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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014
NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT**

PRESENT: George Ferguson, Joe Girgasky, Bob Merola, Ryan Knapp, Neil Chaudhary, Mary Ann Jacob, Dan Amaral, Anthony Filiato, Dan Honan, Paul Lundquist, Phil Carroll (7:35)

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Finance Director Bob Tait, Board of Finance members John Kortze, John Godin, Joe Kearney, Mike Portnoy and James Filan, Superintendent Dr. Erardi, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gejda, Board of Ed members Keith Alexander, David Freedman, Laura Roche, Kathy Hamilton, Michele Ku, Debbie Leidlein, Business Director Ron Bienkowski, Deputy Director of Land Use Rob Sibley, Town Attorney Dave Grogins, 2 press, 7 public

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Jacob called the meeting to order at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTER COMMENT: None

MINUTES: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 15, 2014. MOTION SECOND BY DAN HONAN. APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Jacob reports Lisa Romano has tendered her resignation from the Council and wished Ms. Romano the best in her new endeavors. Ms. Jacob has written a letter of support for a grant application supporting businesses in Sandy Hook Center. Attachment.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Mrs. Llodra shared information regarding questions on the Hawley School fund. The building belongs to the town. Should it cease to be a school, the fund will go to Yale University. Attachment

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF 2015-2016 BUDGET: Mr. Tait shared the Selectmen's budget outlook. He noted medical claims to date are 10% less than the prior year. If this continues, there will be little or no increase in that category. The Pension contribution will not increase. The .2% increase is in life insurance and long term disability. They are keeping operating expenses as close to zero as possible. The capital line item is the restoration of a \$100,000 contribution to the capital non-recurring fund and an additional \$250,000 for roads. Refunding of bonds will save \$225,000. The budget is forecasted to be a 1.1% Increase. Any increase in budget expenditures will be decreased by any increase in the taxable grand list. The funds from the Department of Justice for School Security Officers will only be for half of next year. We will be short \$150,000. Increases in town clerk and building permit revenues will hopefully offset it. Mrs. Llodra added the goal is to bring forth a budget with no tax increase. Number one priority is to invest in capital road account with an additional \$250,000 each year. Second priority is to add a full time position in technology. The IT department is very small. A full time person is needed to manage police services. The position will not come forward without an increase in the grand list.

Mrs. Llodra clarified the Department of Justice grant for the School SSO's ends in December of 2015. For 2nd half of the budget year, will need to find another source of funds. She and Dr. Erardi stated feedback on the School Security officers has been positive

Mr. Lundquist asked if Mr. Tait anticipated we may have 1% increase in the grand list. Mr. Tait said we have been averaging an increase of 6/10 of a percent a year. We will know at the end of December.

Mrs. Llodra cautioned the identified deficit for State of CT could affect our municipal aid.

Mr. Tait clarified the contingency account is for legal expenses and building emergencies.

Mr. Amaral noted in an effort to become more efficient, we should have a purchasing agent. Mrs. Llodra agreed but we need to be confident with revenue stream before adding the position because the payout would take a year or 2. Increases in revenue will be for roads and an IT position. Anything above that will be used to reduce the mil rate.

Mr. Kortze asked if the town expects any costs regarding grants that may run out in the next few years and if there is any more information/update regarding the cadillac tax issue.

Mrs. Llodra does not have an update on the cadillac tax. The DOJ grant ending will have an impact. In 2015 or 2016, the revenue stream that funds services and personnel will end and we will need to identify the services that are critical and determine how we will fund them. Dr. Erardi added the Board of Ed is looking at a 1.2 million dollar increase in 2 years due to the cadillac tax.

Attachment

Board of Education: Dr. Erardi states the building principals and program managers have submitted their budgets. He will submit his work to the Board of Ed the day before the December break. Dr. Erardi shared the known estimated expenditures for contractual requirements and he is expecting good news regarding the health insurance. Dr. Erardi stated the 2016-2017 school year is going to be very problematic. The "affordable" care kicks in and the Department of Education grant, which currently employs 17 full time employees, will end. Next week there will be a meeting regarding the safety and security of the town and schools and it will have budget implications. The new Sandy Hook School is on time and budget and will open for the 2016-2017 school year. Dr. Erardi noted the enrollment study shows a decline in the school population for the next nine years, to 2024-25, it is then anticipated enrollment will begin to increase for 10 years, bringing us back to the current levels in 2034. The space study needs will begin this Friday and is expected to report in January regarding space in the seven schools. A long term planning study will be launched in December. Dr. Erardi shared the Board of Ed budget calendar. Attachments

Ms. Jacob asked about revenue projections. Mr. Bienkowski explained the Education Cost Sharing Grant from the state is a complicated formula based on a number of criteria including the wealth of a community. The towns viewed as having the ability to pay receive less state aide. Newtown is a hold harmless town, a provision in the statute so towns do not see a dramatic decrease in their revenue. Our grant revenue has been consistent for the last 5+ years.

Ms. Jacob asked if the district anticipated additional costs for safety related issues that are significant and have not been anticipated or put into practice. Dr. Erardi stated conversation needs to take place first with the parent community, then shared with the Board of Ed and the First Selectman.

The present spending plan for security includes grant funding, continued funding for the Monroe Police Officer at SHS School and to gauge what parents want and then move forward with what is needed for all our schools. He does not anticipate any additional spending. He does anticipate more creativity with grant funding to maintain our present practice.

