

**BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
BROAD BROOK, CONNECTICUT 06016**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
Friday, April 7, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES**

DRAFT DOCUMENT – *These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting*

Regular Members Present: Jerilyn Corso (Chairman) Cindy Herms (arrived at 6:12 p.m.),
Kathy Pippin; Jim Richards, Steve Smith, and Bill Syme,

Regular Members Absent:

Alternates Present: Paulette Broder.

Alternate Absent: Danelle Godek

Others: **Acting Town Treasurer:** Gayle Carolus; **First Selectman:** Robert Maynard; **Deputy First Selectman:** Richard P. Pippin, Jr.; **Selectmen:** Jason Bowsza (arrived at 6:15 p.m.), **East Windsor Public Schools:** Dr. Christine DeBarge; **Board of Education:** Cathy Simonelli, Chairman

Press: No one from the press was present.

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Corso called the Meeting to Order at 6:05 p.m. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Time and Place of Meeting:

Friday, April 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall (11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.)

3. Appointment of Alternates:

Chairman Corso noted the absence of Regular Member Herms at the Call to Order; she called for a motion to appoint Alternate Paulette Broder to fill in for Mrs. Herms.

MOTION: To APPOINT Alternate Member Paulette Broder as a voting member to replace Regular Member Cindy Herms for Board of Finance Budget Workshop dated April 7, 2017 .

Richards moved/Pippin seconded/**DISCUSSION:** None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

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Chairman Corso queried the Board regarding what they thought the final budget should be.

Mr. Richards felt the strongest thing is public safety comes first; next would be infrastructure, then education. He attends the BOE meetings, he feels they are doing the best with what they have and the State mandates. The families and businesses in town have enough going on; they are being tight; they don't have enough for emergencies. He is concerned with raising taxes; he would go to zero.

Mr. Smith wouldn't go higher than 2.5%; the legislature says it will go past June 7th; the State may not have a budget until July. He wouldn't touch public safety, infrastructure, or education; he would leave Park & Recreation and the Building Department alone because they bring revenue back.

LET THE RECORD SHOW Regular Member Cindy Herms arrived at 6:12 p.m.

MOTION: To APPOINT Regular Member Cindy Herms to replace Alternate Member Paulette Broder as a voting member for Board of Finance Budget Workshop dated April 7, 2017 .

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Board discussion continued:

Mr. Syme reported he spent time going through all the departments and pulled money across the board. He didn't touch those that didn't ask for an increase; he didn't touch salaries. He gave the Building Department an increase for \$20,000 as he believed the anticipated revenues will be as projected. Mr. Syme indicated he calculated a 2.4% increase for the first referendum. Mr. Syme suggested the killer in this whole thing, and the Board can't do anything about it, is the increase in health and pension costs.

Mrs. Pippin suggested further cuts would hurt Emergency Management, although perhaps the stipends could be flat. She is concerned about the unions. Mrs. Pippin agreed with a 2.4% increase but wished it could be less. She cited the difference in taxes in North Carolina - \$400 – vs. \$6,000 in East Windsor.

Mrs. Broder felt the Board couldn't go much above 2%; people can't afford it. She didn't think the Board could cut Emergency Service.

Chairman Corso agreed the Board couldn't go above 2%, and really should go below 2% but she would like to see a budget that will pass. She also agreed public safety is the first priority.

LET THE RECORD SHOW Selectman Bowsza arrived at 6:15 p.m.

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Mrs. Herms agreed that to cut more things we will be so low in some departments; to say cut everyone would be crippling ourselves; maybe we should take a bigger cut in one budget.

Mr. Richards again questioned the lease/purchase in the CIP budget; he questioned if that line should be included in the lease line in the Selectmen's budget? Acting Treasurer Carolus explained that the lease under the CIP budget is for vehicles while the equipment in the Selectmen's budget is for copiers, the postage system – smaller equipment. The two lease lines need to be totally differentiated. The CIP lease is for vehicles eventually owned by the Town. Mr. Syme suggested the money allocation doesn't change; it would just be shown in a different line **4**.

