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## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015 NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT

**PRESENT:** George Ferguson, Joe Girgasky, Eva Bermudez (7:40), Paul Lundquist, Bob Merola, Ryan Knapp, Neil Chaudhary, Mary Ann Jacob, Dan Amaral, Tony Filiato (7:50), Phil Carroll, Dan Honan.

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, Finance Director Bob Tait, Economic Development Coordinator Betsy Paynter, Director of Planning George Benson, EDC member Wes Thompson, Board of Ed Chair Keith Alexander, 3 press.

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

**MINUTES:** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 6, 2015. MOTION SECOND BY MR. KNAPP. APPROVED.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Ms. Jacob received an email from State Rep Mitch Bolinsky regarding the unfunded mandate resolution. The bill is dead after passing the house. Therefore the council will not act on the resolution. ATTACHMENT

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Mr. Knapp reports the ordinance committee met; minutes are on the town website. They will be meeting with Chief Kehoe soon. Ms. Jacob stated Board of Finance Chair John Kortze will be contacting Mr. Honan and Mr. Merola regarding school consolidation issues.

**FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:** Mrs. Llodra shared updates for the CIP calendar and from Donna Culbert regarding action taken on the \$5,000 grant for tick borne education. The task is to create a 3 year marketing awareness plan. Tick information is on the town website. ATTACHMENT  
Chief Kehoe will be retiring in January. Mrs. Llodra expressed her gratitude for his 37 years of service. The Police contract is finished. Mrs. Llodra noted the contract has an "option to decline" health insurance for a payment of \$3,000. The Affordable Care Act will affect contracts in 2017. All new hires will be in a defined contribution plan rather than defined benefits. Keeping increases low and moving to defined contributions has been the goal. The police union overwhelmingly approved the contract. ATTACHMENT

Mrs. Llodra discussed the recently approved state budget/tax increase. She stated the Governor thought there would be no budget deficit; however the deficit is significant as everyone has known for some time. There will be changes to the grant system including PILOT (for the prison) funds. At this point, the town is not harmed regarding revenues and resources. She noted the education (ECS) grant will increase next year. ATTACHMENT

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Economic Development Update:** Mrs. Paynter presented an update on economic development over the past year. She stated she has seen a lot of activity this year. They are working on a grant for a Hawleyville streetscape and improvements including lighting and a pocket park. Mr. Benson noted the plan for sidewalks is to start by the railroad and go up Rt. 6 to Bethel. Developers will also be asked to add sidewalks. Mrs. Llodra stated the proposed apartment complex at 79 Church Hill Rd. was not approved by the WSA. The site is not located in the sewer district. The contractor needs to present another plan or they can choose to go to court. Mrs. Llodra stated a sidewalk from Sandy Hook Center to Sandy Hook School has not been funded. It will be a future project. Mr. Filiato asked if all the proposed housing is being taken into account in the enrollment studies. Mrs. Llodra stated yes, it would bring in a small number of new students. Mr. Lindquist asked if this activity is the average. Mrs. Paynter said activity has increased. Mr. Knapp asked about unoccupied space. Mrs. Paynter stated it is small office space and it is being filled. Mr. Knapp asked if the state will make any improvements to Rt. 25. Mr. Benson stated the state is improving the intersection at Pecks Lane and adding a stop light at Highland Plaza. Mr. Carroll asked if the court could mandate the town to extend sewers for the housing project at 79 Church Hill Rd and if so, do we have the capacity. Mrs. Llodra said the court cannot force the town to change its sewer district.

**TAX SUSPENSION LIST:** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO TRANSFER \$379, 674.24 IN UNCOLLECTED MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNTS, PROPERTY AND REAL ESTATE ACCOUNTS TO THE SUSPENSE TAX LIST. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. Ms. Jacob noted this does not mean the taxes are forgiven. Mr. Tait stated the tax collector reviews accounts every year and marks accounts deemed uncollectible and they are taken off accounts receivable and put in suspense account. Motor vehicles are mainly people who have left the state. The majority of the real estate account is Batchelder, \$114,000. The personal property is mostly LLC's that no longer exist. APPROVED  
ATTACHMENT

**ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO REFER TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE THE REVIEW OF THE REVIEW OF THE PURCHASING REGULATIONS ORDINANCE PER CHARTER SECTION 5-01(C) SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. Ms. Jacob stated the charter requires the council's ordinance committee review the regulations. APPROVED.

**HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,600,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,600,000 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 FULL READING OF THE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED  
Mr. Alexander stated this project now includes construction so the auditorium will be ADA compliant. He expects the work to be started next summer. We will receive \$500,000 reimbursement from the state. Mr. Girgasky asked if Kestle Boos are experienced in theaters. Mr. Alexander stated Public Building and Site will be talking to several people with theater experience. Mr. Carroll asked with new construction, if the need for renting equipment would no longer be needed, allowing the money collected from tickets sales to be used elsewhere. Mr. Alexander said that was correct, the funds could be used for programs. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,600,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,600,000 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. Mrs. Llodra stated the town meeting will likely take place just prior to the July 6<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting. The Board of Selectmen must approve the bonding first. APPROVED ATTACHMENT

**BOOTH LIBRARY:** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-2016 to 2019-2020) 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 FULL READING OF THE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ATTACHMENT

**EDMOND TOWN HALL:** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EDMOND TOWN HALL BUILDING AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-20) 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 FULL READING OF THE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED. Mrs. Llodra noted this is the first time the Edmond Town Hall is in the CIP. Mr. Tait noted the projects being approved fit in our financial plan. Debt service is down to 9%. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ATTACHMENT

**ROADS:** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS TOWN ROADS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 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 FULL READING OF THE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED. Mrs. Llodra stated they will keep a detailed record of the road repairs, process and how resources are used. The ad hoc committee will be looking at dirt and private roads and how to incorporate them with town roads. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON A RESOLUTION ENTITLED A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS TOWN ROADS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 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. APPROVED.

ATTACHMENT

**BRIDGES:** MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-20) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$315,000 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 FULL READING OF THE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED. ATTACHMENT

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carey Schierloh

Clerk

Attachments: Emails, CIP Calendar, Tick-borne Disease update, state budget info, EDC update, Tax Suspension, Resolutions

*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.*

From: Mary Ann Jacob [mailto:mjacob4404@charter.net]  
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 6:24 AM  
To: Representative Mitch Bolinsky; tony.hwang@housegop.ct.gov; zRepresentative Dan Carter  
Cc: Pat Llodra  
Subject: SB 593

Good Morning Gentlemen,

On Wednesday the Legislative Council will be discussing our concerns with the proposed unfunded mandates that are in SB 593. Newtown and other municipalities are facing insurmountable liabilities if these measures pass. We respectfully request your attendance to present your positions on the bill. If you are unable to attend, please provide, for the record, a statement in writing.

Respectfully,  
Mary Ann Jacob

Dear Mary Ann:

Thanks for writing in reference to the Council's concerns about the unfunded mandates contained in SB-593 and your desire to have your Newtown delegation members either attend the Wednesday meeting of the Legislative Council on June 3, 2015, or provide a statement of position on the bill.

I do not ordinarily speak on behalf of my colleagues but, in this case, I think I'm safe to let you know that we will be unable to attend Wednesday's meeting in Newtown because we will be deeply committed in Hartford at that time. The General Assembly's 2015 Session concludes on Wednesday at midnight and, following that, the Governor addresses the joint session, extending into early-morning, Thursday.

As far as SB-593, this bill does not currently appear on the House calendar and it is my understanding that it is dead. Speaking only for myself, I opposed it as an unfunded mandate. I am also monitoring several other active bills that could be vehicles to carry this initiative to a vote. Unless a funding mechanism is attached to whatever bills in which it could surface, I will almost certainly be in opposition.

I hope this helps...  
Best Regards,  
*Mitch Bolinsky*

**From:** Mary Ann Jacob [mailto:mjacob4404@charter.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 01, 2015 3:46 PM  
**To:** Rep. Bolinsky, Mitch  
**Cc:** Williams, David; Rep. Carter, Dan; Sen. Hwang, Tony; Jeanfaivre, Gary  
**Subject:** Re: SB 593

Mitch,

Thank you for your reply, I hadn't heard from anyone else. It was my understanding you voted in favor of the bill expanding cancer for firefighters?