Ms. Jacob asked for more details on long term planning. Dr. Erardi stated a long term planning committee was assembled by the Board of Ed in 2010-2011. The team did good work but it was never brought to the finish line. The committee will be reassembled in December and they will be schedule to finish in September 2015. The plan will guide the school board for the next 10 years.

Mr. Merola has been tracking actual numbers for 8+ years and they have been well below the median, high and often the low projected numbers. He has concerns about planning on the median numbers and cautioned Dr. Erardi to include actual numbers in planning. Dr. Erardi stated the consultants strongly recommended using the median figures.

Mr. Knapp asked if there was more risk in going with high or low numbers. For next year the delta is our graduating class which will be 450 and the incoming class anticipated to be between 225 and 250. He noted the projected decline in enrollment was projected well before 12/14.

Ms. Hamilton noted there is not a big difference between the low, median and high projections. What's important is the trend. We need to monitor what is in the pipeline: births, economy, housing starts, etc., against the numbers we are using.

Mr. Kortze asked if there was any discussion on unemployment and if the numbers could rise again. Dr. Erardi said the consultants recommended using the median numbers based on the continuing economic recovery and decreasing unemployment. Mr. Kortze asked why there is an anticipated 30% to 50% increase in births over a five year period. Dr. Erardi stated the consultants believe that young families will continue to move into Newtown. Mr. Kortze asked how the enrollment study relates to the capacity of our schools and optimal capacity moving forward. Capacity being a high school built for 2,200 students and the total number of classrooms in the 7 district schools. Dr. Erardi said there are not a lot of empty classrooms and 2 schools are at capacity. According to the projections, the high school population will drop to 1,100. The elementary schools will stabilize and Reed and Middle school will drop 30-40%. We will have space in the very near future. Space has changed. We now have students that were never in our system. Some are medically fragile students and they need more space. Dr. Erardi is not in a position to make a recommendation to close any building next year.

Mr. Kearney noted if we freeze budget for next 5 years, with the drop in enrollment we will be spending \$19,000 per student, over 4% a year increase in per pupil expenditure. He believes it is imperative we talk about closing a facility sooner rather than later, because investment in the classroom is greater than investment in a building. Dr. Erardi said it is why they are working so quickly to gather all the information needed for the Board of Ed to have that conversation.

Mr. Portnoy asked if Dr. Erardi anticipated any savings because of reduced enrollment; if he will reduce staff as enrollment declines. Dr. Erardi stated based on the Board of Ed guidelines for classrooms numbers; he anticipates a reduction in force, to be done by attrition.

Mr. Portnoy stated based on the numbers, in 2016 there will be 2050 students in grades 8-12, grades 5-7 would fit in Reed, and 1260 students in grades K-4. Sandy Hook will hold 600. There seems to be a number of options. Dr. Erardi believes the Board of Ed will have all the information, from the various studies, to have the conversation about funding and facilities for the 2016 school year.

Mr. Bienkowski will send info regarding employee contracts to the Council and Board members.

Ms. Jacob stated the discussion on closing a school is difficult but necessary and the conversation has to start now. Some of the changes will help offset the cost of Affordable Care. Dr. Erardi is ready to discuss but cannot draw a conclusion until we have all the data.

Mr. Ferguson recommends having a conversation with bargaining units regarding health care and alternatives that are not taxable.

Mrs. Llodra clarified the Department of Justice grant ends in December 2015. It is \$300,000 for police services and \$500,000 in mental health supports. The impact of the Affordable Care, about \$500,000, comes to bear in 2017.

Mr. Kearney asked what the total tax will be on all CT towns. Dr. Erardi said it is enormous and our Federal delegates have said it is not going away.

Mrs. Llodra noted there may be litigation on behalf of municipalities challenging the right of the Federal government to levy a tax to be borne by taxpayers on the behalf of others. Mrs. Llodra stated at some point we need to look at whether employers should be mandated to provide health insurance. Perhaps give wage increases equivalent to the value of medical insurance and everyone would go to the exchange. The result of the cadillac tax would be a reduction in services and staff.

The Board of Ed and the Board of Finance adjourned at 8:55pm.

Discussion and Possible Action:

RESOLUTION ON REFUNDING BONDS: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$20,000,000 TOWN OF NEWTOWN GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO WAIVE READING OF RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED.

Mr. Tait stated this is an opportunity to refinance existing bonds. We have refunded 4 times in the last 6 years. We have the flexibility to put the savings into different years. Attachment

Mr. Tait included a comparison of savings between AAA and AA+ ratings. Attachment

Mr. Tait noted the savings means our payments are reduced.

Mr. Knapp asked how often we are rated. Mr. Tait said every time we issue debt the agencies look at us and issue a rating. Mr. Tait noted it takes years to attain high rating and it is from prudent financial practices.

Mr. Carroll clarified the increase in the bond rating is result of a practice putting savings into the Fund Balance. Mr. Tait said it is one of the reasons.

MAIN MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CIP: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 2015/2016-2019/2020 INCLUSIVE CIP. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL.

Mr. Kortze noted regarding the ratings, we are a better credit risk, therefore we save money. There are a number of things that contribute to why we have risen to AAA, including buildup of the fund balance, debit policy, and the CIP. The CIP was unanimously recommended by the Board of Finance. The major change on the Board of Ed is the reissuing of the High School auditorium project at a larger dollar amount, due the scope and scale of the project, making the auditorium ADA compliant. It is being postponed due to the cost and the process. The Board of Finance will address a policy or regulation to better manage capital projects through their process. The second change is the recommendation to remove the Hawley HVAC project because we don't know what is going to happen with the school. It is 3.5 million dollars for the first phase in year 5 of the CIP. There is 6 million more for years 6 and 7. It can be reinserted if needed. For the Selectmen, the Board of Finance agreed two items need to be addressed; roads and Fairfield Hills. There is room for 3.5 million a year for the next 3 years for demolition of FHH buildings, and still stay within the 9% cap. The Board of Finance believes, while we need to invest more in roads, a consultant's plan is needed before increasing the dollar amount. Mr. Kortze noted (page 60 of the CIP) we have attained the 9% cap for debt service. We are able to do everything in the CIP and maintain 9% level and trend lower. It includes huge dollar amounts in commitment to the community.

