

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

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**

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Regular Members Present: Jerilyn Corso (Chairman) Cindy Herms, Kathy Pippin; Jim Richards, Steve Smith, and Bill Syme,

Regular Members Absent: None.

Alternates Present: Paulette Broder.

Alternate Absent: Danelle Godek

Others: **Acting Town Treasurer:** Gayle Carolus; **Selectmen:** Richard P. Pippin, Jr., Deputy First Selectman; Jason Bowsza; Dale Nelson; **East Windsor Public Schools:** Dr. Theresa Kane, Superintendent; Dr. Christine DeBarge, Assistant Superintendent; Andrew Paquette, SFO, Business Management Services provided byTMSolution, Inc.; **Board of Education:** Cathy Simonelli, Chairman; Kathy Bilodeau, Kate Carey-Trull, William Raber; **East Windsor Police Department:** Chief Edward DeMarco, Deputy Chief Roger Hart; **Department of Public Works:** Len Norton, Director; Joe Sauerhoefer, Operations Manager.

Press: No one from the press was present.

1. **Call to Order:**

Chairman Corso called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:00 p.m. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall (11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.)

3. **Appointment of Alternates:**

Chairman Corso noted all members are present this evening; it will not be necessary to appoint an Alternate member for this meeting.

4. **Public Participation:**

Kate Carey-Trull, Board of Education: Ms. Carey-Trull reported she hoped the Board of Finance (BOF) would take into consideration the hard work they have done to prepare

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their budget; they have held many workshops to develop the budget submitted to the Board. Ms. Carey-Trull also reported she had received a contact via her Facebook account from Brian Kenney who is unable to attend this Public Hearing but would like her to request the BOF to add sports for the Middle School back into the budget so Middle School students will be prepared to participate in the sports programs when they attend the High School.

Kathy Bilodeau, 343 Scantic Road: Mrs. Bilodeau is disappointed regarding something that was said at the previous BOF Meeting; she reported a BOF member threw the BOE budget in the garbage after the meeting after making a derogatory comment. Mrs. Bilodeau finds it insulting that the person would feel they know more than the BOE. She had felt the BOF and the BOE had made gains in the past years regarding the interaction of the Boards; to suggest a zero percent increase is no where to go with the budget. She reported the education system has a high level of free and reduced students included in the budget, as well as other challenges. Mrs. Bilodeau hoped to have more beneficial comments tonight.

Lorelei Standish: wants to see the money go to her school.

Hearing no other requests to participate in Public Comments Chairman Corso requested a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing.

5. Adjournment:

MOTION: To ADJOURN the Board of Finance Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

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

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