

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2013  
NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT**

**PRESENT:** George Ferguson, Lisa Romano, Joe Girgasky, Paul Lundquist, Robert Merola, Ryan Knapp, Neil Chaudhary, Mary Ann Jacob, Anthony Filiato, Phil Carroll, Dan Honan, Dan Amaral

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, Selectman James Gaston, Board of Education members Debbie Leidlein, Laura Roche, Kathy Hamilton, Michelle Ku, John Vouros, and David Freedman, Board of Finance members John Kortze, Joseph Kearney, James Filan, Harry Waterbury, John Godin, and Michael Portnoy, Superintendent John Reed, Finance Director Bob Tait, Land Use Director George Benson, Attorney David Grogins, Attorney Monte Frank, 28 members of the public, 4 Press

Ms. Jacob called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY FOR AN ACCESS ROAD TO SANDY HOOK SCHOOL.**

Ms. Jacob said at last Legislative Council meeting Mrs. Llodra reported that the negotiations for the property at 12 Riverside Rd had stalled. In order to have a public discussion and to give Mrs. Llodra direction, a meeting had to be noticed to include all aspects of the discussion. It is the purpose of the agenda to have a public discussion before decision is made, including all parties involved.

Mrs. Llodra said the Task force decided on May 10 to rebuild on the current sight and there was interest in developing a new access road. There was action taken to secure urban act grant to begin pre-work which includes property appraisals, legislative act and referendum to secure 50 million for the school. On September 19, the town offered \$380,000 for purchase of property. Offer was based on appraisals by state guidelines which will reimburse up to the higher of two appraisals. Town secured three appraisals.

Director of Land Use, Mr. Benson, said state asked for independent appraisals. Town assessment included with report. \$380,000 was highest appraisal.

Mrs. Llodra said on October 4, a follow-up inquiry sent to owner's attorney for response on offer. October 15, town received rejection of offer, stating taxes on the property are on a higher appraised value. Owners would still be interested at a fair selling price.

Mr. Grogins said he had three phone calls with attorney Kukk regarding why the offer was rejected, which is summarized in a letter on November 1. One reason is the Town values the property at slightly higher number, \$401,000. Town assessment would not be considered independent as required by state. Second reason, in 2007, town valued the property at 1.3 million. The owners complained about the valuation. The town assessor determined the value was wrong and it was corrected to \$243,000 for the house and \$99,000 for the lot. Attorney Kukk counter offered \$898,000 as a fair price. On November 5, Attorney Grogin's sent a letter offering \$500,000 for the property.

Mrs. Llodra said she believed \$500,000 was a fair and right offer, pending approval by town boards.

Attorney Grogins said he receive a rejection of the offer on November 25. He phoned Attorney Kukk and asked for a number less than \$889,000 that would be acceptable. No response received.

Mrs. Llodra said she hopes to keep the conversation alive, but to precede further she needs guidance from the Council and Board of Finance.

*Attachment A: Timeline, Letters, Appraisals, Site Map*

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

Sue Oberstadt, 12 Riverside Rd. said she was not prepared to discuss appraisals. She gave a history of her family, she is a lifetime resident of Sandy Hook. Parents purchased property in 1945. Was one of the first students to attend Sandy Hook School, and 3 children and 2 grandchildren attended SHS. Mr. Oberstadt was an Owner/Operator for over 33 years. She did not approach town offering to sell property. Received a message from Land Use Director he wanted to speak to them, saying the town might be interested in purchasing property. This is a big decision. At May 10<sup>th</sup> Task Force meeting presentation of school plan showed their property gone. She met with Mrs. Llodra who advised them get an attorney. No one ever told them they could not say no. Did not get appraisals until end of August, but were signed in June. Received written offer contingent upon municipal approval and being able to purchase 10 Riverside Rd., who said no. Then received letter to take offer or it would be withdrawn and Dickenson Dr. would be used, which they refused. On December 10 received a letter saying this is not a threat, but town will discuss eminent domain. On December 12 bee article reported meeting to discuss options including eminent domain. Feels they were treated badly.

Karyn Holden, 68 Berkshire Rd., parent of SHS student, attended task force meetings and is member of School Based Advisory Committee. During discussions of the school, she spoke against eminent domain. Doesn't want to cause hurt or pain to anyone else. Eminent Domain is wrong. There is a plan to repurpose Dickenson Dr. Let's choose that plan.

Jon Jagush, 45 Lakeview Terr., is a 35 year resident. Taking a home by eminent domain is not the way to react. Eminent domain is by need. Dickenson Dr. can be used, so property is not needed. Redesign current driveway. Let's react in a way that benefit's everyone in community.

Liam Heller, 16 Diamond Dr., all levels of government have been taking away our rights and freedoms. Eminent Domain is wrong. There has to stop being victims of the shooting. Ask the SHS school family if they agree to take property. How long will they be at the school verses the people who live in the home?

Bob Sonntag, 104 Lakeview Terr., reiterated it is morally wrong to take property.

Paul Lukienchuk, 25 Dayton St., you cannot enforce eminent domain, it is totally wrong.

**DISCUSSION:** Mr. Merola would like to understand the impact from a design point of view for the 2 different entrances, in terms of placement of school, restriction of parking, etc.

Ms. Jacob explained the responsibility of the council if to fully vet the options regarding the driveway including, 12 Riverside Rd., eminent domain, asking the taxpayers for additional money.

Mr. Benson said the design of school there is no difference between the 2 driveway options. There is more room coming in from 12 Riverside. Security was an issue, 2 entrances would have better sight. He said they approached Oberstadt's because they were informed they were interested in selling. We didn't go out looking to take property.

Mrs. Llodra said Pat informations during discussion at design meetings is that parking will be somewhat constrained.

Mr. Knapp said the scope of the design is more than the building, it will impact the parking and lot.

Mr. Merola asked if it is fair to assume to best options is 12 Riverside Rd.

Mr. Benson said for safety it is better to have 2 entrances into the school for emergencies.

Ms. Romano expressed concern regarding the entrance at 12 Riverside with the curve and hill.

Mr. Benson said work will need to be done on the road and is included in the design.

Ms. Romano asked if any other prop owners asked if they were interested in selling.

Ms. Jacob said there are no other adjacent properties.

Mr. Benson said they did not ask people to sell their property. They approached Oberstadts because they were informed there was a willingness to sell.

Mrs. Llodra said traffic discussions identified the cuing of buses and cars would not be on Riverside, the driveway would be long.

Ms. Romano asked if cars and buses do still have to turn on Riverside Rd. Mrs. Llodra said that is correct.

Mr. Knapp asked where we are in the design phase. Mr. Benson said we are in the feasibility stage. Exact engineering drawings are not done. We are not committed.

Mr. Lundquist recalls in task force discussions, 12 Riverside was emotional benefit. There is a benefit to a 2<sup>nd</sup> entryway, but not extremely important to the design. Mr. Benson agreed. Mr. Lundquist said we still have options, what is the emotional cost of using Dickenson verses 12 Riverside. What path do we want to go down and at what cost.