Mrs. Llodra noted Fred Hurley has been in touch with the state regarding the roads delaminating too quickly due to environmentally driven changes to the asphalt and the product being used on ice. The state is investigating; they are having the same issues. A major analysis needs to be done on the roads.

Mr. Ferguson asked if there has been conversation on reducing the debt cap down to 8%. Mr. Kortze stated the Board of Finance takes direction from the Council. The concept has merit and if the Council would like to reduce the debt cap, the Board of Finance will make a recommendation.

Mr. Amaral asked why Sandy Hook Fire House is in the CIP. Mr. Kortze stated there is precedent for supporting the firehouses when needed.

Mr. Lundquist feels it is presumptuous to take Hawley School projects out of the CIP. Mr. Kortze stated we don't know what is going to happen with Hawley and the HVAC project is not critical to the operation of the school. The Board of Ed put phase 1 of the project in year 5 of the CIP as a place holder, with Phases 2 and 3 in years 5 and 6.

Mr. Knapp asked about the 7 million dollars for renovations in the Middle School. Mr. Kortze said we will know more in a year when the studies are finished. Ms. Jacob noted it is also their responsibility to maintain town buildings. Mr. Kortze explained the critical part of the CIP is the first year, 2015-2016 for the upcoming budget. The remaining years are malleable. Mrs. Llodra added the projects in years 2-5 are expectations of projects. It's there because we have to reference the money, anticipate expenses, but until space needs study is completed; the specific use of the resources may look different. Attachment

MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO POSTPONE DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE TO THE NEXT MEETING. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. APPROVED.

FULTON PROPERTY: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED THAT THE COUNCIL NOT TAKE ACTION ON THE FULTON PROPERTY. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL.

Attorney Grogins stated the town purchased a section of the Fulton property for open space and the development rights on a separate section of the Fulton property in 2005, which included the right of first refusal on the property, for \$1,350,000. Once it is determined not to exercise right of first refusal, the right goes away. We retain development rights. The portion of the property where we do not have development rights contains a number of existing homes. Mrs. Llodra noted the town achieved its goal with the purchase of the open space and development rights so there is no reason to invest any more money in the property.

APPROVED. Attachment

FAIRFIELD HILLS WALKING TRAIL PHASE II: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FAIRFIELD HILLS CAMPUS WALKING TRAIL PHASE II, AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2014-15 TO 2018-19, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED. Mrs. Llodra stated this phase completes the loop. The walking trail supports active and passive recreation and is part of the overall plan for FHH. MAIN MOTION APPROVED. Attachment

Snow Removal: Mrs. Llodra shared a summary of expenses from the snow event on November 14th. Attachment

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND INVITE ROB SIBLEY, ATTORNEY DAVID GROGINS AND MRS. LLODRA. SECOND BY DAN HONAN. MOTION APPROVED. THE COUNCIL ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:25.

The council left Executive Session at 10:15.

PIERAGOSTINI SETTLEMENT: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO PROCEED WITH THE RECOMMENDED AGREEMENT REGARDING THE PIERAGOSTINI SETTLEMENT. SECOND BY MR. KNAPP. MOTION APPROVED. MR. AMARAL ABSTAINED. MR. FILIATO VOTED NO. Attachment

VOTER COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ms. Jacob explained the democrats on the Council have 30 days to choose a replacement for Ms. Romano. Should they not be able to act in the 30 days, the remaining members of the Council will choose.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 11:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carey Schierloh, Clerk

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.

Attachment A: Letter supporting Sandy Hook

Attachment B: Hawley Fund, Selectmen's Budget Outlook, BOE Contracts and Budget Calendar

Attachment C: Enrollment Study

Attachment D: Resolution on Refunding Bonds

Attachment E: CIP

Attachment F: Fulton Property

Attachment G: Walking Trails FHH

Attachment H: Snow Storm Report

Attachment I: Pieragostini Settlement



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November 14, 2014

Via Email

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Re: Hawley School

Dear Pat:

You have asked me to review documents concerning the gift of the Hawley School to the Town of Newtown for the purposes of determining the consequences to the Town of closing or partially closing the School. The Hawley School and the land upon which it is situated were gifts of Mary Hawley to the Town of Newtown by deed dated June 3, 1921. A copy of the deed is attached and contains no specific restrictions. Subsequently, on January 29, 1925, Mary Hawley established a Trust consisting of \$100,000 of bonds for the following purposes:

1. To use the income generated for the "... general care, upkeep and maintenance of the Hawley School ... and any extensions or additions which may hereafter be made thereto and in the care of the grounds and sidewalks appurtenant to said school building..."
2. Any excess income not required for number one above, "to be applied in payment of the salary of the janitor, fuel, lights, water, insurance or other like charges in connection with the maintenance of said school."