Budget Workshop/Selectmen - #410100:

Mr. Syme suggested cutting \$3,000 from the community outreach line and \$400 from the travel line which would return it to last year's funding. He didn't cut any money from postage based on the Tax Collector's comments made during a previous meeting that software specific to the Tax Department is included in that figure. Selectman Bowsza cited the year-to-date expenses which reflect a \$7500 balance remaining; he suggested cutting the increase by \$3,000. Deputy First Selectman Pippin noted tax bills for the next tax period haven't gone out. First Selectman Maynard cautioned basing the cut on the time of the year; he concurred with Deputy Selectman Pippin that July tax bills and other seasonal mailings haven't yet occurred. Mrs. Herms felt the community outreach line could be cut. Mr. Smith questioned the source for purchasing supplies; he referenced discussions with officials from other towns who felt a regional approach would result in savings. He questioned if CCM or CRCOG would be of assistance with price bundling? It was felt that was not a function of either of those organizations.

MOTION: To REDUCE the travel line by \$400 and the community outreach line by \$3,000 under the Selectmen's Budget.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: See comments above

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

MOTION: To REDUCE the postage line in the Selectmen's budget to \$24,000.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: The Board cited concern for this reduction based on discussion of this item at a previous meeting relative to the Tax Collector's comments regarding inclusion of department specific software in this budget line.

VOTE: In Favor: Richards/Smith/Syme
Opposed: Herms/Pippin
Abstained: No one

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MOTION: To FUND the Selectmen's budget in the amount of \$279,096.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Brief discussion followed regarding the impact of budget cuts resulting in additional appropriation requests during the fiscal year.

Budget Workshop/Town Clerk - #410300:

MOTION: To FUND the Town Clerk's budget in the amount of \$135,465.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Treasurer - #410500:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Treasurer's budget for \$214,724.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Assessor - #410700:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Assessor's budget for \$191,660.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Tax Collector - #410900:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Tax Collector's budget for \$124,277.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Town Planner - #411100:

Mr. Syme suggested cutting \$500 from education and dues as this department has the highest request for this line item; he suggested staff attend one less conference. Mr. Syme also recommended cutting \$200 from the travel line. Mr. Syme also noted the Board had approved a \$5,000 increase in the professional services line but noted a \$17,500 balance remains unspent in this fiscal year. He realizes the Windsor Locks corridor is important to East Windsor but he would like to staff take on more of this

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project inhouse. Mr. Smith would reduce the professional services line by \$17,500 as money still remains for this year. Mr. Smith felt the Warehouse Point plan has been under discussion for years; we should be doing a 10 year plan. Chairman Corso suggested cutting the requested amount back to \$26,500. Mr. Richards could agree with education and dues but opposed any reduction in the professional services line. He noted that staff wears many hats. He cited the POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development) which is a 10 year plan; staff did much of that plan revision; to hire a professional would have cost the Town much more. Mr. Richards suggested this money is really needed; East Windsor won't be on a level playing field regionally without the investment. Chairman Corso indicated she could agree to returning the professional line item to the FY 2016-2017 level.

MOTION: To REDUCE the professional services line under the Town Planner #411100 to \$26,500.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Richards/Syme
Opposed: No one
Abstained: Pippin/Smith

MOTION: To REDUCE the travel line by \$200 and reduce education and dues by \$500 under the Town Planner's budget.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: The Board considered the reduction relative to the cut in professional services. It was noted this request for education and dues was \$1500 more than the other departments.

VOTE: In Favor: Pippin/Richards/Syme
Opposed: Herms/Smith
Abstained: No one

MOTION: To APPROVE the Town Planner's budget for a total of \$237,938.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme
Opposed: Herms
Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Building Department - #411300:

Mr. Syme suggested cutting the professional services line by \$3500. Citing having experienced delays during construction of his own home due to vacation time he felt the department has gotten by in the past without the additional funding. Mr. Smith would leave the professional line funded as requested. Mr. Richards questioned the full and

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part-time salaries in this department; it was noted there are two full time employees, and one part-time clerical non-contract employee who is not certified to do inspections.