Mr. Ferguson said eminent domain was ruled out for SAC field and Crestwood. He doesn't desire to use eminent domain and to proceed accordingly. Asked do we want to go back to the taxpayer? Town has made a fair offer. The 2 sides are apart and we need to move forward. It

is not justified going to taxpayers. He feels we need to redesign and use the existing driveway.

Mr. Filiato asked if there is a state requirement for second driveway. Mr. Benson said there is not.

Mr. Chaudhary believes the ideal solution is not go back to taxpayer and to reach an agreement with property owners. Only way this make sense is with the appraisals. Asked what errors are in appraisals and if appraisals included that property is in a commercial zone. Mr. Benson said he cannot speak to that because he is not an appraiser. Property was appraised for best use, which is residential, but is in the Sandy Hook design district.

Ms. Romano asked if the property could be used commercially. Mr. Benson doesn't believe there would be much use for it. Sand and gravel cannot be removed because it is the aquifer protection zone. The lots would need to be assessed together for commercial use. An appraisal cannot be done based on possible future commercial use. There is minimal potential for commercial use as it would very expensive to develop with the traffic sight lines. Same sight work if used as entrance to SHS.

Mr. Merola asked for an idea of the cost to pursue eminent domain. Attorney Frank said process would be to update appraisals, take the average and deposit sum with the court. The owners would be served and then a 35 day waiting period for certificate of taking.

Mr. Ferguson asked for an estimate of the cost. Mr. Frank said likely not to exceed \$25,000.

Mr. Filiato asked if the work on Riverside would come out of 50 million for the school. Mrs. Llodra said yes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Chaudhary motioned to go into executive session to discuss the property acquisition. Motion second by Mr. Honan. The council entered executive session at 8:35, inviting members of the Board of Ed, Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen, Attorney's Grogins and Frank, and Mr. Benson.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** The council returned to public session at 9:05

Ms. Jacob asked each member of the Council and Board of Finance their position on eminent domain.

Mr. Carroll said eminent domain already discussed during process in the spring. He was never in favor of taking property.

Mr. Honan said we should use Dickenson Dr.

Mr. Filiato said eminent domain is legal but does not want to pursue it.

Mr. Amaral thinks eminent domain is not right. Would like a meeting of the minds, can they negotiate further. The \$889,000 is too high. Use Dickenson Dr. option.

Mr. Chaudhary said assuming assessments are accurate, offering 31-32% above appraisal is reasonable. He does not object to further negotiations, but not far above market value. He does not want to consider eminent domain.

Mr. Knapp is sympathetic to people who don't want to drive down Dickenson. A new access would be wonderful, but he is not in support of eminent domain. No further negotiations.

Mr. Merola does not want to consider eminent domain. The \$889,000 is too high. There has been no movement from that number. Riverside is right decision long term if agreement can be reached and would support further negotiations.

Mr. Lundquist is against eminent domain. Would like to negotiate further, but current price is out of ballpark. Without significant movement, go to Dickenson Dr. Have to be fair to taxpayers also.

Mr. Girgasky said we have imperfect choices. He does not support eminent domain. Offer of \$889,000 is inflated. Appraisals are fair, and our current offer is very generous. Would support further negotiations, and we need to seriously look at using Dickenson Dr.

Ms. Romano said these are two emotional issues. We have to be practical. We must have kids back to school on schedule. She doesn't think driveway at 12 Riverside is a good solution because it is too close to Sandy Hook intersection and will be a problem long term. Redesign of Dickenson Dr., with input from community, would be part of healing process. Does not support further negotiations or eminent domain.

Mr. Ferguson does not support eminent domain or going to taxpayers. Start redesigning Dickenson tomorrow.

Mr. Godin does not support eminent domain or paying \$889,000. He supports using Dickenson Dr.

Mr. Waterbury remembers during task force meetings that eminent domain was a no-no. He believed the Oberstadt's were willing to sell. Since that has changed, we should use Dickenson Dr. and fully explain to the public.

Mr. Kearney is against eminent domain in this case. He encouraged process of last best final offer, with a quick time limit.

Ms. Jacob said this is difficult discussion. Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when they thought Oberstadt property was an option, but if they don't want to move they have the right. She is against eminent domain. She is in favor of negotiating within a short time without extra money from taxpayers. Ms. Jacob suggested asking Mrs. Llodra to come to the January 8 with a final decision including the re-design of Dickenson or having secured an agreement with the Oberstadt's.

Mr. Merola would like more details on impact of using Dickenson, regarding parking, school grounds, etc. If negotiable, 12 Riverside would be best, but it is up to the Oberstadt's.

Mrs. Llodra recapped what she is to do and is happy to hear everyone is in agreement eminent domain is not an option. Opinions regarding further negotiations are mixed. Direction from chair is to return on January 8 with: 1. the best price for 12 Riverside if there is movement, 2. further details on enhancements to Dickenson Dr. and 3. the impact to the sight using Dickenson. Ms. Jacob stated we are not authorized to spend any more money. Anything

above the \$380,000 would require approval from the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Legislative Council.

Mr. Kortze said it is an excellent characterization. He would add clearly there is a sum of money in the plan for 12 Riverside for the entrance. If not using that option, the money could be used to re-configure Dickenson. He would like to understand the dynamic of that.

Mrs. Llodra additionally will take the cost of using 12 Riverside and compare it to the cost of using Dickenson and if there are enough funds to do it. Mr. Kortze wants to know with the entrance at Dickenson can the money designated for 12 Riverside be used to create something more amiable.

The council took a break from 9:25 to 9:30.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Chaudhary motioned to accept the minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting and the December 9<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting with the following changes for December 9<sup>th</sup>:

1. Mary Ann Jacob opened the meeting at 7:00pm.
2. Mr. Chaudhary motioned to enter executive session.
3. Second by Mr. Ferguson.
4. Attorney Monte Frank was invited to the executive session.

Motion seconded by Phil Carroll. Approved.

#### **DISCUSSION OF 2014-2015 BUDGET:**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Mrs. Leidlein and Dr. Reed presented draft estimates of Major Contractual/Fixed Costs and Efficiencies & Other Reductions for the Board of Education. Contract increases range from 1-2%. Medical is a 4% increase. Insurance a 3% increase. In district transportation increase of \$150,000. Special Ed transportation increase of \$52,000. Technology increase for replacement of instructional computers required for testing. Areas still in development are new Superintendent, out of district tuition, Security personnel, fuel which has not been bid and nurses contracts to be negotiated this year. Reductions: Hawley switching from oil to natural gas, charging tuition for non-special ed pre-school students, unfilled positions, estimated turnover, energy management, and reductions for reduced positions. *Attachment B: Board of Education Talking Points*

Dr. Reed stated the superintendent is responsible to recommend budget to Board of Ed. Has one month to go before recommending budget, so Board of Ed hasn't seen the budget. He expressed it would difficult to sustain financing of police officers at time and half. They are looking at other models in Enfield and North Branford, using retired Police Officers. Feedback from visitation team has been positive. Requires immense amount of co-operation between PD and BOE. Both sides would want to be involved in the hiring. Security should be looked at independently from the budget, supplements needed so as not to compete with books, sports

etc. Work with staff intelligently to maximize grants. Believes the SERV grant will be approved. Received 3.25 million for security and secured 1 million more working with staff and vendors. Good news for town surplus fund, received insurance refund and grant money. Need to show relation between declining enrollment and the budget. Would like a mutual agreement on budget while balancing the needs of the town and school system. Energy containment initial savings will go into paying for equipment. It is a savings in capital expenditures. When paid off, you will see significant dollars coming back in energy savings.