The Trust further indicates that if the Town fails to "apply the monies so paid to the uses and purposes hereinbefore designated or to use said buildings for school purposes or at any time in the future abandon the same... or in the event this Trust shall otherwise fail or cease to exist, this Trust shall terminate and upon such termination, the Trustee shall turn over the principal of the fund as it then exists in its hands... (c)... in accordance with the provisions of said Will governing the disposition of the residuum of the Donor's estate." Her Will provides that the residuum goes to the Trustees of Yale University.

If you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

David L. Grogins

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN 2015-16 BUDGET OUTLOOK
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES

	2014 - 2015		2015 - 2016 OUTLOOK	CHANGE	
	ADOPTED	AMENDED		\$	%
MUNICIPAL SERVICES					
WAGES & SALARIES	11,338,300	11,459,479	11,688,669	229,190	2.0%
FRINGE BENEFITS	5,057,872	5,076,869	5,086,869	10,000	0.2%
INSURANCE	1,033,500	1,033,500	1,064,505	31,005	3.0%
OPERATING EXPENSES	7,298,880	7,317,141	7,317,141	-	0.0%
CAPITAL	2,232,024	2,232,024	2,582,024	350,000	15.7% ***
CONTINGENCY	250,000	91,563	200,000	108,437	118.4%
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUTSIDE AGENCIES:					
TOWN AGENCIES	2,078,495	2,078,495	2,028,495	(50,000)	-2.4%
OTHER AGENCIES	88,835	88,835	88,835	-	0.0%
TOTAL MUNICIPAL SERVICES	29,377,906	29,377,906	30,056,538	678,632	2.3% ***
CAPITAL FINANCING - DEBT SERVICE	10,342,994	10,342,994	10,117,994	(225,000)	-2.2%
TOTAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET	39,720,900	39,720,900	40,174,532	453,632	1.1%

DETAIL:

	2014-15	2015-16	
∞ FRINGE BENEFITS:			
MEDICAL	2,867,280	2,867,280	MEDICAL EXPERIENCE TO DATE INDICATES NO INCREASE FOR 2015-16
PENSION	1,002,566	989,745	ANNUAL REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION (ARC) PER ACTUARY
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	861,729	878,964	
OTHER	345,294	350,880	LIFE INSURANCE; LONG TERM DISABILITY; FIRE RETIREMENT BENEFITS
∞ INSURANCE - LIABILITY; AUTO; PROPERTY; WORKER'S COMPENSATION	5,076,869	5,086,869	ASSUMED 3% INCREASE
∞ OPERATING EXPENSES - SAME AS PRIOR YEAR			
∞ CAPITAL - ADDED \$350,000: PLANNED INCREASE TO CAPITAL ROAD OF \$250,000 AND RESTORE \$100,000 TO THE CAPITAL NON RECURRING FUND.			
∞ CAPITAL FINANCING - DEBT SERVICE - REDUCTION DUE TO PLANNED REFINANCING			

*** If \$350,000 was not restored to roads & capital non-recurring; total municipal services % change would be 1.1%.

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
 ILLUSTRATIVE EFFECT OF INCREASE IN TAXABLE GRAND LIST AMOUNT
 2015-16

2013 Net taxable grand list (fiscal year 2014-15) 2,996,047,361

2014 Net taxable grand list (fiscal year 2015-16):

<u>% increase</u>	<u>WILL CREATE</u>	<u>→ New tax revenues</u>
0.50%		498,992
0.60%		598,790
0.75%		748,488
1.00%		997,983

*** New tax revenues off set increases in budgeted expenditures.

Joint Meeting – Wednesday, November 19, 2014

What We Know.....

- Contractual Obligations 2015-2016 (attached)
- Health Insurance History 2014-2015
- DOE Grant Funding 2015-2016
- Ongoing Facility Study
- Ongoing Conversations with School / Town: Safety and Security
- Sandy Hook Opening 2016-2017

What We Project.....

- Enrollment Study (attached)
- Space Study
- Long Term Planning

When Will We Know.....

- Budget Timeline (attached)

John C. [Signature]
11/19/14

Known Estimated Expenditures for 2015-16**2014-15 Approved Budget**

71,345,304

Preliminary numbers - Order of magnitude for discussion only:**Estimated Contractual Requirements for 2015-16:**Negotiated contracted salary adjustments for current staff:

Teachers - 1.5% no step	722,732	1.01%
Administrators - 2%	49,935	0.07%
Nurses, Secretaries, Custodians, Paras, Other - Reserve (all in negotiations)	189,217	0.27%
Subtotal	961,884	1.35%

NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

2015-2016 SCHOOL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

Activity	Responsibility	Date	Day	Meeting Type	
1. Commencement of Budget Process	Supt & Director of Business	09/19/14	Fri	Senior Leadership Team	ADMINISTRATION
2. Budget Calendar and Materials Distributed	Director of Business	10/02/14	Thur	CO Internal	
3. Discussion and Expectations / Goals of Budget Process	Superintendent	10/10/14	Fri	Senior Leadership Team	
4. Submission of Technology & Bldg & Grounds Requests	Dir's of Tech / Facilities	11/04/14	Tue	CO Internal	
5. Submission of All Budget Requests	Principals / Directors	11/07/14	Fri	Senior Leadership Team	
6. Submission of Salaries	Accountant & Personnel	11/11/14	Tue	CO Internal	
7. Preliminary Update and Discussion of Budget in Progress	Superintendent	11/21/14	Fri	Senior Leadership Team	
8. Individual Administrative Budget Meetings	Superintendent	12/1-12/10	Mon-Wed	Cost Center Leaders	
9. Distribute Superintendent's Proposed Budget	Superintendent	12/22/14	Mon	CO Internal	
10. Superintendent's Overview of Proposed Budget to BOE, Elem & Reed	Superintendent	01/06/15	Tue	Regular BOE Mtg	
11. Budget Workshop - Middle, High Schools, Pupil Pers & Health	Board of Ed	01/08/15	Thurs	Workshop Mtg	
12. Budget Workshop - Special Ed, Curriculum, Technology & Gen Svs - Continuing Ed, Benefits, Plant & Transportation	Board of Ed	01/13/15	Tue	Workshop Mtg	
13. Budget Workshop - Public Hearing & Discussion	Board of Ed	02/03/15	Tue	PH & Regular BOE Mtg	
14. Budget Workshop - Adoption of Budget	Board of Ed	02/05/15	Thurs	Workshop Mtg	
15. BOE Budget Submitted to Financial Director (Feb 14th submission deadline per Town Charter)	Director of Business	02/13/15	Fri	Finance Internal (Delivery)	BOARD OF FINANCE
Schools Closed - Winter Recess		2/16/15 thru 2/17/15	Mon - Tue		
16. Budget Proposals Published in Newspaper (At least 5 days prior to Public Hearing per Town Charter)	Finance Director	02/13/15	Fri	(Newspaper)	
17. Board of Finance Public Budget Hearing for the Town (Not later than the first Wednesday in March, per Town Charter)	Board of Finance	02/19/15	Thurs	Public Hearing	
18. Board of Finance - Budget Review with Board of Ed	Board of Finance	TBD		Finance Board	
19. Board of Finance recommends Budget to Legislative Council (Not later than March 14th, per Town Charter)	Board of Finance	03/11/15	Wed	Finance Board	
20. Budget Proposals Published in Newspaper (At least 5 days prior to Public Hearing per Town Charter)	Finance Director	03/13/15	Fri	(Newspaper)	
21. L.C. Education Sub-committee deliberations	Legislative Council	TBD		L.C. Sub-committee	
22. Legislative Council Public Budget Hearing for the Town (Not later than last Wednesday in March, per Town Charter)	Legislative Council	03/18/15	Wed	Public Hearing	
23. Legislative Council Budget Meeting	Legislative Council	TBD		Legislative Council	
24. Legislative Council adopts a Town Budget (Not later than the 2nd Wednesday in April, per Town Charter)	Legislative Council	04/08/15	Wed	Legislative Council	
Schools Closed - Spring Recess		4/13/15 thru 4/17/15	Mon - Fri		
25. LC Budget Proposal Published in Newspaper (At least 5 days prior to Annual Budget Referendum per Town Charter)	Finance Director	04/10/15	Fri	(Newspaper)	LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
26. Town Budget Referendum (4th Tuesday in April per Town Charter)	Town Charter	04/28/15	Tue	Referendum Vote	

NOTE: Activities from 16. - 25. are subject to change at the discretion of the respective Board.

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TBD = To Be Determined as they move along in the process

Approved 11/18/2014

Mary Ann Jacob
65 Mohawk Trail
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Christal Preszler
Town of Newtown
Planning Department Grants
Fairfield Hills
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

November 10, 2014

Dear Ms. Preszler,

Thank you for your efforts to secure the \$10,000 CT Main Street - Signage and Wayfinding Grant. As an elected representative for the Sandy Hook District, this grant is very important to my constituents. Better signage at the entrances to our community from Route 84 will directly benefit the commercial businesses in our community. That signage will ideally direct people to available parking, restaurants, shops and services, and mean increased traffic in the Village.

I hope when the time comes, the Town can also consider grant funding to help finance the project in cooperation with funding provided by the local business community. I would also be available to speak to a consultant if we are successful in obtaining the grant.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Jacob
Chairman, Legislative Council

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Robert Tait, Finance Director



**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF FINANCE**

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October 31, 2014

Mary Ann Jacob
Chairman, Newtown Legislative Council
65 Mohawk Trail
Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Dear Mrs. Jacob,

At the October 23, 2014 Board of Finance meeting, we voted unanimously recommend the attached 2015/2016-2019/2020 CIP to the Legislative Council.

Regards,

John Kortze

John Kortze
Chairman, Board of Finance
Town of Newtown

Attachment: CIP

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PROPOSED CIP - (2015 - 2016 TO 2019 - 2020) - 10/23/2014

