

The **Board of Finance** held a regular meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010 in the Council Chambers, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. John Kortze called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENT: John Kortze, James Gaston, Martin Gersten, Joseph Kearney, Harry Waterbury and Michael Portnoy.

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman E. Patricia Llodra, Finance Director Robert Tait, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Janet Robinson, Interim Business Manager Ed Arum, various Board of Education members, sixty members of the public and two member of the press.

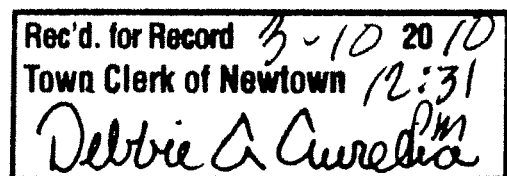
VOTER COMMENTS: **Sarah Beier, 7 Yogananda Street** spoke as a resident in Newtown for ten years. She is happy there is strategic planning saying it is important to have that vision but feels frustrated that we are not now moving in that direction. We cannot move in forward in scores without supporting what the experts are asking us for. One principal did ask for four teachers and administrative help and they absolutely need it. She is concerned about the value of homes and says we need to sustain the schools where they are. She thanked the teachers and said that they have taken a zero pay increase and an increase in insurance.

Kinga Walsh, 21 Horseshoe Ridge Road said the Board of Educations budget is conservative. Why not specify a contingency plan if actuals come in lower than estimated to help with future shortfalls? Why not change the fiscal plan to coincide better with our budget base so that we have the actual costs? The children lose out if the quality of education is jeopardized by short term thinking and budget reductions. Nothing should be looked at in a vacuum. Can we look at everything instead of just the population of the schools when making a choice? Laying off teachers at the elementary level may mean hiring them back due to shifts in population. Why are we including \$300,000+ in the CIP for underground utilities when we are just beginning a new Fairfield Hills Committee? The Board of Education budget is what they need to maintain the quality and integrity of the schools. She asked to let the voters decide.

Catherine Michaud, Pootatuck Park said every year the education budget increases but the services that directly effect the students decrease. The Board of Education says they are striving for excellence in education but they will not reach that goal by cutting the services to the students. Last year cuts were made, teachers were layed off, teachers took furlough days and pay freezes and the insurance increased and money was found at the end of the year. Where did that money go, why didn't it get rolled over? This year the first thing to cut is the services. The students directly effected may or may not be able to work past that. We are not doing right by them to keep cutting valuable programs.

Bob Merola, 22 Ashford Lane said if proper strategic planning was done a number of years ago we wouldn't be in the position we are in now. He said we already hired teachers to satisfy the high school expansion and asked the boards for underlying data on the student load, how many students each teacher has during each period of the day, how many students does a teacher have during the course of the day in the week and how many paraprofessionals are there? There is a problem with the core curriculum; maybe we are losing focus with too many electives. Mr. Merola referred to his handout (Att. A) when speaking about declining enrollments. The high school expansion was unjustified then and continues to be now. He believes the amount of money being used to expand the high school could've been used to expand it to an adequate size and also fix the Middle School and Hawley.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Gersten asked for permission to contact town council regarding the untaxed land. First Selectman Llodra granted that permission. Mr. Kortze submitted a letter from Karen Pierce of the Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers (Att. B) and a document on the ins and outs of the police staffing (Att. C). Mr. Kortze also mentioned a document on CCM fees (Att. D).



OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible action:

1. Town of Newtown Proposed 2010/2011 budget: Mr. Tait discussed the effects on revenue (Att. E). The State calculates the Mashantucket Pequot money. Revenues are \$1,000,000 less than expenditures due to money being used for the fund balance. If the budget passed as presented taxes would be raised \$5,405,000 or 5.79%. There are only two options: raise taxes or cut expenditures. Dr. Robinson said the budget as presented does not put them on track to being in the top three in the DRG. Dr. Robinson said there will be several years to make up for lost ground and said that any money would be put toward instructional resources. Mr. Gaston is looking for a plan to reach goals in four to five years with accountability and responsibility and excitement. There is a correlation between money spent on a problem and the amount of success when done strategically. Mr. Gersten asked Dr. Robinson if she and the school board had considered areas of savings that would reduce budget without effecting service. The professional curriculum has been cut by \$80,000, one insurance agent for both the town and school produces savings. Dr. Robinson spoke about self insurance saying the 15% estimate in the budget for insurance is now 8.1% but that doesn't include the fee or building the initial pool to make sure there is enough to pay the claims early on. Interim Business Director Ed Arum said that 10% is in the budget to cover the base. Electricity will be lower from January to July of 2011 and the bus drivers are negotiating for possible additional savings. Mr. Tait reported the insurance includes the three months runoff. The difference between 15% and 8.1 % is \$600,000. Dr. Robinson said that the excess cost grant is coming in at 84%; it was budgeted at 86%. Mr. Arum explained the budget analysis (Att. F), saying that by the end of the fiscal year the projection increase in shortfall will be \$103,000. Dr. Robinson said she believes that 50% is a reasonable number for the projected budget and that that there were two sources recommending a conservative approach. If 70% is budgeted and only 50% came in next year there would be a serious deficit. Mr. Kortze said a source at the state indicated a safe number would be 80% and asked if it would reasonable to budget for 70% or 75%. Dr. Robinson would be comfortable following that but is concerned about a shortfall if it comes in lower. Dr. Robinson said that out placed students have steadily been brought back. The savings on the budgeted amount for diesel is \$62,836, gas \$3,942 and heating oil \$51,792. The unemployment savings is 50% or \$84,000 - \$86,000. Dr. Robinson said the teachers are at zero with no step increase; their insurance contribution has increased also. Mr. Tait provided information on final calculations of additional savings on the town side (Att. G). First Selectman Llodra suggested having a joint meeting with the Pension Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