Ms. Jacob stated feedback from Charter Revision Commission said in towns that are successful in passing budgets, is when there is collaboration. Goal is to pass budget first time.

Dr. Reed doesn't remember having 4 or 5 referendums when he was superintendent. He understands what needs to be done to build collaboration. This has been an atypical year b/c of shooting. Decision made not to fill 6 positions this year; we are serious about managing the budget.

Ms. Romano asked how Dr. Reed knows non special ed students will pay tuition. Dr. Reed said all school districts charge. It will be fairly priced.

Mr. Knapp stated voters vote on one number. Asked what is the goal? Dr. Reed said start with understanding what the needs are, how many staff can be reduced. We are still getting information in. The more intelligent the budget can be and meet the needs of students while demonstrating we are good shepherds of tax dollars is his goal. Budget will be conservative and modest.

Mr. Amaral hopes to see a zero increase. He would like explanations in budget book for increases and decreases. Dr. Reed will do that.

Ms. Hamilton asked if the line item teacher's/staff salaries is based on current staff. Dr. Reed said yes. Staff reductions are still in development. Ms. Hamilton asked if estimated turnover is assuming people leave and less costly staff is hired. Dr. Reed said that is correct. There are no incentives to retire early.

Ms. Jacob asked if there will be a retirement package offered. Dr. Reed said the Board makes that decision but he thinks it is problematic, and it encourages good people to leave. He doesn't think we should pay people who were going to retire.

Mr. Ferguson suggested the title "major contractual/fixed costs" should read "major contractual obligations". Dr. Reed calls it "known costs drivers".

Ms. Jacob asked if Dr. Reed is currently looking at a 1.2 million increase over last year. Dr. Reed said this is not the whole story. He doesn't see anything impacting it to be higher, and is looking to be creative with security. If security is going to be in BOE budget, he hopes it is supplemented some way.

Ms. Romano asked of the council decides where security costs go. Why is transportation going up? Dr. Reed said transportation is increasing according to All Stars contract at 3%. Ms. Jacob said the council does not have line item authority over BOE budget. Dr. Reed and Mrs. Llodra will make recommendation regarding security and Board of Finance will make a recommendation.

**FIRST SELECTMAN:** Mrs. Llodra stated her report is organized in similar fashion to the Board of Ed with paralleling topics. Major contractual/fixed costs for 2014-15 budget: Wages & Salaries average a 1.75% increase, medical a 4% increase, pension increase of 18%, and insurance a 3% increase. Debt service will increase 2.8%. Total is a 1.9% increase. Efficiencies and reductions to help reduce increases are: unfilled open positions in dispatch and maintenance, one time donation, and adjustment in capital non-recurring for a total of \$287,000. Municipal services increase is 0.6%; with debt service brings it to a 1.2% increase. There are no new positions. Two open positions will not be filled. One is in dispatch and we are looking at regionalizing dispatch for better service and efficiency. A maintenance position will not be filled. Looking to do maintenance more efficiently and will engage in a collaborative study with Board of Ed. A number of positions have not been filled over the last several years. Mrs. Llodra does not want to reduce services. There are no new programs or initiatives, except for personnel for school safety. No increase in budget regarding roads. Two million needed a year but have only funded 1 million a year while costs are increasing. We are fixing drainage before fixing roads which delays process but preserves roads longer. Mrs. Llodra presented a document has breakdown of debt service. *Attachment C*

Ms. Romano asked Mrs. Llodra if she is articulating all the services needed. Why not put them in the budget for taxpayers to decide if they want the services. Mrs. Llodra said the pressure on the taxpayer is substantial right now.

Mr. Amaral asked how the tech department coming along? Mrs. Llodra said Scott Sharlow took a position elsewhere as did the GIS person. IT department working with outside company and had contract with them to help keep the department running until new person is hired. We can afford contract by using money from existing salary line. Delay in filling position will pay for outsourcing.



Ms. Romano asked if mapping be regionalized. Mrs. Llodra said it would not be to our advantage because we are more sophisticated than surrounding towns. We have partnerships with towns that are at our level.

**BOARD OF FINANCE:** Mr. Kortze read a prepared on behalf of Board of Finance:

On behalf of the Board of Finance I would like to thank the various boards for coming together and enabling an opportunity to discuss the upcoming budget for the Town of Newtown. This is a practice we have advocated for and encourage all boards to adopt this as an annual practice. I had listed and agenda item for our last meeting providing for a dialogue on the upcoming budget, but due to the length of the executive session prior and the items on our agenda that required action, we were unable to have that dialogue. In the absence, I have spoken to each member individually and on behalf of the Board of Finance and in an effort to facilitate the purpose of this section of the meeting, I would offer the following observations and recommendations:

1. We would respectfully request that the BOS and BOE present a comprehensive plan for security for the district in the upcoming budget. Last year the BOF was tasked with recommending an allocation for security not knowing exactly what the future would hold. We've had a year to explore and discuss the various options and would expect that a specific and collective recommendation would be forthcoming and is certainly expected by the public.
2. We would request the BOE and BOS operating budget be presented separate from the security needs and that a complete understanding of those security actions and expenses taken be outlined. We would also expect an illustration on the various funding sources and that the plan moving forward be itemized as well. Given the sensitivity of the topic and should an executive session be necessary to discuss the details, please let me know and we will plan accordingly.
3. The BOF has held on our agenda for the better part of two years and have written to the BOE chair a number of times, a request to explore Ct Senate Bill 376, Public Act 10-108 Section 32. This act outlines and legalizes the process of allowing the collaboration of the BOF and BOE to set up a non-lapsing account to deposit unexpended funds from a particular year and hold them over into the next year. The concept of saving for particular expenses year over year and adopting a "pay as you go" approach to budgeting should be explored by the BOE and implemented. The municipal side of the budget has adopted this practice and has proven very beneficial to funding and planning for larger expenses. The BOF long standing request is to have a dialogue so that we understand what and how this would work best for the BOE, and in turn Newtown, and have held off from implementing such a practice due to the absence of that input. This would allow the BOE to establish a contingency fund and plan for certain expenses.
4. We would also encourage the BOE to discuss and collaborate with the other boards regarding the consolidation of non-educational services that exists in both the Town and district operations. The newly passed public act 13-60 which became effective 10/1/13 requires the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen to make recommendations to the

BOE regarding how the BOE can consolidate non educational services to realize financial efficiencies. The BOS and BOE have already embarked on that process and we look forward to and expect additional recommendations from the Boards. We are also looking forward to having that discussion.