RANK	2015 - 2016 (YEAR ONE)			Proposed Funding			
	Dept.	Amount Requested	Bonding	Grants	General Fund	Other	
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
	Capital Road Program	PW 1,500,000			1,500,000		
1	Bridge Replacement Program	PW 315,000	315,000				
2	Newtown H & L Fire House Construction (3 of 3)	FIRE 500,000	500,000				
2	Addition To S.H. Fire House Sub-Station	FIRE 375,000	375,000				
2	Fire Apparatus Replacement	FIRE 975,000	975,000				
3	Dickinson Parking Lots	P & R 500,000	500,000				
3	Eichlers Cove Improvements Phase (1 of 2)	P & R 325,000	325,000				
	Community Center Construction Phase (1 of 3)	P & R 9,550,000		9,550,000			
5	Town Sidewalk/Streetscape Plan	ECON DEV 350,000	100,000	250,000			
5	Open Space Acquisition Program	LAND USE 250,000	250,000				
2	FFH Building Demolition	FFH 3,500,000	3,500,000				
4	Edmond Town Hall Renovations	ETH 300,000	300,000				
4	Library Renovations	LIB 300,000	300,000				
	BOARD OF EDUCATION						
	High School Auditorium	BOE 3,600,000	3,066,000	534,000			
	TOTALS	>>>>>>> 22,340,000	10,506,000	10,334,000	1,500,000		
RANK	2016 - 2017 (YEAR TWO)			Proposed Funding			
	Dept.	Amount Requested	Bonding	Grants	General Fund	Other	
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
	Capital Road Program	PW 1,750,000			1,750,000		
	Bridge Replacement Program	PW 300,000	300,000				
	Fire Apparatus Replacement	FIRE 975,000	575,000			400,000	
	Community Center Construction Phase (2 of 3)	P & R 10,000,000	10,000,000				
	Town Sidewalk/Streetscape Plan	ECON DEV 350,000	350,000				
	Treadwell Park Parking	P & R 550,000	550,000				
	Senior Center Design Phase	SR CTR 500,000	500,000				
	Open Space Acquisition Program	LAND USE 250,000	250,000				
	FFH Building Demolition	FFH 3,500,000	3,500,000				
	BOARD OF EDUCATION						
	High School Roof - Restoration & Replacement	BOE 1,040,000	1,040,000				
	TOTALS	>>>>>>> 19,215,000	17,065,000	-	1,750,000	400,000	
RANK	2017 - 2018 (YEAR THREE)			Proposed Funding			
	Dept.	Amount Requested	Bonding	Grants	General Fund	Other	
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
	Capital Road Program	PW 2,000,000			2,000,000		
	Bridge Replacement Program	PW 414,000	414,000				
	Community Center Construction Phase (3 of 3)	P & R 5,000,000	5,000,000				
	Eichlers Cove Improvements Phase (2 of 2)	P & R 500,000	500,000				
	Edmond Town Hall Renovations	ETH 250,000	250,000				
	Library Renovations	LIB 250,000	250,000				
	FFH Building Demolition / Infrastructure	FFH 3,500,000	3,500,000				
	Police Facility Design	POLICE 500,000	500,000				
	Town Sidewalk/Streetscape Plan	ECON DEV 350,000	350,000				
	Open Space Acquisition Program	LAND USE 250,000	250,000				
	BOARD OF EDUCATION						
	Hawley School - Roof Replacement	BOE 800,000	528,000	272,000			
	Middle School Renovation - Phase 0	BOE 100,000	100,000				
	Middle School Renovation - Phase 1	BOE 2,100,000	2,100,000				
	Middle Gate - Boiler Replacement	BOE 650,000	650,000				
	TOTALS	>>>>>>> 16,664,000	14,392,000	272,000	2,000,000		
RANK	2018 - 2019 (YEAR FOUR)			Proposed Funding			
	Dept.	Amount Requested	Bonding	Grants	General Fund	Other	
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
	Capital Road Program	PW 2,000,000			2,000,000		
	Bridge Replacement Program	PW 350,000	350,000				
	FFH Walking Trails Phase Iii	FFH 500,000	500,000				
	Dickinson Park Phase Iii	P & R 1,300,000	1,300,000				
	Municipal Facility - Construction Phase (1 OF 2)	- 5,000,000	5,000,000				
	Town Sidewalk/Streetscape Plan	ECON DEV 350,000	350,000				
	Open Space Acquisition Program	LAND USE 250,000	250,000				
	BOARD OF EDUCATION						
	Middle School Renovation - Phase 2	BOE 4,805,000	4,805,000				
	TOTALS	>>>>>>> 14,555,000	12,555,000	-	2,000,000		
RANK	2019 - 2020 (YEAR FIVE)			Proposed Funding			
	Dept.	Amount Requested	Bonding	Grants	General Fund	Other	
	BOARD OF SELECTMEN						
	Capital Road Program	PW 2,000,000			2,000,000		
	Bridge Replacement Program	PW 400,000	400,000				
	Municipal Facility - Construction Phase (2 OF 2)	- 5,000,000	5,000,000				
	Town Sidewalk/Streetscape Plan	ECON DEV 350,000	350,000				
	Open Space Acquisition Program	LAND USE 250,000	250,000				
	FFH Building Demolition / Infrastructure	FFH 1,000,000	1,000,000				
	BOARD OF EDUCATION						
	Middle Gate - Roof Replacement	BOE 1,500,000	990,000	510,000			
	TOTALS	>>>>>>> 10,500,000	7,990,000	510,000	2,000,000		
GRAND TOTALS			83,274,000	62,508,000	11,116,000	9,250,000	400,000

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND
SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$20,000,000 TOWN OF NEWTOWN GENERAL
OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

RESOLVED:

Section 1. Not exceeding \$20,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") of the Town of Newtown (the "Town") may be issued in one or more series and in such principal amounts as the First Selectman and the Financial Director shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town for the purpose of achieving net present value savings and/or to moderate debt service payments. The Refunding Bonds are hereby authorized to refund all or any portion of any one or more series of the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds (the "Refunded Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold either in a negotiated underwriting or a competitive offering, and at such time or times as the First Selectman and the Financial Director shall determine to be most opportune for the Town. If the refunding bonds are sold in a negotiated underwriting, the First Selectman and the Financial Director shall approve and designate the underwriter. Each series of Refunding Bonds shall mature in such amounts and on such date or dates as shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Financial Director provided that no Refunding Bonds shall mature later than the final maturity date of the last maturity of any Refunded Bonds being refunded by such series. The Refunding Bonds shall bear interest payable at such rate or rates as shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Financial Director, shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the First Selectman and the Financial Director, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Bond Counsel. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Refunding Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate denominations, form, details, and other particulars thereof, including the terms of any rights of redemption and redemption prices, the designation of the certifying, paying, registrar and transfer agent, shall be subject to the approval of the First Selectman and the Financial Director. The net proceeds of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, after payment of underwriters' discount and other costs of issuance, shall be deposited in an irrevocable escrow account in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of, interest and redemption premium, if any, due on the Refunded Bonds to maturity or earlier redemption pursuant to the plan of refunding. The First Selectman and the Financial Director are authorized to appoint an escrow agent and other professionals and to execute and deliver any and all escrow, investment and related agreements necessary to provide for such payments on the Refunded Bonds and to provide for the transactions contemplated hereby. The First Selectman and the Financial Director are authorized to prepare and distribute preliminary and final Official Statements of the Town for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Refunding Bonds, and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town a Bond Purchase Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, a Tax Regulatory Agreement and such other documents necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and the payment of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective until January 1, 2016.