Mr. Gaston moved to reduce line item 01426-0000, NW Public Safety Communications by \$511. Mr. Waterbury seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gaston moved to reduce line item 01360-0003 Lake Zoar Authority by \$9,525. Mr. Gersten seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gaston moved to reduce 01870-2018 Utilities by \$100,000. Mr. Gersten seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gaston moved to reduce 01580-2002 Interest by \$112,902. Mr. Kearney seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gaston moved to reduce 01500-2016 Equipment Fuel by \$4,000. Mr. Kearney seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gaston moved to reduce 01650-2018 Electricity by \$15,500. Mr. Kearney seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gaston moved to reduce 01650-2017 Building Heat by \$1,725. Mr. Kearney seconded. All in

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favor.

The bottom line reduction to the town side totaled \$244,163.

Mr. Gaston moved to authorize the Town Financial Director to make any necessary accounting changes. Mr. Gersten seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Kortze noted that Mr. Tait reported a total savings in excess of \$1,000,000 from refunding and upgrades. Mr. Tait noted in regards to revenue that last year the LoCIP grant fund was added to the general fund. The State Road Fund is in the grant fund and is used for roads, salt, plowing, anything to do with roads. This could be in the general fund to offset revenues; it would take some flexibility away from the Public Works Director.

Mr. Gersten moved to reduce the Selectmen budget by \$250,000; the allocation to be decided by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Portnoy seconded. Mr. Gersten appreciates the job the Selectmen did trimming the budget but thinks both budgets need to be reduced further. First Selectman Llodra accepted the finance boards wisdom on a budget that needs to be sent to the taxpayers and passed on the first try. Very hard choices will need to be made to find revenue or savings. The budget reflects 10% for self funding insurance, the combination of school and town is an 8.1% increase overall. An additional \$250,000 reduction to the town side budget will be \$192,000 less than the current approved budget. Mr. Gaston is hesitant appropriating a reduction without cutting line items because that is the responsibility of the Board of Finance. He believes the budget is fine as reduced and adjusted and would be opposed to reducing it anymore. MOTION FAILED 4-2 (NO: Kearney, Waterbury, Gaston, Kortze) (YES: Gersten, Portnoy).

Mr. Kortze asked the for the boards thoughts:

Mr. Portnoy debates the correlation between property values and the schools during the current recession. He also debates the idea that increasing per pupil spending will increase test scores saying it has been proven to be untrue, spending has increased but test scores have remained the same. This is a tough financial environment, a lot people are losing their jobs or taking pay cuts. He would like to make cuts and keep taxes flat.

Mr. Waterbury was surprised to see the Superintendent come in with a 5% increase especially when revenue is so uncertain. He was disappointed the Board of Education only decreased it to 4.87%. He doesn't believe the school system is bringing the property values down, it's because people can't buy and sell a house. Taxes cannot be increased over \$5,000,000, there has to be some cuts; it goes along with the economy.

Mr. Gaston calculated a potential savings \$726,000 for the Board of Education on insurance, electricity and the excess cost grant. It is difficult to define what the voters will do. He would like to invest in a plan to be one, two or three in the DRG with respect to the CMT's and SAT's. He agrees there is a correlation between economic wealth of a community and test standards but we are thirteen, fourteen and fifteen in test scores out of nineteen, economically we are four; that is a problem. He believes financial backing is needed to take up the challenge and would like the Superintendent and the Board of Education to make good on the policy. It sets an objective goal. Raise the standard with sports, band, school plays, science fairs, math championship to put us on track to being on the top portion of the DRG. There is a plan for fire trucks, bridges, Fairfield Hills and police cars. It makes sense to plan for education with an objective goal of four to five years. If there is no success at the end of the process there is accountability. This is a challenge for students, parents and Newtowners. He would leave the \$700,000 in the budget if the Superintendent is willing to accept the challenge and see if the voters would support this.

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Mr. Kearney commended the town and the school board for the outstanding efforts in the presentations and the quality of information received. He is proud to serve with finance board members because they search for ways to do their job with the least impact. He believes numbers will continue to decline saying housing starts are nil, there is a lack of home sales, there are foreclosures and the rate of unemployment should be considered. Improvements have been made in terms of capacity with the building of the Reed School and the high school addition. There should be a capacity study to address the declining enrollments without loss of quality. Don't skate to where the puck is, skate to where the puck is going to be. We need to plan to where the enrollments are going to be not to where they are. If that philosophy was followed the high school expansion would've been done years ago. The economy created a five year reverse bubble we will be dealing with. He thinks it is important to do a capacity study now in order to have significant savings in the future. He calculated a commodity driven savings of \$1.3 million. He believes there has to be further cuts.