MOTION: To REDUCE the professional services line by \$3,500 under the Building Department.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Richards/Syme
Opposed: Smith
Abstained: No one

MOTION: To APPROVE the Building Department budget in the amount of \$151,035.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None
VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Richards/Syme
Opposed: Smith
Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Registrar - # 411500:

The Board felt there was nothing to cut from this budget.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Registrar's budget in the amount of \$62,979.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Human Services - #411700:

Mr. Syme recalled that the full time salary line for this department had not been updated as approved during the previous budget year so the increase shown in that budget line is actually two years of salary increase. No other increases were requested.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Human Services budget in the amount of \$196,820.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.
VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Police Department - #510200:

Mr. Syme suggested an \$8,000 reduction via minor reductions in several lines. Mr. Smith questioned the ACO (Animal Control Officer) position; he suggested other surrounding towns have regionalized this service. It was noted that this is a statutorily

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required position. Mr. Syme suggested a \$4,000 reduction in the full time overtime line, and \$1,000 reductions in each of the following lines – supplies and equipment, training, professional services, and education and dues. Selection Bowsza and Chairman Corso suggested taking the \$1,000 from the uniform line rather than training. Discussion followed regarding staffing levels relative to overtime expenditures.

MOTION: To REDUCE the officer salary – overtime in the Police Department budget by \$6,000.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Richards/Syme)
Opposed: Smith
Abstained: No one

MOTION: To REDUCE the training line in the Police Department budget by \$1,000.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

MOTION: To REDUCE the professional services line in the Police Department budget by \$1,000.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

MOTION: To REDUCE the supplies and equipment line in the Police Department budget by \$1,000.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: Mr. Richards noted the previous \$6,000 cut in overtime; he opposed this reduction.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Syme
Opposed: Richards/Smith
Abstained: No one

MOTION: To REDUCE the education and dues line in the Police Department budget by \$1,000.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Syme
Opposed: Richards/Smith
Abstained: No one

MOTION: To FUND the Police Department budget in the amount of \$3,346,506.

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Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

MOTION: To TAKE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

The Board RECESSED at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION: To COME BACK INTO SESSION.

Pippin moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

The Board RECONVENED at 7:12 p.m.

Budget Workshop/Emergency Management - #510300:

The Board felt there was nothing to cut in this budget request.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$17,518.

Syme moved/Herms seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Richards/Smith/Syme

Opposed: Pippin

Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Communications - #510400:

The Board felt there was nothing to cut in this budget request.

MOTION: To Fund the Communications budget in the amount of \$53,356

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Broad Brook Fire Department - #511000:

Mr. Syme recalled the Board has already cut one fire fighter position from this budget.

MOTION: To FUND the Broad Brook Fire Department budget in the amount of \$389,287.

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Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: Selectman Bowsza noted the Volunteer Incentive line is getting a 2% bump, and they are currently under expensed for the year. Acting Treasurer Carolus reported the third and fourth incentive payments have not yet been drawn to fire personnel. Mrs. Herms questioned why they thought it should be higher? Selectman Bowsza indicated the payments are based on the number of calls responded to and the number of drills attended.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Public Works - #610100:

The Board reviewed the purpose of standby funding, which is a requirement that personnel be available to be called in during storm situations.

MOTION: To FUND the Public Works Department budget in the amount of \$865,080.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Town Property - #610200:

The Board made no changes to this budget request.

MOTION: To FUND the Town Property budget in the amount of \$1,006,480.

Syme moved/Smith seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Road Improvements - #610300:

Mr. Smith suggested cutting \$20,000 from the salt and sand line. Acting Treasurer Carolus recalled the Board had approved an additional payment to cover the current fiscal year cost. Selectman Bowsza cited the FY 2016 – 2017 budget has already exceeded its requested amount by \$15,000 for this line item. Mrs. Herms questioned if this budget receives funding from other sources? First Selectman Maynard reported we receive \$267,000 from the State under the TAR aid (Town Aid for Roads), and the town has bonded \$2,000,000 for road improvements. Discussion continued regarding the resolution of the State's budget aid to the Town and the effect on local funding and services.