Town of Newtown, Connecticut
FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY
Refunding Opportunity (AAA vs AA+)

Cash Flow Comparison

DATE	New Debt as AAA	New Debt as AA+	Savings	PV Factor	PV Savings
06/30/2015	258,000.00	259,782.22	1,782.22	0.9934410x	1,770.53
06/30/2016	548,050.00	558,075.00	10,025.00	0.9573402x	9,686.98
06/30/2017	548,050.00	558,075.00	10,025.00	0.9225513x	9,334.96
06/30/2018	548,050.00	558,075.00	10,025.00	0.8890266x	8,995.74
06/30/2019	1,369,750.00	1,379,775.00	10,025.00	0.8567201x	8,668.84
06/30/2020	2,130,300.00	2,140,325.00	10,025.00	0.8255877x	8,353.82
06/30/2021	1,866,250.00	1,876,275.00	10,025.00	0.7955865x	8,050.25
06/30/2022	1,771,250.00	1,781,275.00	10,025.00	0.7666756x	7,757.71
06/30/2023	1,726,850.00	1,736,875.00	10,025.00	0.7388153x	7,475.80
06/30/2024	1,672,250.00	1,682,275.00	10,025.00	0.7119674x	7,204.14
06/30/2025	1,622,550.00	1,632,575.00	10,025.00	0.6860951x	6,942.34
06/30/2026	1,572,650.00	1,582,675.00	10,025.00	0.6611630x	6,690.07
06/30/2027	1,517,650.00	1,527,675.00	10,025.00	0.6371369x	6,446.96
06/30/2028	1,462,650.00	1,472,675.00	10,025.00	0.6139839x	6,212.67
06/30/2029	729,950.00	738,275.00	8,325.00	0.5916723x	4,981.07
06/30/2030	699,700.00	704,650.00	4,950.00	0.5701714x	2,857.63
06/30/2031	664,825.00	666,462.50	1,637.50	0.5597158x	916.53
Total	\$20,708,775.00	\$20,855,794.72	\$147,019.72	-	\$112,346.04

Issues in New Cash Flow :

As AAA

Issues in Old Cash Flow :

As AA+

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VIA E-MAIL AND FEDERAL EXPRESS

October 30, 2014

Robert G. Tait
Financial Director
Town of Newtown
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Re: Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$300,000 For The Construction Of The Fairfield Hills Campus Walking Trail Phase II, As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Plan (2014-15 to 2018-19, Inclusive) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$300,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose

Dear Bob:

Enclosed please find the captioned resolution and a set of proceedings to be followed in connection with its adoption by the Town.

I have assumed for purposes of the enclosed set of proceedings that the Town has previously obtained all approvals of its Planning and Zoning Commission pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 8-24. Please let me know if 8-24 approval of Phase II has not been obtained.

As indicated in your email of October 29, 2014, the impact statement had not been received. Please insert the impact statement into the set of proceedings once received.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting the Town Clerk to send me one certified copy of all the proceedings


Robinson Cole

October 30, 2014

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as they appear in the Town record book. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Glenn A. Santoro

GAS/wmj

Enclosures

cc: E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman (w/encl.)
Debbie A. Aurelia, Town Clerk (w/encl.)
David L. Grogins, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan Marcinek (via e-mail)
Keisha S. Palmer, Esq.

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AMY E. W. MANGOLD
DIRECTOR

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

www.newtown-ct.gov

To: John Kortze
Date: October 28, 2014
From: Amy Mangold

RE: Resolution for special appropriation for Fairfield Hills Walking Trails Phase II

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000, TO BE BONDED, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FAIRFIELD HILLS WALKING TRAIL PHASE II. AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2014-2015 TO 2018-2019, INCLUSIVE)

The Fairfield Hills Authority has included the walking trail on the campus Master Plan since 2004. Phase I was complete in 2008. Phase II would be the continuation of the trail plan and would add 4,200LF (8/10ths of a mile) to the campus exterior trail project. The Fairfield Hills Authority has turned the management of this project over to the Parks and Recreation Department with a unanimous vote on 10/27/14 to support the proceedings of phase II.

The current trail system is very popular and the addition of this trail would provide a greater benefit that extends beyond the current trail users. The trails will be a benefit to every person who lives and works in Newtown, improving physical and psychological health and strengthening the community by making it a more attractive place to live and work.