Mr. Gersten agrees there needs to be a plan. It is not reasonable or fair to bring an 8% increase to the town, it will be defeated and that would be destructive to the efforts of maintaining a bond rating that saves money for the town. Both budgets have legitimate needs; unfortunately the cost of those needs exceed the capacity of what the tax payers tell us at this time. Identified potential savings are non service related. Last years cut resulted in very little adverse impact, the school board was able to maintain services at substantially the same level; we have to ask them to do the same thing this year. There should be a way to consolidate students, reduce the use of some of the facilities or reduce the teachers.

Mr. Kortze said this is the worst year yet. He commended First Selectman Llodra saying she's already swallowed an \$800,000 reduction. He commended the Board of Education for the unprecedented amount of information received during the budget process. He agrees we need a plan but said that type of planning resides with the Board of Education not the Board of Finance. The loss of revenue is a big problem, it would be foolish to think it won't happen again and it has to be addressed. Even with the sizable reductions the budget there will still be a sizable increase from the prior year, on a relative basis and there is less revenue. Issues in schools need focus, such as the number of EA's and teachers and their distribution. There is a situation in the schools where there is no quality of distribution of services or a reasonable allocation of services. A reasonable budget needs to be presented to the town. The First Selectman addressed the shortage of revenue this year, when you add up what she's done already this year plus what's being added, there is a proportionality to what's being done.

Mr. Portnoy expressed confusion saying the teachers haven't taken a salary increase this year, enrollments are down and yet salaries and benefits are up \$3.2 million. The Board of Education is asking for \$3.2 million more but are saying they are decreasing services. We have to take a hard look at capacity. Three years from now there can be three grades in the Reed School, there is a capacity of 1100 students there. There can be a K-3 elementary school and close one of the elementary schools.

Mr. Gaston said the plan proposed in respect to being in the top three of the DRG was prompted by the Superintendent. The Board of Finance's role would be to effectuate the plan. He noted the birthrate increase of 2007. Mr. Portnoy said the increase in birthrates was from underprivileged, immigrants and Hispanic populations in the United States.

Mr. Gerston moved to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$2.5 million. Mr. Portnoy seconded.

Mr. Gaston moved to amend the motion by decreasing the Board of Education budget by zero.
There was no second to the amendment. Motion failed.

Mr. Gaston said \$2.5 million is a devastating number and doesn't understand where it will come out of. Mr. Gersten said that the Board of Education would make the allocation, understanding there are two categories to cut, labor and facilities, unless the school board and the Superintendent find new and creative ways, like they did last year. They are the experts. Mr. Gaston said if the money comes from labor it would equate to twenty teachers. Mr. Gersten said that the town will not accept a \$5,000,000 tax increase.

Mr. Kearny moved to amend the motion by decreasing the Board of Education by \$2.3 million. Mr. Gaston seconded. Mr. Portnoy said that last year it was said that there would be staff reductions if there were cuts and there were no staff reductions. Cuts could come from staff reductions, redistricting or facility management. He could support either number. Motion failed 5-1, NO 5 (Gersten, Waterbury, Portnoy, Gaston, Kortze), YES 1 (Kearney).

The motion to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$2.5 million passed 4-2 by a roll call vote. YES 4 (Gersten, Portnoy, Waterbury, Kortze), NO 2 (Gaston, Kearney).

Mr. Gersten moved the bottom line of the Board of Education budget in the amount \$66,994,734. Mr. Portnoy seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gersten moved the Town of Newtown 2010-2011 budget in the amount of \$104,453,615. Mr. Waterbury seconded. All in favor. Mr. Tait reported this represents a 3.00% mil rate increase.

Mr. Gersten moved the Council to consider any issue involving the pension, town aid roads, additional revenue and additional insurance savings in their deliberations. Mr. Gaston seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Gaston moved the bottom line of the Selectmen budget in the amount of \$37,458,881. Mr. Gersten seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion & possible action on:

Transfer: Mr. Gaston moved the \$80,000 transfer from 01500-4064 Contractual Overlays to 01510-2032 Salt for \$40,000 and to 01500-3050 Repairs for \$40,000. Mr. Gersten seconded. All in favor

ANNOUNCEMENTS: none noted

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, the Board of Finance adjourned their regular meeting at 9:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan Marcinek, Clerk

Att. A: Bob Merola handouts

Att. B: Karen Pierce (ETH BOM) memo

Att. C: police staffing

Att. D: CCM fees

Att. E: Revenue Budget Summary

Att. F: Board of Education Budget Analysis

Att. G: Selectmen Budget Adjustments

Att. H: Debt Service Savings

NHS enrollment analysis [[as of February 2010 - RAM]]