5. Last April and in light of the initial failed referendum, I wrote to the BOE chair and requested a meeting to discuss the concern I had expressed regarding the failed referendum and the need to have a public dialogue regarding increasing costs and decreasing enrollment. The council chair at the time responded and concurred. That meeting did not materialize and the reason expressed was that the district was not ready or did not want to do an enrollment study at that time. To be clear, an enrollment study was not requested at that time and it is our belief that an enrollment isn't necessary to recognize the trend. Instead, the concern regarding the need to educate the voter, in an open and public fashion, with the goal of educating them as to the reasons for the additional funding needs with the backdrop of declining enrollment was the focus of the request. More importantly, it would have been an opportunity for the BOE to articulate the reasons for the need or the plan to address the trend. As a result, we would request an illustration of the current enrollment in the district as well as the available classrooms by grade. We believe the data will speak for itself and will guide us in our recommendations to the council. Our request to have that dialogue publicly with all the town boards remains. The BOF has expressed the concern of the trend on enrollment for a number of years.
6. We would request an understanding from the BOS and BOE as to the timeline and cost for a municipal space needs study to include the schools as well as the timeline for an enrollment study in the upcoming budget.
7. We expect to quickly refer to the council, a framework of possibilities and ideas surrounding the concept of possible additional senior tax relief. We will act in our advisory role to the council and note that any action on this issue would require an ordinance and remains wholly in the council's purview. We encourage the council, with haste, to take the appropriate steps to vet all the possible options and consider whether or not additional tax relief for seniors is appropriate.
8. Lastly and on behalf of the Board of Finance, we recommend that the BOS and BOE present a budget for the 2014-2015 budget year that represents a flat or zero increase from the previous year. There are a multitude of reasons for this request to include the enrollment trend and the recent reveal to name a few. We believe that we, as elected officials, have an opportunity to demonstrate to the public that we are addressing the various trends and issues in town.

In conclusion, it has long been our belief that we are all better off as a community if we collectively discuss our challenges in an open and public fashion. We also believe that the need to more openly discuss the various trends in the town, specifically the issue of declining enrollment, will be an important focus of the BOF and the town as a whole going forward. The data has illustrated a trend more dramatic than anticipated, progressed well beyond a political discussion and we should not be afraid to discuss it openly. Postponing the dialogue cannot continue.

We welcome the BOS and BOE's input on how best to proceed.

Ms. Jacob asked if Mr. Kortze was recommending a 0% tax increase or 0% budget increase.

Mr. Kortze stated the Board of Finance has a clear understanding of what has gone on in town recently and they are not naïve to think there aren't various pressures and other pieces of the puzzle. So their recommendation is to present a flat budget to town. He believes it deserves more dialogue because he thinks if we are going to kid ourselves that somehow we can come up with a flat budget increase by adding revenue, i.e. from the surplus, that the real issue the taxpayers have is the spending increases, not the budget additions and the revenue to offset the increases.

Dr. Reed thinks a dialogue is necessary with superintendent of schools. The superintendent is the employee and that is his job. Dr. Reed has concerns about combining some positions/departments, what are they bringing with it. He is not sure if it would produce savings. He doesn't want these services to compete with resources they already have and are trying to make due. We have replaced half the administrative staff and it takes a year to develop consistencies. New superintendent needs time to become grounded. Enrollment study is a BOE goal as is space study. Complexities of BOF goals are challenging and time consuming. Will send everyone a recently completed coherency plan that tries to spell out everything we have on the table, what is in the pipeline, what commitments have we made as a complex organization; it is very impressive and intimidating. Dr. Reed is sensitive to generating a lot of expectations without a discussion of the complexities of it.

Mr. Kortze said he relishes and looks forward to the dialogue on behalf of the Board of Finance and would be happy to give Dr. Reed copies of the multiple requests they have made. He understands that it is complicated.

Dr. Reed asked why go back in history, it is a changed district. The Board of Finance needs to dialogue with superintendent.

Mrs. Llodra said to develop collaboration between town and school is very complex. It is incremental and we have made great gains. Not everything will be a negative bump to the bottom line. We are pursuing models of greater efficiencies. We have not perfected the big change which is the financial software, but there is an efficiency and access to information that is very good. Currently working on second step, the human resources module. Have now added maintenance to the plate. May not save on costs, but would be more efficient. We will keep moving in that direction.

Ms. Jacob asked Dr. Reed about a group of citizens he has been working with to educate about the budget. Dr. Reed said he spoke with seniors at Liberty. He hopes to do weekly videos on

the budget process in January, February and March to communicate directly with people. He understands you to earn credibility. He understands issues with seniors.

Ms. Jacob believes they have to present something the voters will approve.

Dr. Reed said in this town credibility has to be earned and he is putting his credibility behind decisions the BOE makes.

Ms. Romano is concerned with a 0% increase and is more concerned about the outcomes, and thinks it is unrealistic to expect you can continue to squeeze the meaningful areas and still get good outcomes. She feels Dr. Reed needs to talk more about outcomes in the budget process. She thinks the zero % is an arbitrary public relations statement and would like to talk more about outcomes we are seeking.

Dr. Reed reiterated we are still going through a unique set of circumstances in this town and must be acknowledged in peoples thinking. He doesn't know how that translates to money. Eighty % of things you can do to make improve a school system don't cost anything; it's called making better decisions. Will work toward most reasonable modest budget and minimize impact to taxpayers. Dr. Reed asked the boards if they will demand a 0% increase, to go on record. There will be no soft spots in budget, what will be presented will be hard numbers. He will try and meet the expectations of the Board of Finance.

Mrs. Llodra stated she appreciated Ms. Jacobs's courage to call together the group to have a difficult discussion and moderated very well. It shows strong leadership.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** No report but Ms. Jacob handed out committee assignments. She stated she did her best to honor requests. Some adjustments were made so committees were even. Ms. Jacob will moderate first meeting of each committee, when they will elect chair.

*Attachment D: Committee Assignments*

Mr. Knapp asked Mrs. Llodra about a committee of council members to work on sewer project, but she thinks it will be better to have the water sewer authority group address the full council.

**FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:** Mrs. Llodra reports the crisis part of the DOJ grant, 1.5 million, was signed and awarded on Tuesday. It is a reimbursement cost. She is finalizing the consequence grant that cover issues moving forward, i.e. mental health issues, further school hardening. Hoping for funding to come in February.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Ms. Jacob presented the amended calendar to include location and time. Motion by Mr. Ferguson to approve amended calendar. Second by Mr. Filiato. Approved.  
*Attachment E: Amended Calendar*

**VOTER PARTICIPATION: NONE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Jacob said discussion on CIP will be on January 8, 2014 agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carey Schierloh, Clerk

Attachment A: Timeline, Letters, Appraisals, Site Map for 12 Riverside Rd.