Amy E. W. Mangold

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(Per Town Charter 6-100)**

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT PARKS & RECREATION

PROJECT: FAIRFIELD HILLS WALKING TRAILS - PHASE II

PROPOSED SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 300,000.00

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$ 300,000.00
GRANT	
CONTINGENCY	
OTHER	
	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>

ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (GENERAL FUND):

List any financial impact your request will have on the Town's annual operating budget.
Attach spreadsheet(s) showing your calculation of the estimated impact.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:	<small>**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN BEFORE NUMBER**</small>	(POSITIVE IMPACT) / NEGATIVE IMPACT	Attachment #
SALARIES & BENEFITS		_____	_____
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		_____	_____
CONTRACTED SERVICES		2,000	_____
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		_____	_____
UTILITIES		_____	_____
OTHER		1,800	_____
DEBT SERVICE (1st year)		\$ 24,000	_____
TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES		<u>\$ 27,800</u>	_____

REVENUE CATEGORY:	POSITIVE IMPACT / (NEGATIVE IMPACT)	Attachment #
PROPERTY TAXES	_____	_____
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (FEES)	_____	_____
OTHER	_____	_____
TOTAL IMPACT ON REVENUES	<u>\$ -</u>	_____

TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET \$ 27,800

EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT 0.0091 mills

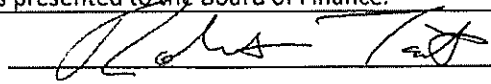
(using current year's information)

COMMENTS:

Trail maintenance (contracted services): three trash cans are emptied three times a week, leaves are blown in the fall to prevent slipping and trail edge is mowed. This averages 3 hours per week.

Other expense = three new trash cans.

Debt service amount falls into the debt limit calculation (annual debt service less than 10% of total budget; closer to the 9% stated goal) as presented to the Board of Finance.

PREPARED BY: 

DATE: 11/3/14

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FAIRFIELD HILLS CAMPUS WALKING TRAIL PHASE II, AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2014-15 TO 2018-19, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$300,000 is a special appropriation made pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) and (c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Newtown (the "Town") for the planning, design, and construction of the Fairfield Hills Campus Walking Trail Phase II, including, but not limited to, clearing, installation of internal and perimeter erosion controls, topsoil removal, stockpile and final seeding, rough grading, preparation and final installation of pavement areas, landscaping and final clean up, all as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2014-15 to 2018-19, inclusive) and for engineer's fees, administrative, financing, legal and costs of issuance related thereto (collectively, the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$300,000 bonds of the Town, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes"). The bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Financial Director, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Financial Director, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of State and Federal grants-in-aid of the Project, or the actual amount thereof if this be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Financial Director, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds including approval of the rate or rates of interest shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Financial Director, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the First Selectman and the Financial Director in a competitive offering and the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. To the extent required by the Charter of the Town of Newtown, bids shall be solicited from at least three lending institutions. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to

financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds.

Section 4. The First Selectman and the Financial Director are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Financial Director, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. They shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes, as the same may be amended from time to time. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 5. The First Selectman is authorized in the name and on behalf of the Town to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State loans and/or grants-in-aid of the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith, to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and anytime after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount and for the Project with the proceeds of bonds or bond anticipation notes or other obligations ("Tax-Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax-Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Project, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Issuer hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Financial Director or his designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of Tax-Exempt Obligations, and to amend this declaration.

Section 7. The First Selectman and the Financial Director are hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. The First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

WINTER STORM BREAKDOWN

2014-2015

Storm #
1

DATE	DAY	TIME IN	TIME OUT	TYPE OF STORM	SAND		TREATED SALT		OVERTIME		TOTAL COST OF STORM
					USED YDS	PER YD	USED TONS	COST	HOURS	COST	
11/14/2014	Friday	12:00 AM	7:00 AM	Light snow	20	\$16.85	56.463	\$77.54	187	\$7,819.02	\$12,294.31
TOTAL					20	\$97.15	56.463	\$4,378.14	187	\$ 7,819.02	\$12,294.31
					YDS	Cost of Sand	Tons	Cost of Salt	OT Hrs	Cost of OT	Total cost of Storms

MEMORANDUM

TO: Conservation Commission
Wetlands Commission
Planning & Zoning
Legislative Council

FROM: David L. Grogins

RE: William & Katja Pierogostini

DATE: October 15, 2014

Katja Pierogostini is the owner of approximately 57.31 acres of land on Point O'Rocks Road. In 2006 she conveyed a conservation easement to the Town consisting of approximately 52.999 acres. The Town paid \$600,000 for said conservation easement. In June 2013, Katja Pierogostini and her husband, William Pierogostini, engaged in substantial and wide spread clear cutting of trees on the property which was then subject to the conservation easement. They did not have a permit to engage in this activity. The Town filed an application in the Superior Court in Danbury for an injunction to prohibit any further cutting of trees and to restore the portions of the property where the cutting had already occurred.

The Town and the Pierogostinis have engaged in numerous discussions regarding the illegal activities and have reached a proposed settlement of all issues as follows:

1. The Town will release the conservations easement granted in 2006.
2. The Pierogostinis will convey in fee simple 17.047 acres of land to the Town of Newtown.
3. The Town of Newtown will convey to Katja Pierogostini 2,474± square feet of land on Point O'Rocks Road.
4. The Town will withdraw its lawsuit against the Pierogostinis.
5. The Pierogostinis will pay all outstanding taxes owed to the Town of Newtown.
6. The Pierogostinis will have access to the land to be conveyed to the Town for the purposes of "cutting in place and removing" the trees previously cut on the property for their personal use as fire wood. They are limited in the means utilized to remove the trees (no commercial logging equipment).
7. The Pierogostinis may in the future apply to the applicable regulatory bodies to further develop their property.

It is requested that the above listed Boards and Commissions approve this settlement.