Report Date	SY 04-05	SY 05-06	SY 06-07	SY 07-08	SY 08-09	SY 09-10	SY 10-11	SY 11-12	SY 12-13	SY 13-14	SY 14-15	SY 15-16	SY 16-17	SY 17-18
BOTHWELL [1]														
Dec '03 Mid	1625	1680	1740	1797	1815	1912	1935	1973	2026					
Dec '03 High	1641	1707	1781	1851	1883	2003	2042	2099	2173					
Nov '04 Mid	1622	1666	1717	1765	1793	1881	1886	1920	1946	1933				
Nov '04 High	1622	1684	1745	1805	1848	1950	1968	2019	2066	2071				
Dec '05 Mid	1688	1727	1775	1775	1784	1854	1848	1900	1920	1921	1989			
Dec '05 High	1688	1747	1809	1809	1831	1914	1918	1986	2024	2041	2137	2152		
Nov '06 Mid		1715	1722	1722	1753	1829	1829	1871	1887	1856	1903	1854	1809	
Nov '06 High		1715	1747	1747	1794	1884	1893	1944	1973	1952	2022	1991	1963	
Dec '07 Mid				1719	1712	1794	1790	1829	1854	1806	1862	1819	1792	1851
Dec '07 High				1719	1738	1834	1842	1891	1927	1886	1959	1931	1924	2010
PROWDA [2]														
Oct '04		1660	1703	1744	1763	1848	1842	1861	1876	1851	1888			
Oct '05			1732	1781	1794	1862	1859	1907	1925	1917	1982	1975		
Nov '07					1717	1784	1773	1806	1831	1782	1840	1796	1768	1773
ACTUALS [3]														
Fall start	1622	1688	1716	1723	1704	1730								
June end	1586	1639	1674	1682	1662									
Delta	-36	-49	-42	-41	-42									
Nov '06 Projection vs. Actual fall start Delta				-24	-90	-154								

* NHS student population as of 3/31/2008 = 1688
 ** NHS student population as of 2/27/2009 = 1679
 *** NHS student population as of 4/30/2009 = 1665

[1] BOTHWELL source; Enrollment Projection Update for the Newtown Public Schools; Bothwell Consulting, Kent Lakes, New York
 [2] PROWDA source; Newtown Public School Enrollment Projection; Peter M. Prowda, PhD.
 [3] ACTUALS source; Newtown School District; Superintendent's office

Newtown Housing [1] (New Home Permits - single family) [[as of March 2010 - RAM]]

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2003	7	9	8	19	14	19	16	10	8	8	5	5	128
2004	6	4	15	6	9	4	9	6	6	8	5	3	81
2005	3	3	8	4	8	7	7	6	9	5	4	1	65
2006	3	2	3	9	2	2	2	1	3	5	1	3	36
2007	2	2	4	5	6	3	3	5	3	0	0	0	33
2008	0	2	4	1	2	2	2	3	4	0	0	0	20
2009	2	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	9
2010	0	0											0
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[1] Newtown Housing source: Newtown Building Department documentation

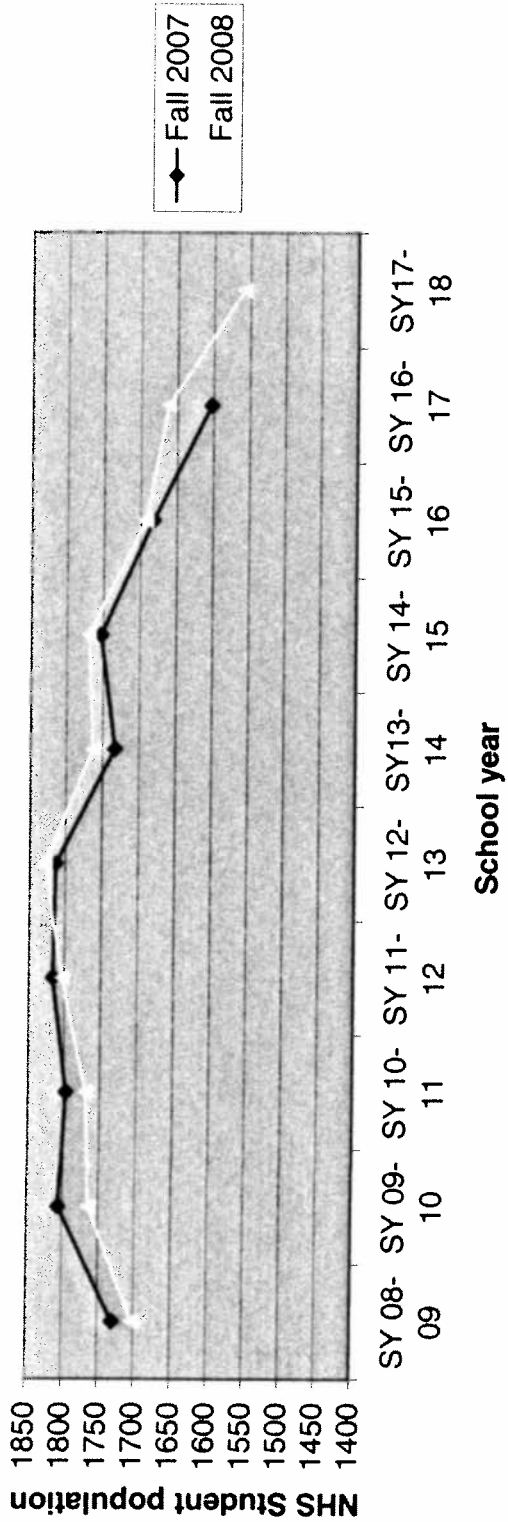
Newtown Pipeline [[as of Feb 2009 - RAM]]

