

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
TOWN OF EAST WINDOST  
11 RYE STREET  
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT 06088**

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.**

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**Members Present:** Jason Bowsza, Jerilyn Corso, Danelle Godeck, Joseph Pellegrini, Kathleen Pippin, and Sharon Tripp.  
**Members Absent:** All members were present.  
**Alternate Present:**  
**Alternate Absent:** Pauline Broder, and Gil Hayes  
**Others:** Catherine Cabral, Town Treasurer; Selectmen: Dale Nelson; Richard Pippin; Residents: James Barton, Sr.; Fred Cote; Andy Heath, and Bill Loos.  
**Press:** Gail Montany, Journal Inquirer; Ted Glanzer, Patch.

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairman Bowsza called the Public Hearing on the second proposed budget to Order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Time and Place of Meeting:**

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

**III. Public Participation:**

Chairman Bowsza requested residents who wish to speak limit their comments to 3 minutes to give everyone time to present their suggestions. He noted a list is available in the front of the room, and requested speakers provide their names and addresses for accuracy during the presentation of the minutes.

Chairman Bowsza queried the audience for those wishing to comment:

**Jim Barton, Sr., 158 South Water Street:** Mr. Barton indicated he didn't have any suggestions for the numbers but he suggested he is troubled by the failure of the Board to put out a proposed mill rate. Mr. Barton suggested he has never seen that before. He indicated he didn't feel Mr. Bowsza's comments in the Journal Inquirer are true. Mr. Barton felt the individual taxpayer can't determine his own tax liability. He suggested that information might scare people, but they need to know.

**Frank Cote, 46 Tromley Road:** Mr. Cote indicated he agreed with Mr. Barton; he felt people need to know. Mr. Cote also suggested we must come up with money for capital improvements and not give everything to the Board of Education. Mr. Cote cited he takes care of a vacant property next to his home to protect his property values.

**Bill Loos, 44 Melrose Road:** Mr. Loos felt the school board is asking for way too much money, as they do every year; they should get 2%. Mr. Loos questioned that kids don't walk to school anymore? He suggested the kids from Mill Pond can walk to the center of town and the Reservoir but can't walk to the Grammar or the Middle School; if they walked to school we could cut the BOE budget by the cost of that transportation. Mr. Loos noted the high school was built to hold 800 students but less than 300 attend; if grades 7 and 8 were moved to the high school and some grades were moved from the Elementary School to the Middle School we could get rid of the temporary classrooms and also alleviate the parking problems around the Elementary School. Mr. Loos reiterated he felt the BOE budget was way out of line.

**Andy Heath, 15 Steeple Chase Road:** Mr. Heath indicated he wasn't concerned with the specific items, or who gets what. He is concerned with the Town Charter; we are stuck between a rock and a hard place at the 2% funding rate. That's what happens at the end of three no votes so we set a budget at 2% in the future. The Charter forces us to set the budget at that level anyway.

No one else requested to speak. Chairman Bowsza thanked everyone for coming to the Public Hearing.

**XIII. Adjournment:**

Chairman Bowsza ADJOURNED the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m.

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