MOTION: To FUND Road Improvements in the amount of \$450,000.

Syme moved/Herms seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

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VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Richards/Smith/Syme
 Opposed: Pippin
 Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Senior Center - #710100:

Mr. Syme noted the large percentage increase in the full time salary line but the same funding error occurred in this department during the previous budget cycle as it did in the Human Services Department.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Senior Center budget in the amount of \$234,838.

Herms moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: Mr. Smith reiterated his intention that public safety, infrastructure, and education were his main priorities; he felt the Senior Center wasn't a priority as the services being provided could be regionalized. Mr. Smith suggested the Board should consider eliminating this budget. Mrs. Herms cited the services provided for seniors included meals, transportation for medical services, home checks for seniors by meals on wheels volunteers, and programs which promote social interaction. Discussion continued regarding comparison services and the impact of eliminating the center's services. Chairman Corso suggested the general discussion of restructuring the department or regionalization was beyond the scope of this motion. Discussion continued.

Mrs. Herms called the question. .

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Syme
 Opposed: Richards/Smith
 Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Parks and Recreation - #710200:

Mr. Syme suggested reducing professional services by \$1,500. Mr. Smith would leave this budget alone; the programs bring in revenue.

MOTION: To REDUCE the professional services line under the Parks and Recreation Department budget by \$1,500.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Pippin/Richards/Syme
 Opposed: Herms/Smith
 Abstained: No one

MOTION: To APPROVE the Parks and Recreation Department budget in the amount of \$238,202.

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Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Richards/Syme
 Opposed: Smith
 Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Warehouse Point Library - #710300:

Mr. Syme suggested funding the library at last year's level; Mrs. Herms agreed. Mr. Richards questioned the number of people served by the library; Mr. Smith suggested they were on the low side from other libraries. Selectman Bowsza questioned that may be due to reduced hours; this reduction takes the funding request for additional staff to provide additional hours of availability out of the budget. The Board mulled the need to keep the annual budget percentage increase palatable while maintaining services.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Warehouse Point Library in the amount of \$260,000.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Richards/Syme
 Opposed: Smith
 Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Board of Finance - #810100:

Mr. Richards reopened discussion on analysis fees. Acting Treasurer Carolus gave an example of the various fees.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Board of Finance budget in the amount of \$43,750.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: Mr. Richards questioned why the Town continues to use Websster Bank as they receive considerable business from the Town and they charge bank fees. Acting Treasurer Carolus noted they also manage the Town's pension accounts and have done a phenomenal job on those investments; she clarified the charges are not just fees. Mr. Richards requested a synopsis of bank charges for the next meeting.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Police Commission - #810700:

No discussion; budget covers recording secretarial fees.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Police Commission budget in the amount of \$1,500.

Herms moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

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Budget Workshop/Capital Improvement Planning Committee - #811500:

No discussion; budget covers recording secretarial fees.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Capital Improvement Planning Committee budget in the amount of \$750.

Hermes moved/Pippin seconded/*DISCUSSION:* None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Hermes/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Activities, Fees, and Associations - #910100:

Mr. Richards questioned if the Board had discussed this budget line by line? He questioned the purpose of New Directions? Mr. Syme referenced the support documentation provided by the Selectmen's Office; he noted New Directions has merged with Community Health Resources. The Board referenced previous discussion of East Windsor's contribution for sanitation costs at the 4-Town Fair, and the availability of other listed services for East Windsor residents.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Activities, Fees, and Association budget in the amount of \$141,342.

Syme moved/Hermes seconded/*DISCUSSION:* Brief discussion occurred regarding the Board's line item review of this budget during a previous meeting.

VOTE: In Favor: Hermes/Richards/Smith
Opposed: Pippin/Syme
Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Legal Expense - #910200:

No additional discussion.

The Legal Expense budget was approved in the amount of \$240,000 during April 3, 2017 Budget Workshop.

Budget Workshop/Insurance and Pension - #910300:

The Insurance and Pension budget was approved in the amount of \$3,514,047 during April 3, 2017 Budget Workshop.

