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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

**Legislative Council Administration and Finance Committee  
Draft Minutes of the Meeting of March 28, 2013  
Newtown Municipal Center, Meeting Room 3, 3 Primrose Lane, Newtown, CT**

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**Committee Members Present:** Dan Amaral, Neil Chaudhary, George Ferguson, Kathy Fetchick, Mary Ann Jacob and Dan Wiedemann.

**Others Present:** None

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Kathy Fetchick moved to approve the minutes of February 14, 2013. Mary Ann Jacob seconded. Approved unanimously.

**Discussion and Action:**

**Town of Newtown 2013-14 Board of Finance Recommended Budget elements.  
(See attached list.)**

Kathy Fetchick moved to approve the elements under discussion of the Board of Finance Recommended Budget as they were presented. Seconded by Mary Ann Jacob. Approved unanimously after discussion below.

Discussion: During the discussion Dan Amaral inquired about the budgeted costs of maintaining the Fairfield Hill property expressing a desire to learn if these costs had in fact been reduced by 50% as he was led to believe. After a review of the specifics of the Fairfield Hills budget, appearing on pages 121 to 124 of the Town of Newtown Budget Book, it was agreed that the reduction in overall costs of maintaining the property had in fact been reduced by a factor of over 50%.

**Review and Recommendation regarding future compensation of the First Selectman Position during the next term of office.**

Kathy Fetchick moved to increase the salary for the position of the First Selectman in the next term (To begin in December 2013) by 11%. Seconded by Mary Ann Jacob.

Discussion: During the discussion it was noted that we were modifying the budget approved amount for the position. It was also noted that the current approved amount is several thousand dollars higher than what the incumbent is paid because she has refused to accept an increase in compensation since taking office.

George Ferguson moved to amend the motion to increase the salary for the position of First Selectman by 5.5% in the first year of the new term and by 5.5% in the second year of the next Term. Seconded by Jeff Capeci. Approved Unanimously.

Discussion: Mr. Ferguson explained that while this would yield a slightly higher salary by the second term than the previous proposal, as of right now, it would still place the First Selectman's position behind the compensation of at least three other Municipal positions.

Mary Ann Jacob moved to approve the motion above as amended to increase the salary of the position of the First Selectman and to recommend approval of this action to the Legislative Council. Seconded by Kathy Fetchick. Approved unanimously.

### **Future Meeting Dates**

No action

### **New Business**

There was no new business

### **Conclusion**

Ms. Fetchick moved to adjourn. Ms. Jacob seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

**Budget Elements for Review and Recommendation to Legislative Council  
by the Finance and Administration Committee**

**Revenues & Other Financing Sources:**

Property Taxes  
Intergovernmental  
Charges For Services  
Investment Income  
Other Revenues  
Other Financing Sources

**General Government**

Selectmen  
Selectmen - Other  
Tax Collector  
Probate Court  
Town Clerk  
Registrars  
Tax Assessor  
Finance  
Technology Department  
Unemployment  
Social Security  
Pension Fund  
OPEB Contribution  
Employee Benefits  
Professional Organizations  
Insurance  
Legislative Council  
District Contributions  
Economic Development Comm.  
Sustainable Energy Comm.  
Fairfield Hills Authority

**Contingency**

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**Debt Service**

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**Other Financing Uses**

Town Hall Managers  
Reserve Cap & Nonrecurring Exp  
Transfer Out - Cap Project

**Reserve Cap & Nonrecurring Exp**

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