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Grade 9	431	499	422	464	428	419	442	393	349	
Grade 10	445	431	499	422	464	428	419	442	393	
Grade 11	431	445	431	499	422	464	428	419	442	
Grade 12	423	431	445	431	499	422	464	428	419	
	1730	1806	1797	1816	1813	1733	1753	1682	1603	
* Using Fall 2007 start student population pipeline										
	SY 08-09	SY 09-10	SY 10-11	SY 11-12	SY 12-13	SY 13-14	SY 14-15	SY 15-16	SY 16-17	SY 17-18
Grade 9	408	492	433	471	432	427	440	393	402	323
Grade 10	437	408	492	433	471	432	427	440	393	402
Grade 11	427	437	408	492	433	471	432	427	440	393
Grade 12	431	427	437	408	492	433	471	432	427	440
	1703	1764	1770	1804	1828	1763	1770	1692	1662	1558
* Using Fall 2008 start student population pipeline [[UNOFFICIAL]]										

ACTUALS [3] 1704 is official Fall 2008 start number Oct 1st for SY 08-09

ACTUALS [3] source: Newtown School District; Superintendent's budget proposal presentation

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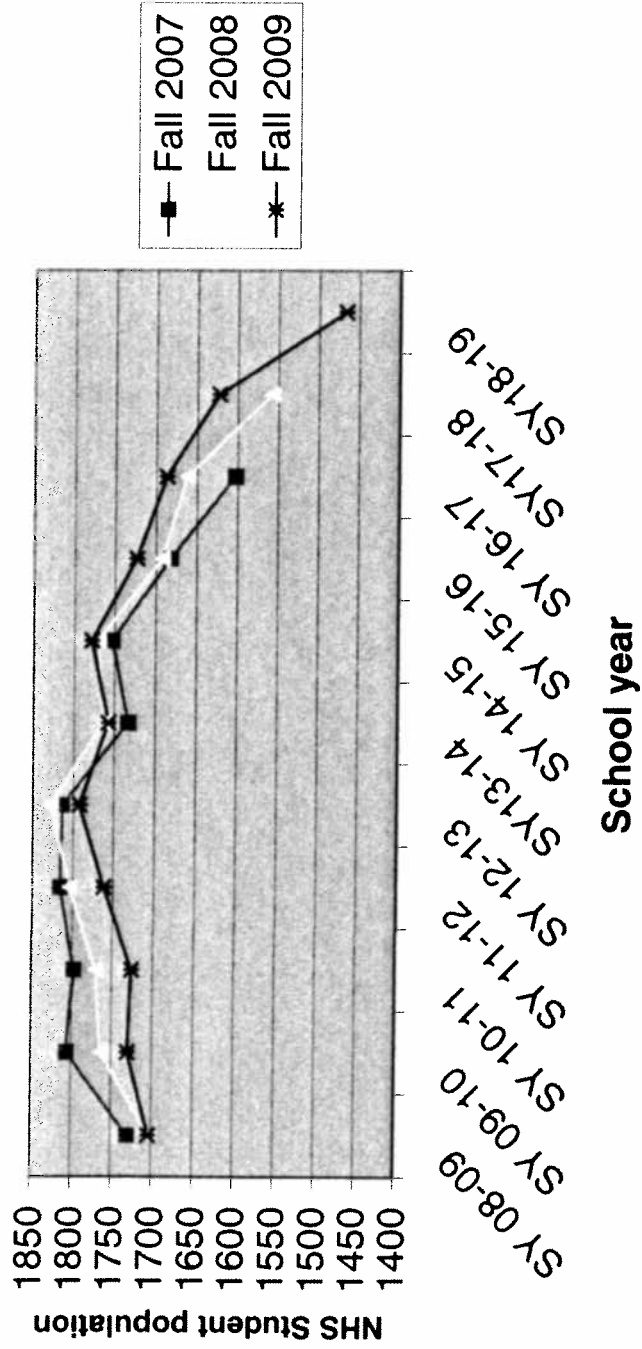
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Grade 9	410	464	428	468	432	429	449	413	396	365	292
Grade 10	438	403	464	428	468	432	429	449	413	396	365
Grade 11	426	432	402	464	428	468	432	429	449	413	396
Grade 12	430	431	432	402	464	428	468	432	429	449	413

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 * Using Fall 2009 (Oct 1st) start student population pipeline [[OFFICIAL]]

Newtown Pipeline



To: Newtown Board of Finance
Copy: BOM, BOS and LC
RE: Questions regarding BOM 2010-2011 budget, and personal reflection

March 5, 2010

Gentlemen:

Please accept my apologies for my inability to answer all questions posed by Mr. Gaston, as a member of the Board of Finance, at the meeting held March 4, 2010. Know that I have forwarded your request for information regarding utilities and hours worked by part time staff to our chair and co-chair, whose service on the BOM exceeds my three months.

I would like to offer my reflections on the process that might support more direct responses to your questions in the future.

