

**TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR BOARD OF
SELECTMEN**

BUDGET WORKSHOP

**Saturday, February 20, 2016
9 a.m.**

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

Workshop Minutes

Board of Selectmen:

Robert Maynard, First Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, II, Deputy First Selectman
Jason Bowsza, Selectman
Dale Nelson, Selectman
Steve Dearborn, Selectman

ATTENDANCE: **Board of Selectmen:** Robert Maynard, First Selectman; Richard P. Pippin, II (arrived 10:45), Deputy First Selectman; Jason Bowsza; Dale Nelson
Absent: Steve Dearborn

GUESTS: **Board of Finance Members:** Paulette Broder; Cindy Herms; Kathy Pippin; Luis Valdez; **Treasurer:** Kim Lord

Call to Order:

First Selectman Maynard called the Meeting to Order at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 11 Rye Street, Broad Brook, CT.

Budget Presentations:

Activities, Agency Fees and Associations- 910100

Wendy Parker and Janet Goode from the Youth Center gave a brief presentation. Ms. Parker supplied a detailed mission statement and budget. Jason Bowsza recused himself from the discussion for a possible conflict of interest; his father provides the insurance coverage for the Center. Ms. Parker noted that the Center opened in October and currently has seventy-seven members, with average attendance of 15-20 youth per session. The Center has been a huge success.

Board members asked questions of Ms. Parker and discussed the location of the Center.

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Selectmen – 410100

The Board discussed various line items. Mr. Maynard noted that the phone budget may decrease if the supplemental appropriation for the new phone system is passed at town meeting.

Communications – 510400

The budget has decreased due to Warehouse Point Fire District including dispatch costs for the district in their own budget.

Building Committee – 810800

Mr. Bowsza noted that the Building Committee has met regularly to oversee the modular project, and with additional projects coming on board due to grants and bonding, the Treasurer should check to be sure this line is fully funded.

Elderly Commission- 810900

The line was reduced by \$100.

Charter Revision Commission – 811100

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the charge of the commission and the timing of votes on possible changes. Mr. Bowsza requested that this line be reduced, but Mr. Maynard disagreed, and said the Commission could be charged with looking at just one aspect of the charter- exempting debt service from the 2% rule. This item will be revisited.

Ethics Commission- 811200

The line was increased by \$300.

Historical Commission- 811300

No changes made.

Capital Improvement Commission- 811500

Ms. Lord noted that this recording secretary used to be paid out of the Selectmen-Professional Services line and this line was created for consistency.

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Network for Domestic Violence was increase by \$1,000 to \$6,000.
American Heritage was increased by \$1,500 to \$3,500. Board members spoke highly of the hard work of the volunteers and the impact on quality of life in East Windsor due to their efforts.

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Ms. Nelson said the Cemetery Association had done a nice job with their presentation and she was glad that they submitted an audit. The Board members discussed the request in detail and reduced the request by \$20,000 and approved \$20,000 for the year, an increase of \$5,002 over the current year's budget.

Legal Expense- 910200

There was lengthy discussion regarding past legal expenses, and that the line has been underfunded for years. Discussion of active legal issues took place. The town counsel line was increased to \$180,000 for a department total of \$240,000.

Capital Improvement- 910700

The Board discussed the projects to be funded by bonding and use of excess fund balance. The request was reduced by \$133,436 to \$1,090,702, which reflects 3% of the current budget; the standard that has been used in the past.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Lord, temporary clerk