

**BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR**

**PUBLIC HEARING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 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, Steve Smith, Cathy Herms
Alternate: Paulette Broder

III. Public Participation

Louis Flynn of 17 Spring Street said he is a Warehouse Point Fire Commissioner and the reason the budget was defeated twice is that Warehouse Point residents are being asked to pay tax for Broad Brook Fire services. The fire departments get along fine, but now the town and district need to get along. There was an agreement that any money funded by the town would be deducted from the Warehouse Point budget. The town has not funded the Warehouse Point District in a sustainable way. Take a look at what it costs to run fire districts in other towns. The District was willing to sign an MOU to assure that any town funds would be credited against the taxes raised.

Tim Ellison of 1804 Meadowview Drive said the issue is that the budget is presented as a 1.82% increase, but the residents of Warehouse Point are going to be responsible for an additional 1.2% increase for the Fire District. This information was not presented clearly. Condo owners are paying condo fees for hydrants, now an additional tax. The Board of Finance worked hard to present an excellent budget, but the perception out there is that the spending increase will be 3.02% not 1.85%

XIV. Adjournment

The public hearing adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Lord
Temporary Clerk