- Notification of meeting date and, when possible, questions related to specific line items in the budget, should be given as far in advance of meeting as possible to offer the board or committee member the opportunity to research and report accurate representations of budgetary needs. I was contacted mid-afternoon on the day of the meeting by the First Selectwoman's office, who apologized for the late notice and request.
- ETH offices have been approved for occupancy by the BOM for several groups. As I was not aware if the groups in question had received notification of their confirmation I did not feel at liberty to discuss them at a public meeting.
- Focus of the discussion as related to budget and plans also included a discussion of the Ad Hoc committee that has been formed to facilitate discussion regarding the designation of ETH as a Cultural Arts Center.
 - Mr. Gaston, serving as Borough Burgess and Chair of the Ad Hoc committee is aware of my support of this committee.
 - As a member of the Ad Hoc Committee I recognize that the dialogue has focused on plans and direction with little discussion regarding the financial aspects of plan implementation.
 - The committee is comprised of incredible individuals willing to donate their expertise, time, and talent.
 - We need to enlist individuals, businesses and corporations willing to invest financially so that visions can become realized.
 - I have researched grant and other monies for historical restoration, all of which call for proof of existing monies to be expended with reimbursement upon project completion.
- The BOM has needed to focus our attention to immediate structural concerns related to asbestos and lead contamination detected throughout the building as identified by OSHA and confirmed by a survey completed this past Wednesday, the full results of which will be available in 2-3 weeks. Once this information is in hand we will have a more thorough understanding of specific areas in ETH in need of abatement and the extent and related cost.

Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated, especially in this period of economic challenge.

Respectfully,

Karen Carey Pierce, ETH BOM

1. Invested costs for two (2) police officers:	<u>Costs</u>
1. Officer #1 hired: July 2008 starting salary of	\$45,000
Attended Police Academy: five (5) months	
Field Training Period (Upon graduation): Four (4) months	
Probation Officer: Until December 2009	
Uniform costs: \$6,000	
Field Training Officers costs (F.T.O): Twenty (20) weeks of training	\$10,600
2. Officer # 2 hired: December 2008- starting salary of	\$45,000
Attended Police Academy: five (5) months	
Field Training Period (Upon graduation): Four (4) months	
Probation Officer: Until May 2010	
Uniform costs: \$6,000	
Field Training Officers (F.T.O.) costs:	\$10,600
Recruitment fees, and other medical and mandatory testing for 2 officers	<u>\$1,500</u>
	Total: \$112,700
2. Savings due to layoffs as of July 1st, 2010:	Total: \$98,490
3. Costs to re-hire two probationary (2) officers on July 1st, 2011 or at some future date:	
• Hire rate:	\$96,184
• Recruitment, background and other mandatory testing:	\$1,500
• Uniforms:	\$12,000
• Field Training:	<u>\$21,200</u>
	Total: \$130,884

The testing/hiring phase normally takes approximately 4- 6 months to complete before the candidate(s) is eligible to be hired. Hiring is contingent upon there being open seats available at the Connecticut Police Academy.

Estimated time from when an officer is hired before he/she can operate independently in the town of Newtown is approx. nine (9) months.

Each officer having already been certified through the Police Academy would be very attractive to any other municipality looking to hire an officer. There would be significant cost saving benefits including a shorter durational (in-house only) training period if the officer was hired by another agency in Connecticut.

Municipal Services Fee (Dues) 2009-2010 , 2010-2011**A. Members**

1	Andover	1,876	41	Easton	4,390
2	Ansonia	12,466	42	Ellington	8,033
3	Ashford	2,677	43	Enfield	31,829
4	Avon	9,602	44	Essex	4,077
5	Barkhamsted	2,324	45	Fairfield	36,727
6	Beacon Falls	3,536	46	Farmington	14,199
7	Berlin	11,803	47	Franklin	1,039
8	Bethany	3,240	48	Glastonbury	19,508
9	Bethel	11,920	49	Goshen	1,691
10	Bethlehem	2,242	50	Granby	6,589
11	Bloomfield	13,722	51	Greenwich	39,973
12	Bolton	3,175	52	Griswold	7,039
13	Bozrah	1,566	53	Groton	29,772
14	Branford	18,543	54	Guilford	13,581
15	Bridgeport	86,798	55	Haddam	4,765
16	Bristol	41,479	56	Hamden	35,303
17	Brookfield	10,022	57	Hampton	1,043
18	Brooklyn	4,606	58	Hartford	83,910
19	Burlington	5,130	59	Hartland	1,281
20	Canterbury	3,091	60	Harwinton	3,524
21	Chaplin	1,467	61	Hebron	5,220
22	Cheshire	17,722	62	Kent	2,053
23	Chester	2,494	63	Killingly	10,670
24	Clinton	8,654	64	Killingworth	3,607
25	Colchester	8,567	65	Lebanon	4,262
26	Colebrook	1,032	66	Ledyard	10,117
27	Columbia	3,214	67	Lisbon	2,596
28	Coventry	7,256	68	Lyme	1,326
29	Cromwell	8,402	69	Madison	10,931
30	Danbury	46,994	70	Manchester	34,774
31	Darien	12,719	71	Mansfield	14,371
32	Deep River	2,958	72	Marlborough	3,798
33	Durham	4,252	73	Meriden	40,138
34	East Granby	2,992	74	Middlebury	4,224
35	East Haddam	4,956	75	Middlefield	2,703
36	East Hampton	7,434	76	Middletown	30,394
37	East Hartford	34,218	77	Milford	34,526
38	East Lyme	10,798	78	Monroe	11,934
39	East Windsor	6,965	79	Montville	11,555
40	Eastford	1,035	80	Naugatuck	20,487