Attachment B: Board of Education Talking Points

Attachment C: Board of Selectmen Talking Points

Attachment D: Committee Assignments

Attachment E: Amended Calendar

*These are draft minutes and as such are subject to correction by the Legislative Council at the next regular meeting. All corrections will be determined in minutes of the meeting at which they were corrected.*

## TIMELINE FOR 12 RIVERSIDE ROAD

1. September 19, 2013:  
Offer to Oberstadt through his attorney Erik Kukk in the amount of \$380,000.
2. October 4, 2013:  
Request to Erik Kukk to provide a response to Town's September 19, 2013 offer.
3. October 15, 2013:  
Letter from Erik Kukk rejecting Town's offer of \$380,000.
4. October 18, 2013, October 23, 2013 & November 4, 2013:  
Telephone discussions between Attorney David Grogins and Erik Kukk as to why his client rejected offer. Kukk stated that in 2007 the Revaluation Contractor had valued the property at approximately \$1,300,000. Attorney Grogins checked with the Assessor, Chris Kelsey, and was told that the Oberstadts complained to the Revaluation Contractor that a mistake had been made and it was corrected administratively to \$243,090 for the parcel upon which the house sits and \$99,590 for the second parcel.
5. November 1, 2013:  
Letter from Attorney Kukk re Oberstadt counteroffer of \$898,000.
6. November 5, 2013:  
Attorney Grogins wrote another letter to Attorney Kukk increasing Town's original offer to \$500,000.
7. November 25, 2013:  
Attorney Kukk wrote letter to Attorney Grogins rejecting \$500,000 offer.
8. December 5, 2013:  
Telephone call from Attorney Grogins to Attorney Kukk asking for their final sale price. As of today, no response.



PLEASE REPLY TO DANBURY

September 19, 2013

HERBERT L. COHEN  
(1928-1983)

AUSTIN K. WOLF  
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Eric Kukk, Esq.  
30 Merwin Brook Road  
Brookfield, CT 06804

Re: 12 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook/George Oberstadt

Dear Eric

Pursuant to our phone conversation, the Town of Newtown is hereby offering to purchase from your client, George Oberstadt, the house and additional lot located at 12 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook (Newtown), Connecticut for the amounts set forth below:

1. House (Map 40 Block 5 Lot 1)	\$285,000.00
2. Lot (Assessors Lot 1 Riverside Road)	<u>\$ 95,000.00</u>
Total	\$380,000.00

This offer is contingent upon the Town obtaining all required municipal approvals, including funding from the State of Connecticut. As I have previously indicated to you, the Town is limited in the amount it can pay for property in connection with the new Sandy Hook elementary school by the grant from the State of Connecticut to the highest of two independent appraisals. That number is \$380,000.00 as set forth above. This offer is further contingent upon the Town being able to acquire 10 Riverside Road.

This offer shall not be binding upon the parties hereto unless the parties enter into a formal contract for the subject property on or before October 15, 2013.

Very truly yours,

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George Benson, Director  
Planning and Land Use

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN Land Use Agency

Property to be purchased for a new entrance to Sandy Hook School

The following are the appraisals submitted for the [REDACTED] properties located at 12 Riverside Road, the front lot with the house and the vacant rear lot.

### 12 Riverside

Attorney: Erik Kukk

	Beecher	Seman	Harkins	Town
House Lot	195,000	285,000	230,000	294,000
Vacant Lot	65,000	95,000	90,000	107,120
<b>Total</b>	<b>260,000</b>	<b>380,000</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>401,000</b>

### 10 Riverside

Attorney: Tim Holian

The following are the appraisals submitted for the Apex Glass, [REDACTED], property located at 10 Riverside Road, the lot currently has a commercial building.

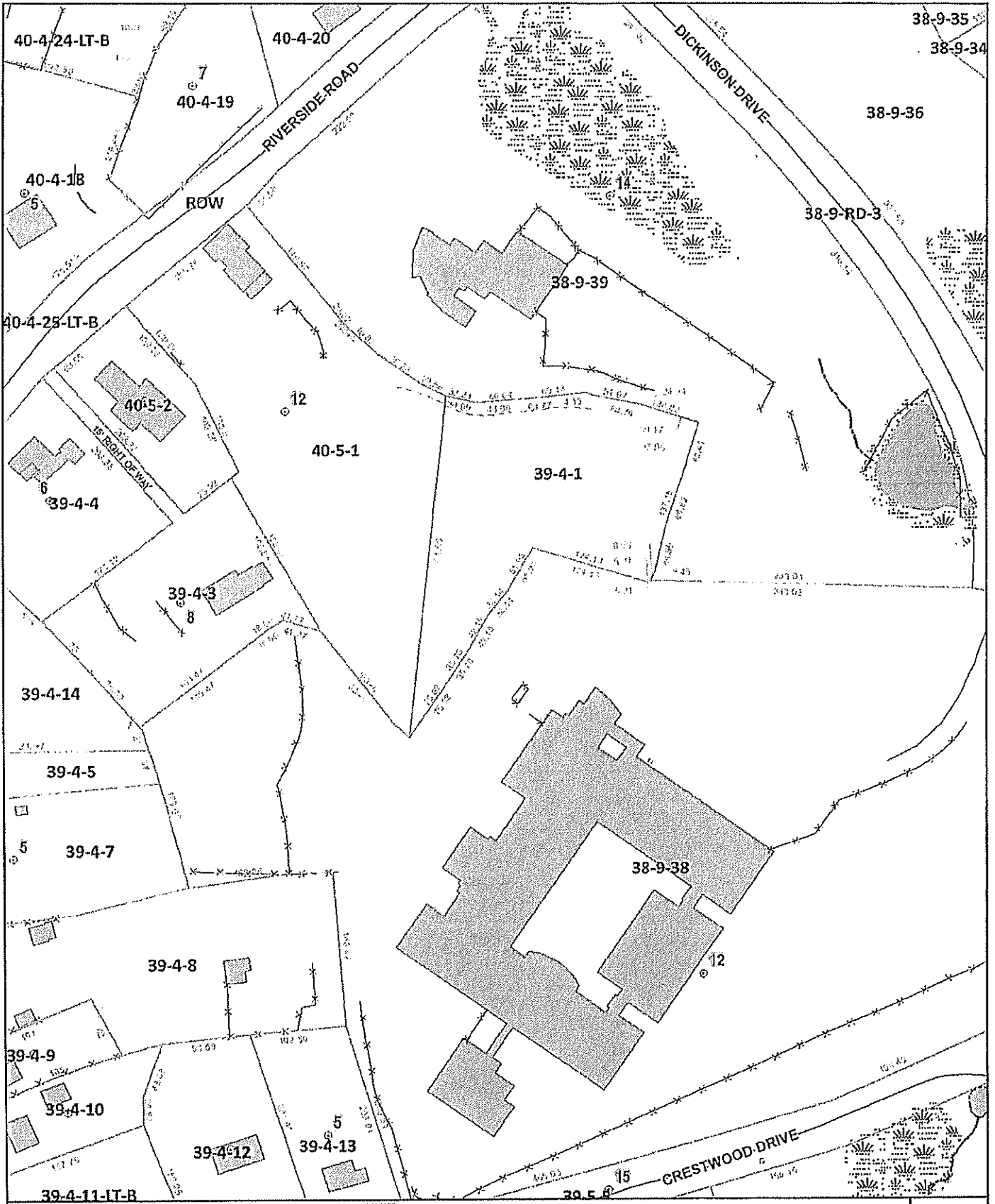
	Kerin&Fazio	Andrews and Gavin	Arnold Grant	Town
Comm. Lot	330,000	225,000	300,000	335,560