Budget Workshop/Sanitation - #910500:

No discussion.

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MOTION: To APPROVE the Sanitation budget in the amount of \$905,555.

Syme moved/Pippin seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Contingency - #910600:

The Contingency budget was approved in the amount of \$50,000 during April 3, 2017 Budget Workshop.

Budget Workshop/Capital Improvement - #910700:

Mr. Syme suggested cutting \$30,000 from the CIP budget based on his concern for the loss of State revenue and the increase in health insurance. Mr. Richards reported if the Board can't decrease other departments he has a problem with reducing the CIP budget. Discussion continued regarding the lease/purchase allocation and its place in the budget.

MOTION: To APPROVE the CIP budget in the amount of 761,764, which includes the line item lease/purchase.

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Debt Service - #910800:

MOTION: To APPROVE Debt Services in the amount of \$1,150,000.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

The Board held a brief discussion regarding concerns for setting local budgets prior to word from the State regarding their decision on aid to local governments. Discussion continued regarding the lack of resolution on the State's decision to transfer some responsibility for funding teachers' pensions to towns, and the effect of reducing the ECS (Education Cost Sharing) grant and replacing that with a program of Special Education Funding – which repositions the funding allocation on the town level from revenue on the ECS grant to direct reimbursement to school systems for the Special Education Fund. All issues are unknowns which impact local budgets.

Budget Workshop/Local Government – Building Department line:

First Selectman Maynard reported he discussed the anticipated revenue projection with the Building Official; it was felt the original revenue projection was correct.

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MOTION: To INCREASE the Revenue line for the Building Department to \$200,000.

Syme moved/Smith seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous (Herms/Pippin/Richards/Smith/Syme)

Budget Workshop/Fund Balance:

MOTION: To ADJUST the transfer from the Fund Balance to \$500,000.

Richards moved/Smith seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Richards/Smith
Opposed: Herms/Pippin/Syme
Abstained: No one

MOTION: To TAKE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS

Richards moved/Herms/

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

The Board RECESSED at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION: To RECONVENE at 8:22 p.m.

Herms moved/Smith seconded/

VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

MOTION: To TAKE \$475,000 from the Fund Balance.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms//Pippin/Richards/Syme
Opposed: Smith
Abstained: No one

Budget Workshop/Board of Education:

Board of Finance (BOF) Chairman Corso questioned what the line for Board of Education professional development is used for and by whom? Board of Education (BOE) Chairman Simonelli reported it's funding for attending an annual conference, and a conference for central office employees, as well as training for new board members. BOF Chairman Corso questioned if transportation is provided to East Catholic, which is a private school? BOE Chairman Simonelli replied affirmatively, noting it's a requirement. Deputy First Selectman Pippin explained the history of this service, dating back to a provision for transportation to Howell Cheney Tech. BOF Chairman Corso

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questioned if transportation is provided to other private schools, such as Loomis Chaffee? BOE Chairman Simonelli replied negatively. Mr. Smith questioned if the pension line is included in this budget request; Mr. Syme felt it was not.

MOTION: To APPROVE the Board of Education budget in the amount of \$22,471,718,

Richards moved/Syme seconded/DISCUSSION: The Board discussed the impact of the reductions funding on resident voting.

VOTE: In Favor: Richards/Pippin//Syme
Opposed: Herms/Smith
Abstained: No one

Hearing no additional requests to make comments Chairman Corso closed discussion to the public.

Budget Workshop/Finalilze Budget for 5/9/2017 Budget Referendum:

MOTION: To APPROVE the Fiscal Year 2017/2018 total budget in the amount of \$37,937,018, with a mill rate of 32.09.

Syme moved/Richards seconded/DISCUSSION: None.

VOTE: In Favor: Herms/Pippin/Richards/Syme
Opposed: Smith
Abstained: No one

6. Adjournment:

MOTION: To ADJOURN this Meeting at 8:33. p.m.

Richards.moved/ Pippin seconded/VOTE: In Favor: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted: _____
Peg Hoffman, Recording Secretary, East Windsor Board of Finance