Municipal Services Fee (Dues) 2009-2010 , 2010-2011**A. Members**

81	New Britain	49,317	121	Thompson	5,931
82	New Canaan	12,398	122	Tolland	8,107
83	New Hartford	4,074	123	Torrington	22,837
84	New Haven	79,461	124	Trumbull	22,589
85	New London	19,118	125	Vernon	20,443
86	New Milford	17,021	126	Voluntown	1,527
87	Newtown	15,103	127	Washington	2,812
88	Norfolk	1,435	128	Waterbury	69,188
89	North Haven	15,152	129	Waterford	12,725
90	North Stonington	3,287	130	West Hartford	40,640
91	Norwalk	53,165	131	West Haven	35,802
92	Norwich	25,327	132	Westbrook	3,887
93	Old Lyme	4,502	133	Weston	6,139
94	Old Saybrook	6,785	134	Westport	17,534
95	Orange	8,888	135	Wilton	11,400
96	Plainfield	9,608	136	Winchester	7,620
97	Plainville	11,951	137	Windham	14,546
98	Portland	5,839	138	Windsor	18,795
99	Preston	3,329	139	Windsor Locks	8,609
100	Prospect	5,417	140	Woodbridge	5,522
101	Putnam	6,100	141	Woodbury	5,784
102	Redding	5,453			
103	Ridgefield	14,722			2,010,866
104	Roxbury	1,327			
105	Salem	2,387			
106	Salisbury	2,741			
107	Scotland	1,034			
108	Shelton	24,478			
109	Simsbury	15,725			
110	Somers	6,626			
111	South Windsor	15,495			
112	Southbury	10,852			
113	Southington	26,480			
114	Sprague	2,012			
115	Stamford	70,227			
116	Sterling	1,861			
117	Stonington	11,913			
118	Stratford	33,278			
119	Suffield	7,789			
120	Thomaston	4,846			

Municipal Services Fee (Dues) 2009-2010 , 2010-2011

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY

FUNCTION / DEPARTMENT / ACCOUNT	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2009-2010	2009-2010	2010-2011	DIFFERENCE B - A
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	ESTIMATED ACTUAL	BUDGET	
PROPERTY TAXES							
002 0060 COLLECT - CURRENT YR TAXES	83,451,806	88,262,931	89,231,927	89,231,927	89,231,927	94,637,032	5,405,105
002 0061 COLLECT - PRIOR YEAR TAXES	648,047	558,513	625,000	625,000	625,000	450,000	(175,000)
002 0091 INTEREST AND LIEN FEES	426,531	436,777	400,000	400,000	400,000	425,000	25,000
002 0092 MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	709,442	739,384	700,000	425,000	425,000	500,000	75,000
002 0106 TELECOMM. PROPERTY TAX	173,764	143,976	149,000	149,000	149,000	149,000	-
Total Property Taxes	85,409,591	90,141,581	91,105,927	90,830,927	90,830,927	96,161,032	5,330,105
INTERGOVERNMENTAL							
002 0094 ELD. TAX RELIEF - CIRCUIT BR.	115,302	118,019	118,000	118,000	118,000	122,290	4,290
002 0095 IN LIEU OF TAX-ST OWNED PROP	1,050,821	1,087,935	967,031	967,031	968,667	907,197	(59,834)
002 0097 VETERANS ADD'L EXEM	10,939	10,162	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,450	450
002 0098 TOTALLY DISABLED	1,658	1,369	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,757	257
002 0099 IN LIEU OF BOAT TAXES	8,988	8,988	8,000	8,000	8,000	-	(8,000)
002 0105 MANUFACTUR - MACHIN/EQUIP	232,643	277,239	300,000	263,553	263,553	242,996	(20,557)
002 0109 MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT	1,195,914	1,252,314	925,834	664,802	664,802	618,289	(46,513)
002 0155 CT SCHOOL BUILDING GRANTS	1,036,261	994,454	938,447	938,447	938,447	863,512	(74,935)
002 0115 POLICE HOLIDAY DUI PROGRAM	39,958	39,974	-	-	-	-	-
002 0131 E - 911 GRANT	-	-	40,000	40,000	40,000	-	(40,000)
002 0133 MISCELLANEOUS STATE GRANTS	48,325	15,464	-	-	-	-	-
002 0135 LOCIP GRANTS	-	-	200,000	200,000	204,146	201,170	1,170
003 0146 EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT	4,175,709	4,387,367	4,309,646	4,309,646	4,309,646	4,309,646	-
003 0147 PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORT	143,695	155,521	163,008	163,008	164,234	130,045	(32,963)
003 0148 NON-PUB SCHOOL TRANSPORT	14,046	16,983	18,201	18,201	21,715	15,625	(2,576)
003 0152 HEALTH SERVICES - ST. ROSE	11,975	11,839	10,500	10,500	10,500	11,500	1,000
003 0153 SERVICES FOR THE BLIND	25,900	3,496	22,500	22,500	22,500	3,500	(19,000)
003 0170 EXCESS REV FOR SP ED TUITION	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Intergovernmental	8,112,133	8,381,124	8,032,667	7,735,188	7,745,710	7,437,977	(297,211)