12 Riverside Road - House

Owner: Oberstadt, Susan

GL Year	Assessment	
2012	\$ 206,050.00	Revaluation year
2011	\$ 243,090.00	
2010	\$ 243,090.00	
2009	\$ 243,090.00	
2008	\$ 243,090.00	
2007	\$ 243,090.00	
2006	\$ 230,960.00	Revaluation year
2005	\$ 230,960.00	
2004	\$ 230,960.00	
2003	\$ 230,960.00	
2002	\$ 230,960.00	Revaluation year
2001	\$ 140,290.00	
2000	\$ 140,290.00	
1999	\$ 140,290.00	
1998	\$ 140,290.00	
1997	\$ 140,290.00	Revaluation year



TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CT  
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Re: 12 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook/George Oberstadt

Dear Eric:

I have spoken with the First Selectman, and the Town's original offer for your client's property must stand. Assuming that the referendum passes on Saturday, October 5, 2013, the Town will have only a very short period to decide whether to continue to pursue the new accessway to the Riverside School property, or utilize the existing accessway on Dickinson Drive.

Therefore, unless I have an agreement with your client at the purchase price offered on or before October 28, 2013, the offer will be withdrawn and the Town will utilize Dickinson Drive.

Very truly yours,

  
David L. Grogins

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October 15, 2013

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**RE: 12 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook/Oberstadt**

Dear Attorney Grogins,

My office is in receipt of your letter dated October 4, 2013. I have reviewed the same with my clients and it is my clients' position to reject your offer of \$380,000.00. As you may already know, the Town of Newtown charges my clients property taxes on a higher appraised value than the Town's offer of \$380,000.00. Mrs. Oberstadt has resided at the property since 1945 and is a life-long resident of Newtown and had no plans to move from the town. Selling this house would be difficult and emotional for her and her husband but they would consider it for a fair selling price. The family hopes the best for the town and the new school.

Respectfully,

Erik Kukk  
Attorney at Law



**Kukk Law Office**  
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Erik Kukk, Esq.  
\*Admitted in CT & NY

November 1, 2013

Cohen and Wolf  
Attorney Grogins  
158 Deer Hill Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

**RE: 12 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook/Oberstadt**

Dear Attorney Grogins,

After thorough review of the records, possible uses for the property, past assessments and appraisals, zoning regulations, costs of relocating, and discussions with my clients, the following price would be acceptable to my clients for both 12 Riverside Road and the Vacant Lot : \$898,000.00.

As you already know, the private appraisers hired by the Town valued the property much lower than the current Town Assessments for property tax. Furthermore, the Town had the lots assessed at \$1,324,063.00 in 2008 (please see attached). The vacant lot was assessed for \$446,143.00 and the house and property at 12 Riverside Road was assessed for \$877,920.00. The reason for the \$1,324,063.00 amount was due to the commercial value of the property. Although commercial values have declined from 2008 , they have not dropped greater than 40%.

My clients are elderly and had no plans on moving from their life-long home as their grandchildren and children are nearby. They most likely will relocate out of State for a few different compelling reasons and will have additional costs to come back to see their family. It is our belief that \$898,000.00 is a more than fair price for reasons discussed and many more that were not.

Respectfully,

Erik Kukk  
Attorney at Law

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THIS IS NOT A BILL

RCUD SAT

1-26-08

Edmond Town Hall  
45 Main Street  
Newtown, CT 06470

Residential Letter  
Revaluation Notice of Assessment Change Issued Pursuant to C.G.S. 12-55

OBERSTADT SUSAN M  
12 RIVERSIDE ROAD  
SANDY HOO CT 06482

APPROXIMATED VALUE <sup>8</sup> 977920

Unique ID: 097R00468500

Issuance Date: 01-24-08

Location: 0012 RIVERSIDE ROAD

The Assessed value (as of October 1, 2007) for the above property is:

\$614,550

*166% increase*  
*15 amount on 70% or 100% value*

Do not multiply the new assessment by the current mill rate. We expect the mill rate to be reduced as a result of the revaluation.

The October 1, 2006 total (gross) assessment for the above listed property was: \$230,960

*from 2002 assessment*

House Design:	Bedrooms:	Full Baths:
Year Built:	Basement Finish:	Half Baths:
Type:	Stories:	Central Air:
Fireplace:	Basement Garage:	

If you do not agree with the 2007 Assessment for the above listed property, you may schedule an appointment for an informal hearing with the Revaluation Company by visiting their website: [www.totalvaluation.com](http://www.totalvaluation.com). If you experience difficulty scheduling an appointment online you may call 1-866-311-2026 only to schedule an appointment prior to December 21, 2007. If you have any questions that do not require a hearing please call Total Valuation at 1-800-895-7728.

Any supporting documentation pertaining to your appeal must be copied for a hearing official to retain for their records.

Please be patient as our phone lines may be busy due to all notices being mailed at the same time.

? Appointments will be scheduled from December 7, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

If a change is made or if no change is made, Total Valuation will mail a Notice of Change or a Notice of No Change no later than January 4, 2008. After receiving your notice, if you still believe that your new market value is not accurate, you may appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals pursuant to Section 12-111 C.G.S. That Board will meet in March 2008. In order to appeal, you must file a prescribed appeal form to the Assessor's Office by February 20, 2008. The prescribed form and instructions are available in the Assessor's Office or on the Town of Newtown's website, [www.newtown-ct.gov](http://www.newtown-ct.gov).

LAND 70% = 312,300 100% = 446,143

Respectfully, Total Valuation

1-28-08  
PENNY CALLED TOTAL VALUATION - House @ 70% 560,781 100% = 801116 2.16 acres?

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LAND

1-30-08



# Total Valuation Services, LLC

~~Assessed Value~~ 446,143

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<b>Address</b>	RIVERSIDE ROAD	<b>Map/Block/Lot</b>	39 4 1
<b>Primary Use</b>	Residential	<b>Acres</b>	1.21
<b>Unique ID</b>	00451300	<b>Zone</b>	SHDD

Assessed Value 7090

<b>Current Owner</b>	OBERSTADT GEORGE E 12 RIVERSIDE ROAD SANDY HOOK CT 06482	<b>Land</b>	<del>446,143</del>	312,300
		<b>Buildings</b>	0	
		<b>Outbuildings</b>	0	
		<b>Total</b>	446,143	312,300
		<b>Appraised Value</b>		

Sales History				
Previous Owner	Sale Date	Sale Price	Deed Type	Volume / Page

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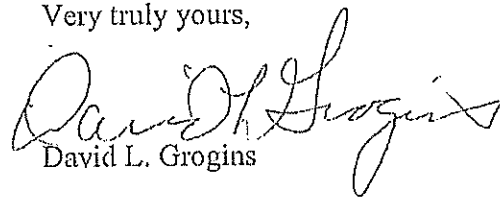
Dear Eric:

I have discussed your letter of November 4, 2013 concerning the Oberstadt property with First Selectman Pat Llodra. She understands that there is a significant personal and emotional component in the Oberstadts' reluctance to sell their property to the Town. However, the Oberstadt parcel is critical to the Town's desire to rebuild the Sandy Hook Elementary School in that it will allow access to the new school building, in a manner significantly different from the Dickinson Drive access which serviced the old Sandy Hook School. In doing so it too has an emotional component.

