

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the special meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at Edmond Town Hall in the Old Courtroom, for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Warden Gaston called the meeting to order at 8:39 p.m.

Present: Warden James Gaston, Second Senior Burgess Jay Maher, Burgess Betsy Kenyon, Burgess Anthony Baiad, Burgess Bill Lucas, Burgess Chris Gardner, Tax Collector Jodie Enriquez, Clerk Ann LoBosco, Tree Warden Rob McCulloch

Absent: Senior Burgess Joan Crick, Treasurer Paula Brinkman, Zoning Officer Jean St. Jean

Also Present: LeReine Frampton, Registrar of Voters and 24 members of the public

Warden Gaston thanked everyone for attending the meeting and copies of the 2016-2017 proposed budget were distributed. He noted that the Mill Rate will remain almost the same and went through each line item individually. A new line item is Cultural Arts which will help support/sponsor events taking place in Newtown, particularly at Edmond Town Hall. Warden Gaston reminded everyone that if their property is within 100 feet of a fire hydrant, to be sure to look for a discount on their homeowner's insurance. The Garden Club which takes care of the islands in the Borough asked for help with the watering of the plants. Newtown Hook & Ladder offered their assistance and, in return, the Borough will provide them with a stipend. This year sidewalks will need to be resealed. The flagpole is now being maintained by the Borough so \$100.00 is allocated to that line item to cover costs.

Revenues Anticipated from Prior Year are \$7,000.00; Building Revenues Anticipated are \$10,000.00; and Interest is \$1,000.00 making total revenues other than taxes equal to \$18,000.00. The Tax Collection Rate is 98.0%. The Proposed Mill Rate for 2016-2017 is 0.86% which is slightly up from last year given the Grand List has gone down.

Warden Gaston asked if there were any questions. John Madzula, 58 Schoolhouse Hill Road, asked where the numbers for Land Use come from; he questioned why the Town and the Borough do not share in these expenses. Warden Gaston explained that the Borough is its own municipality and is required by Charter to have those positions in place. It is more cost effective to offer the Town a stipend for shared services rather than paying salaries for the positions on its own. Mr. Madzula also questioned how it was determined that the Sidewalk line item was spent.

Second Senior Burgess Maher explained that each year they look at a different section of sidewalk that is in need of repair; the cost for a 200 foot section (removal and installation) is approximately \$15,000.00. There were 22 votes in favor of the budget and 2 opposed.

Attorney Donald Mitchell made a motion set the Borough's mill rate at 0.86%, seconded by Doug Nelson and unanimously approved.

Burgess Kenyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m., Burgess Baiad
seconded the motion and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. LoBosco
Borough Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the Borough Meeting of the property owners and/or electors of the Borough of Newtown will be held at 7:30 PM on May 10, 2016, at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT for the purpose of voting on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2016-17. Estimated Budget recommended by the Board of Burgesses of the Borough of Newtown is hereby set below in accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut.

	<u>Expenditure 2014-2015</u>	<u>Estimated Budget 2015-2016</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2016-2017</u>
ADVERTISING	\$ 3,320	2,000	2,500
AUDIT	5,700	5,500	5,700
AUXILLIARY HELP	2,789	3,250	3,000
BONDS & INSUR.	220	250	250
CONSULTING	0	1,000	0
CONTINGENCY	480	2,250	1,500
CULTURAL ARTS	0	0	4,000
DATA PROCESSING	1,500	2,500	2,500
ELECTION	2,823	0	2,850
FIRE HYDRANT	61,550	76,000	65,000
FIRE DEPT	2,000	2,000	6,500
HEALTH DISTRICT	0	10	10
HISTORIC DISTRICT	0	250	100
LEGAL FEES	7,065	7,500	7,500
SIDEWALKS	12,984	15,000	15,000
STREET LIGHTS	28,362	28,000	28,500
OFFICE MAINT & SUPPLIES	2,762	4,000	3,500
TREES AND MAINT	1,750	3,500	5,000
SOLDIERS & SAILORS	0	10	10
STREETS & PARKS	9,623	6,000	7,000

	Expenditure	Estimated Budget	Proposed Budget
FLAGPOLE	0	10	100
SOCIAL WORK	0	10	10
ASSESSOR	2,000	2,250	2,250
CLERK	4,250	4,500	4,500
TAX COLLECTOR	4,000	4,200	4,200
TREASURER	3,750	4,000	4,000
WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
BUILDNG OFFICIAL	4,000	4,000	4,000
CONSERV. DIR.	1,000	1,000	1,000
ENGINEER	1,800	1,800	1,800
BUILDING CLERK	4,200	4,200	4,200
ZONING OFFICER	5,000	5,000	5,000
TREE WARDEN	2,500	2,500	2,500
PAYROLL TAXES	2,662	5,000	3,000
EDMOND TOWN H	3,500	3,500	3,500
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	\$ 184,090	203,490	202,980
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Revenue Anticipated From Prior Year	\$ 7,000
Building Revenues Anticipated	10,000
Interest	1,000

Total Revenues Anticipated	\$ 18,000

Money to be Raised from Taxes \$ 202,980 - \$18,000 = \$ 184,980

98.0% Tax Collection Rate

$1.02 \times \$184,980 = \$188,679$

$\$188,679 \text{ divided by } \$218,171,458 \text{ (1000's Grand List - Mill)} = 0.86$

2016-2017 Proposed Mill Rate = 0.86

Note:

2013-2014 MILL RATE – 0.89

2014-2015 MILL RATE - 0.87

2015-2016 MILL RATE – 0.85

2016-2017 MILL RATE – 0.86

(Increase in Mill Rate = 0.01 Mill)

James O. Gaston

Warden, Borough of Newtown

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