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

REVENUE BUDGET SUMMARY

FUNCTION / DEPARTMENT / ACCOUNT	2007-2008		2008-2009		2009-2010		2009-2010		2010-2011		DIFFERENCE
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES											
002 0102 SENIOR CTR MEMBER FEES	-	10,000	3,684	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
002 0110 TOWN CLERK CONVEYANCE	571,579	315,000	345,845	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000	315,000	325,000	325,000	10,000
002 0111 TOWN CLERK - OTHER	223,595	175,000	219,367	175,000	175,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	230,000	230,000	(20,000)
002 0116 POLICE PRIVATE DUTY	272,336	-	228,849	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
002 0124 POLICE RECRUITMENT	1,750	1,500	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	-	-	-	-
002 0121 PARKS AND RECREATION	220,420	220,000	178,646	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000	220,000	-
003 0154 TUITION	19,995	13,600	15,977	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	13,600	16,000	16,000	2,400
003 0160 SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEES	162,276	125,000	98,101	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	123,106	123,106	(1,894)
002 0112 BUILDING	426,375	400,000	340,612	400,000	400,000	400,000	300,000	300,000	400,000	400,000	-
002 0103 PERMIT FEES	5,000	5,000	1,675	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
002 0123 LANDFILL PERMITS	402,784	400,000	385,949	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	-
002 0118 LAND USE	130,955	100,000	110,052	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	75,000	75,000	(25,000)
Total Charges for Services	2,437,064	1,765,100	1,928,758	1,838,600	1,738,600	1,838,600	1,738,600	1,738,600	1,804,106	1,804,106	(34,494)
INVESTMENT INCOME											
002 0100 INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	1,588,558	700,000	712,430	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	-
OTHER REVENUES											
002 0120 POLICE MISC REVENUE	13,458	10,000	2,960	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	30,000	30,000	27,000
002 0122 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	291,705	100,000	64,448	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
003 0158 MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE BOE	2,866	3,000	28,063	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	1,500	1,500	(1,500)
Total Other Revenues	308,029	113,000	95,471	106,000	106,000	106,000	106,000	106,000	131,500	131,500	25,500
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES											
002 490 TRANSFER IN	5,000,000	-	303,824	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
002 0275 APPROPRIATION OF FUND BAL.	-	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Total Other Financing Sources	5,000,000	2,000,000	303,824	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	102,855,375	101,563,187	103,716,694	102,910,715	100,821,237	106,934,615	106,934,615	106,934,615	4,023,900	4,023,900	-

BUDGET ANALYSIS
2009-10

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Projection 11/2009</u>	<u>Projection 1/2010</u>
Transportation - Special Ed	836,556	994,279	944,388
Tuition - Special Ed	805,842	1,167,901	1,155,027
Educational Trainers - Special Ed	359,908	460,985	455,413
Educational Assistants - Special Ed	886,161	908,573	945,563
Professional Services - Speech/Hearing	-0-	560	66,951
Total	<u>\$2,888,467</u>	<u>\$3,532,298</u>	<u>\$3,567,342</u>
	Deficit	(\$678,875)	
Excess Cost Grant	\$1,260,786	\$1,592,634	\$1,937,068
	Increase	\$676,282	
Deficit	(\$678,875)		
Increase	<u>\$676,282</u>		
Shortfall	(\$2,593)		

Note: As of 2/2010, projected expenditures will increase the shortfall to (\$103,440)

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOF ADJUSTMENTS
8-Mar-10

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>BOS</u>		<u>ADJUSTMENT</u>	<u>BOF</u>		<u>COMMENT</u>
	<u>AMOUNT</u>			<u>AMOUNT</u>		
01426-0000 NW PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATION	10,294		(511)	9,783		ANNUAL ASSESSMENT REDUCED TO LESSEN FINANCIAL BURDEN
01360-0003 LAKE ZOAR AUTHORITY	34,930		(9,525)	25,405		REVISED BUDGET SUBMITTED AFTER BOS PROCESS
01870-2018 UTILITIES	111,515		(100,000)	11,515		MAIN ELECTRIC METER TO CAMPUS NO LONGER OPERATING
01580-2002 INTEREST	2,706,969		(112,902)	2,594,067		INTEREST ESTIMATED AT 3.65% ACTUAL IS 3.18% (AFTER BOS)
01500-2016 EQUIPMENT FUEL	400,000		(4,000)	396,000		SAVINGS FROM NEW FUEL RATES
01650-2018 ELECTRICITY	155,600		(15,500)	140,100		EXPECTED SAVINGS FROM NEW ELECTRIC GENERATION RATES
01650-2017 BUILDING HEAT	119,200		(1,725)	117,475		SAVINGS FROM NEW FUEL RATES
			<u>(244,163)</u>			

BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET:

2009-2010 ADOPTED BUDGET	37,401,766
2009-2010 AMENDED BUDGET	36,595,787
2010-2011 BOS	37,703,044
BOF ADJUSTMENTS	(244,163)
2010-2011 BOF	37,458,881
	INCR OVER ADOPTED = 0.15%; INCR OVER AMENDED = 2.36%
	INCR OVER ADOPTED = 0.81%; INCR OVER AMENDED = 3.03%

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS**

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>SAVINGS FROM REFUNDING</u>		
	<u>SERIES A</u>	<u>SERIES B</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2009 - 2010	105,421.36	245,017.51	350,438.87
2010 - 2011	288,968.76	253,348.76	542,317.52
2011 - 2012	283,268.76	254,948.76	538,217.52
			<u>1,430,973.91</u>

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>SAVINGS FROM RATING INCREASE & BID</u>	
2010 - 2011	112,902.00 *	<u>112,902.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u><u>1,543,875.91</u></u>
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* Savings equals the difference between the estimated first years interest and the actual interest (after bond sale).