Therefore, she wanted me to make one final attempt to secure the Oberstadt property for the access to the new Sandy Hook Elementary School. In this regard, she has authorized me to increase the Town's offer from \$380,000.00 to \$500,000.00. This offer is made subject to the required local governmental approvals for the increased offer.

Please discuss this new offer with your clients and get back to me before you leave for our trip on November 13, 2013, as time is of the essence in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
David L. Grogins

DLG:pld  
cc: Patricia Llodra, First Selectman



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November 25, 2013

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**RE: 12 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook/Oberstadt**

Dear Attorney Grogins,

My office is in receipt of your letter dated November 5, 2013. I have reviewed the same with my clients and it is my clients' position to reject your final offer of \$500,000.00. They realize that this was the Town's highest and final offer so there will be no counter-offer in accordance with those instructions. At this late stage in their life, they would need to maximize the worth of their property in order to be financially safe. They will continue to support the Town in its recovery and wished that they were in a better position to do more.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E.K.' or similar initials, followed by a horizontal flourish.

Erik Kukk  
Attorney at Law

**Town of Newtown  
Board of Education Budget 2014-15 Talking Points  
12/18/2013**

	<b>DRAFT ESTIMATES</b>
<b>MAJOR CONTRACTUAL/FIXED COSTS:</b>	
TEACHER SALARIES	\$ 1,091,000.00
ADMINISTRATORS, CUSTODIANS, SECRETARIES, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS	\$ 160,000.00
MEDICAL BENEFITS (4%)	\$ 324,000.00
INSURANCE (W/C & G/L) (3%)	\$ 28,300.00
TRANSPORTATION (IN DISTRICT)	\$ 150,000.00
TRANSPORTATION (SPECIAL ED IN AND OUT OF DISTRICT)	\$ 52,000.00
TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT	\$ 120,000.00
AREAS STILL IN DEVELOPMENT:	
SUPERINTENDENT	
TUITION - OUT OF DISTRICT	
SECURITY - PERSONNEL & HARDWARE	
GASOLINE AND DIESEL: YET TO BID	
NURSES CONTRACT: TO BE NEGOTIATED	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,925,300.00
<b>EFFICIENCIES &amp; OTHER REDUCTIONS:</b>	
OIL TO NATURAL GAS (TWO-THIRDS) AT HAWLEY	\$ (20,000.00)
PRE-SCHOOL TUITION FOR NON-SPECIAL ED STUDENTS	\$ (50,000.00)
POSITIONS UNFILLED IN CURRENT OPERATING BUDGET	
CERTIFIED	\$ (240,000.00)
NON-CERTIFIED	\$ (30,000.00)
ESTIMATED TURNOVER	\$ (325,000.00)
ENERGY MANAGEMENT: CONTINUE PERFORMANCE REVIEW W/ TOWN	
REDUCTIONS MADE FOR REDUCED POSITIONS - IN DEVELOPMENT	
GRAND TOTAL	\$ (665,000.00)

*using tech to save on energy*

NOTE: AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE 2014-15 BOE BUDGET IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEPT REVIEW PROCESS

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET 2014-15 TALKING POINTS  
12/18/2013**

**CURRENT BOS (2013-14) BUDGET:**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	28,965,599	A
DEBT SERVICE	10,058,924	
TOTAL	39,024,523	B

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET 2014-15 TALKING POINTS:**

**MAJOR CONTRACTUAL/FIXED COSTS:**

BUDGET INCREASE

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES:**

WAGES & SALARIES (1.75%)	180,000		
FRINGE BENEFITS:			
MEDICAL (4%)	112,000		
PENSION (18%)	149,000		
INSURANCE (W/C & G/L) (3%)	30,000		
	471,000	/A	1.6%

**DEBT SERVICE (2.8%)**

284,000

**GRAND TOTAL**

755,000 /B 1.9%

**EFFICIENCIES & OTHER REDUCTIONS**

**EFFICIENCIES:**

**OPEN UNFILLED POSITIONS:**

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS	(30,000)
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	(57,000)

**OTHER:**

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO AGENCIES**

PRIVATE SCHOOLS	(150,000)
CAPITAL NON RECURRING	(50,000)

**GRAND TOTAL**

(287,000)

**NET MAJOR INCREASES / DECREASES:**

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:	184,000	/A	0.6%
TOTAL BOS	468,000	/B	1.2%

NOTE: AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE 2014-15 BOS BUDGET IS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DEPT REVIEW PROCESS

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET 2014-15 TALKING POINTS:**

- NO NEW POSITIONS
  
- TWO OPEN POSITIONS NOT BEING FILLED
  - EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS REGIONALIZATION
  - EFFICIENCY REVIEW OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE
  
- NO NEW PROGRAMS OR INITIATIVES
  - NO REDUCED SERVICES

TOWN OF NEWTOWN  
GENERAL FUND DEBT SERVICE BY DEPARTMENT - DETAIL  
FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

DEPARTMENT/PROJECT	BOND	2013-14
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>		
Animal Control Facility	2011	59,941
<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>		
Boggs Hill road culvert	2012	15,624
Road construction (1996/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	46,136
Old Mill Dam bridge replacement	2011	21,579
Sandy Hook Streetscape	2011	15,984
Sandy Hook Streetscape	2012	14,534
Sandy Hook water main extension	2011	35,965
		<u>149,822</u>
<u>FAIRFIELD HILLS AUTHORITY</u>		
Fairfield Hills campus (2005)	2012 REFUNDING	37,385
Fairfield Hills campus (2007 A)	2012 REFUNDING	130,645
Fairfield Hills campus (2007 B)	2012 REFUNDING	224,674
Fairfield Hills campus (2004)	2010 REFUNDING	57,978
Fairfield Hills campus (2005)	2010 REFUNDING	22,961
Fairfield Hills campus (2007 A)	2010 REFUNDING	53,492
Fairfield Hills campus (2007 B)	2010 REFUNDING	11,607
Parking lot lease refunding (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	15,720
Parking lot lease refunding	2010	276,598
Fairfield Hills campus (2004)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	246,862
Fairfield Hills campus (2005)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	151,434
Fairfield Hills campus (2007 A)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	355,403
Fairfield Hills campus (2007 B)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	262,000
Fairfield Hills campus (2002)	2009 REFUNDING	59,853
Fairfield Hills campus	2007 SERIES B	312,403
		<u>2,219,016</u>
<u>FIRE COMMISSION</u>		
Fire pumper truck (2007 A)	2012 REFUNDING	8,585
Fire pumper truck	2010	44,744
Fire trucks (2005)	2012 REFUNDING	4,237
Fire pumper truck (2004)	2010 REFUNDING	3,688
Fire pumper truck (2007 A)	2010 REFUNDING	3,515
Fire pumper truck (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	2,543
Fire trucks (2005)	2010 REFUNDING	2,602
Fire - Two way communication network (2004)	2010 REFUNDING	22,765
Fire pumper truck (2004)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	15,705
Fire pumper truck (2007 A)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	23,355
Fire trucks (2005)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	17,163
Fire - Two way communication network (2004)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	96,929
		<u>245,831</u>
<u>LIBRARY</u>		
Library (1996/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	104,855
Library renovations (2000/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	2,069
		<u>106,924</u>

