the Agenda.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **New Business:**

Tax Collector, Patricia Kratochvil asked the Board to accept her Suspense List of \$37,963.50. After explaining that all efforts to collect taxes from these properties had been exhausted (collection agency, State Marshall, returned mail 3 times) she asked the board to grant her request. She stated that the taxes were still collectable but she was no longer going to actively pursue them.

A motion made by Cindy Herms and seconded by Kathy Pippin to accept the Tax Collector's Suspense List.

Motion passed unanimously.

A supplemental appropriation request from Melissa Maltese, Parks and Recreation, in the amount of \$1,500 to purchase an AED was received. She made a quick presentation and a discussion followed.

A motion was made by Bill Syme and seconded by Jim Richards to give \$1,500 to Parks and Recreation to purchase an AED. Subject to approval from a Town Meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

State Revenue Update: There was a discussion and it was stated that it was down \$26,000 and still needed \$58,000 more on paper. There was a reduction in insurance. This brings it to 1.98% and the Mill Rate will change .68%.

At this point Chairman Corso asked all the Board Members where they wanted to be right now:

Steve Smith: 2%

Bill Syme: 1.76%

Cindy Herms: 1.98%

Kathy Pippin: 2%

Jim Richards: 1.98%

Paulette Broder: 2%

Chairman Corso reminded the Board that if the budget fails completely then every line gets 2% then the board puts it where they see fit through transfers.

### **511000: Broad Brook Fire Department**

Broad Brook Fire Department was wondering why it had a 18% increase when they didn't have that in their proposal. After a quick discussion it was stated that the increase was due to the new part-time firefighter for \$45,000. Also it was discussed that the Fire Marshall and Marshall Supplies be removed next year and put in the First Selectman's budget since that is who he deals with. The Lump Sum was also taken out.

A motion was made by Bill Syme and seconded by Jim Richards to put \$1,800 back into Broad Brook Fire Department budget (Education and Dues) so they are the same as last year, not below.

Motion passed unanimously.

### **610100: Public Works**

Len Norton, Public Works stated he went to the Board of Selectman and asked for his part-time employee be made into a full-time employee and was approved. This would be an increase of about \$55,000. A quick discussion followed.

A motion was made by Bill Syme and seconded by Jim Richards to remove \$100,000 from Road Maintenance.

Motion passes unanimously.

After a quick discussion:

A motion was made by Jim Richards and seconded by Steve Smith that the part-time position be made full-time increasing that line item to \$667,774.

Motion passed unanimously

### **910900: Board of Education**

A motion made by Kathy Pippin and seconded by Steve Smith to remove \$5,000 for the youth center from the BOE budget.

Motion Passed unanimously.

### **710100: Senior Center**

A motion was made by Jim Richards and seconded by Steve Smith to remove \$3,000 from Programs.

Jim Richards amended his motion and was seconded by Steve Smith to remove \$2,520 from Programs.

Motion failed 2-3

Steve Smith and Jim Richards – Yes

Bill Syme, Cindy Herms and Kathy Pippin –No

## **710300: Libraries**

A motion was made by Steve Smith and seconded by Kathy Pippin to remove \$6,000 from the Warehouse Point Library.

Motion failed 2-3

Steve Smith and Kathy Pippin – Yes

Jim Richards, Cindy Herms and Bill Syme - No

A motion was made by Bill Syme and seconded by Jim Richards to increase the Fund Balance by \$50,000.

Motion failed 2-3

Cindy Herms and Bill Syme – Yes

Jim Richards, Kathy Pippin and Steve Smith – No

A motion made by Jim Richards and seconded by Bill Syme to reopen Public Participation.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Loos wants to have the Police Department budget cut. He wants to equalize the cuts.

Chairman Corso closed the Public Participation portion of the meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Richards and seconded by Cindy Herms to leave the budget as it is now at \$37,017,091. Which is a Mill Rate of 30.93 an increase of .62 and budget increase of 1.82%.

Motion passed 4-1

Kathy Pippin, Steve Smith, Jim Richards and Cindy Herms – Yes

Bill Syme – No

A motion was made by Kathy Pippin and seconded by Bill Syme to take a five minute break.

Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Cindy Herms and seconded by Steve Smith to call the meeting back to order at 8:55 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports:**

100.57% of the Tax Collector's budget was collected.

Webster Bank General Fund Cash Account was a normal month.

**Transfers:**

Transfer # 28

A motion was made by Cindy Herms and seconded by Bill Syme to transfer \$33,375.30 from Debt Service (910800, 61100) to Town Counsel (57400) for legal expenses.

Motion passed 4-1

Bill Syme, Steve Smith, Jim Richards and Cindy Herms – Yes

Kathy Pippin - No

**Board Comments:**

No comments

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Richards and seconded by, Cindy Herms.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca D'Amicol, Substitute Clerk