

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR  
BOARD OF FINANCE**

**SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

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

**BOARD OF FINANCE:**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

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**Call to Order:**

Chairman Corso called the Meeting to Order at 7:13 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT. All those present rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Cynthia Herms and seconded by Kathleen Pippin to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on May 11, 2016.

Motion Passed

**Public Participation:**

**Jason Bowsza, Board of Selectmen member**, stated that the Board of Selectmen is holding a special meeting on Thursday to consider candidates for the Board of Finance alternate vacancy. The candidates are Don Arcari and Danelle Godeck. He asked for feedback from the Board of Finance members.

Kathy Pippin said Danelle Godeck is spectacular; she recommends her.

Paulette Broder said she was 100% in favor of Danelle Godeck.

Jim Richards said both are good choices, but Danelle Godeck would be an asset as she's served on the Board of Finance before.

Jerilyn Corso said she did not know Don Arcari well, but she knows Danelle Godeck very well; they served for many years on the Board of Finance together, and she highly recommended Danelle.

**Len Norton, 15 Barber Hill Road,** recommended that the Board put forth the same budget, and not cut any departments further.

**Bill Loos, 44 Melrose Road,** said the Warehouse Point Fire District budget process was well advertised, and it's up to the voters to attend the meetings and vote on their budget. He asked why there are two fire marshals. Why does the District need its own fire marshal- it's a cost they don't need. If the budget gets voted down this time, each line gets 2%- so 2% would be added to the Warehouse Point line. The District can be dissolved.

**Bob Leach, 39 Church Street,** said Mr. Loos was incorrect, if the budget goes to 2% the Town does not have to give the District anything. Voting down the budget will not magically reinstate the funding.

### **New Business:**

#### a. Discussion and Action: 2016-2017 Budget

Jerilyn Corso asked for feedback from the Board members.

Jim Richards said if the budget defaults to a 2% increase, the Board can move the money where it wants it. The District decided to separate from the Town, and the Town signed an MOU to assist with tax collection and save the residents money. There was not enough time to create a mechanism to provide relief for the Broad Brook fire expenses. The Board should leave the budget at 1.82% or bump it to 2%, and not cut anything else.

Steve Smith said the Board has had many meetings for over three months and everything has already been said.

Bill Syme said he is proud resident of East Windsor, but gets negative feedback for living here. The Board should put forward a 2% increase.

Cynthia Herms said it doesn't matter what we put through; as long as the Fire District is in handled this way, it will fail. The Board should keep the budget the same or increase it back to 2.05%.

Paulette Broder said the budget should be left as is; it's been looked at for over three months.

Kathy Pippin said the budget should stay as it is; the District has been fighting with the Selectmen- if they want to be on their own, they should be on their own.

Jerilyn Corso said she agreed with the other Board members. It can stay where it is or a little more can be added back in. The Fire District was not handled quickly enough. The MOU was not given to the Board of Selectmen until a few days before the District vote. The Board of Finance does not set policy- hopefully this issue can get fixed before next year. The Board will follow the legal opinion regarding the 2% default. The Board has statutory authority to transfer unexpended funds.

A motion was made by Jim Richards, seconded by Cindy Herms and it was approved to send the FY 17 budget of \$37,017,091, a 1.82% increase over last year's budget to referendum, with four in favor and Steve Smith opposed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Lord, temporary clerk