LAND ACQUISITION/OPEN SPACE

Land acquisition (Queen street) (2000/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	34,952
Open space (2005)	2012 REFUNDING	49,847
Open space (2007 A)	2012 REFUNDING	37,327
Open space (2007 B)	2012 REFUNDING	74,642
Open space (2009)	2012 REFUNDING	79,991
Open space	2010	122,331
Open space (2005)	2010 REFUNDING	30,615
Open space (2007 A)	2010 REFUNDING	15,284
Open space (2007 B)	2010 REFUNDING	3,856
Open space (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	6,953
Open space	2009	166,690
Open space (2005)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	201,912
Open space (2007 A)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	101,544
Open space (2007 B)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	87,043
Open space	2007 SERIES B	103,788
		<hr/>
		1,116,774

PARKS & RECREATION

P & R baseball field lights (2009)	2012 REFUNDING	11,599
P & R Demo and recreation center design (2009)	2012 REFUNDING	39,995
P & R maint. facility roof - Town	2012 REFUNDING	16,498
P & R Tilson soccer field artificial turf (2009)	2012 REFUNDING	28,397
P & R Demolition and recreation center design	2011	33,967
P & R maint facility - Town	2011	13,986
P & R - Dickinson park infrastructure renovations	2010	50,438
P & R maint facility - Town	2010	14,237
P & R Tilson soccer field artificial turf	2010	814
P & R - Treadwell pool renovations	2010	32,948
P & R - Dickinson park infrastructure renovations (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	2,867
P & R maint facility (2010) - Town	2010 REFUNDING	809
P & R Tilson soccer field artificial turf (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	46
P & R - Treadwell pool renovations (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	1,873
P & R baseball field lights	2009	24,170
P & R Demolition and recreation center design	2009	83,345
P & R maint. facility roof - Town	2009	34,380
P & R Tilson soccer field artificial turf	2009	59,175
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		449,543

POLICE COMMISSION

Police radio enhancements	2010	40,188
Police radio enhancements (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	2,284
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		42,472

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

5/6 school (2000/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	30,338
Reed school	2011	5,595
5/6 school - design/construction (2001)	2009 REFUNDING	692,173
5/6 school - design/construction (2002)	2009 REFUNDING	598,527
Oil spill remediation - Reed school (2005)	2012 REFUNDING	12,462
Oil spill remediation - Reed school (2005)	2010 REFUNDING	7,654
Oil spill remediation - Reed school (2005)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	50,478
Hawley elementary school	2012 REFUNDING	116,962
Hawley school boiler replacement HVAC design	2012	13,444
Hawley school HVAC design (2004)	2010 REFUNDING	3,343
Hawley school HVAC design (2004)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	14,233
Head O'Meadow elementary school (2000/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	14,708
Head O'Meadow HVAC (2004)	2010 REFUNDING	50,659
Head O'Meadow HVAC (2004)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	215,698
High school additions & renovations	2010	488,114
High school additions & renovations	2011	799,215
High school additions & renovations	2012	726,690
High school additions & renovations (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	27,742
High school design	2007 SERIES B	142,709
High school design (2007 B)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	119,685
High school design (2007 B)	2010 REFUNDING	5,302
High school design (2007 B)	2012 REFUNDING	102,633
High school playing fields (2002)	2009 REFUNDING	11,222
High school renovations (2000/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	5,313
High school renovations (2004)	2009 REFUNDING SERIES B	19,631
High school renovations (2004)	2010 REFUNDING	4,611
High school (1996/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	691,539
High school modular classrooms	2010	72,996
High school modular classrooms (2010)	2010 REFUNDING	4,149
Middle school steam leak	2009	46,673
Middle school steam leak (2009)	2012 REFUNDING	22,397
Middle school roof	2011	120,282
Middle school roof	2012	87,203
P & R maint. facility roof - School	2009	34,380
P & R maint. facility roof - School	2012 REFUNDING	16,498
P & R maint facility - School	2010	14,237
P & R maint facility - School	2011	13,986
P & R maint facility (2010) - School	2010 REFUNDING	809
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		5,404,288

**WATER/SEWER AUTHORITY**

2003 Sewer	2003 SEWER	31,311
2006 Sewer	2006 SEWER	10,626
2007 Clean water fund loan	2007 CWF LOAN	274,846
Hawleyville sewerage system (2000/2004)	2012 REFUNDING	47,534
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		364,317

**GRAND TOTAL - FISCAL YEAR - DEBT SERVICE**

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**10,158,929**

**RECAP BY PURPOSE:**

General Purpose	4,390,323
Schools	5,404,288
Sewers	364,317
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	10,158,929

COMMITTEE Assignments 2014					
Finance/Administration	Ordinance	Education	Municipal Operations		
	Neil Chaudhary	Neil Chaudhary	Bob Merola		
	Phil Carroll	Bob Merola	Phil Carroll		
		Dan Honan	Dan Honan		
	Joe Girgasky		Joe Girgasky		
George Ferguson		George Ferguson			
	Lisa Romano		Lisa Romano		
Paul Lundquist		Paul Lundquist			
Dan Amaral			Dan Amaral		
Ryan Knapp	Ryan Knapp				
Mary Ann Jacob	Mary Ann Jacob				
Tony Filiato		Tony Filiato			



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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

### 2014 MEETING SCHEDULE

**All Meetings will be held in the Board Room in the Newtown Municipal Center,  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT at 7:30pm.**

Wednesday, January 8 (2 Consecutive weeks because of New Years Day)  
Wednesday, January 15

Wednesday, February 5  
Wednesday, February 19

Wednesday, March 5  
Wednesday, March 19

Wednesday, April 2  
Wednesday, April 16

Wednesday, May 7  
Wednesday, May 21

Wednesday, June 4  
Wednesday, June 18

Wednesday, July 2  
Wednesday, July 16

Wednesday, August 6  
Wednesday August 20

Wednesday, September 3  
Wednesday, September 17

Wednesday, October 1  
Wednesday, October 15

Wednesday, November 5  
Wednesday, November 19

Wednesday, December 3  
Wednesday, December 17

Wednesday, January 7, 2015