Please clarify,  
Thanks, Mary Ann

**From:** "Rep. Bolinsky, Mitch" <[Mitch.Bolinsky@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Mitch.Bolinsky@cga.ct.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: SB 593  
**Date:** June 1, 2015 at 4:48:47 PM EDT  
**To:** Mary Ann Jacob <[mjacob4404@charter.net](mailto:mjacob4404@charter.net)>

Mary Ann -

I'm glad you asked me this question because, despite my history of voting against mandate bills, in the case of HB-5871, AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR CURRENT AND FORMER UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF PAID MUNICIPAL OR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, I so wanted to support our firefighters that I voted with a conditional "YEA" in the Appropriations Committee. This was not a floor vote.

My vote was conditional on the removal of the municipal mandate. The salient intent of my vote is on the public record, as I spoke about the bill in that committee, prefacing with my desire to "do the right thing for our firefighters" with my concern that the measures not become another unfunded municipal mandate. In questioning the proponent of the bill, I expressed that any such program be funded by a regional or state coverage pool. The bill was represented as "a work in process" and the proponent assured me, also on the record that they were working on such a funding mechanism. In return, I offered my support for the bill to advance through committee for further work, with the caveat that I would only vote "YEA" on the floor of the house if the bill was amended to remove the municipal mandate. I also expressed, if not, I'd be a "NEA" on the floor.

Since then, the State Senate combined the worst parts of SB-593 (SEVERE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENT) and HB-5871 (FIREFIGHTERS) into a giant bad bill that includes POLICE PTSD. This is the one that bears watching and our caucus is maneuvering in hopes of it not being called. If called and, absent a non-municipal fiscal impact, I will be a "NEA", as stated.

I'm not certain where your initial misunderstanding originated but I appreciate the opportunity to set the record straight and welcome you to write or call - anytime and for any reason.

Best Regards,  
*Mitch Bolinsky*

May 1, 2015, Number 15-39



# Legislative Alert

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## Your Action Needed

### **COSTLY WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANDATES ALIVE & WELL: Cancer & Mental Stress Bills Would Cost Towns Tens of Millions of Dollars**

Unions are lobbying heavily to obtain unprecedented, unnecessary and costly workers' compensation benefits, despite the uncertain fiscal predicament of municipalities and the State. **Proponents are cavalier about the costs to municipalities to pay for full medical and wage replacement benefits for cancer and mental stress claims, and that such illnesses would be presumed to be job-related without a consensus of science.**

#### **YOUR ACTION NEEDED**

Contact your state legislators to hold them accountable.

#### **Tell Them:**

- ◆ **OPPOSE HB 5871 (Cancer presumption) and SB 902 (mental stress).** They are huge **unfunded state mandates that would cost towns and cities millions of dollars.**
- ◆ **The costs associated with these bills would dwarf those of the "heart disease & hypertension" mandate, that although "sunsetting" in 1996, still costs towns millions per year — \$20 million per year during its heyday.**
- ◆ **If the State thinks its important to provide the benefits, it should pay for them through a statewide Fund.**
- ◆ **First responders are already eligible for workers' compensation benefits for cancers and other diseases.** If a firefighter is diagnosed, and a claim is filed, then awards are given based on the correlation of the job with the injury.
- ◆ **First responders are already eligible for workers' compensation benefits for mental stress.** Such benefits are related to the use of deadly force and/or witnessing the death of another firefighter while on duty.

CCM recommends that your **town council/board of selectmen pass a resolution opposing the State's passage of unfunded workers' compensation mandates** — and that your resolution be forwarded to your state legislators, and CCM.

*Please see the following page for details on the two workers' compensation mandates.*

**Union members are contacting their legislators. Please help legislators hear the voice of local government!**

**For the most up-to-date news on legislative issues affecting municipalities —  
see CCM's *Legislative Action Center* at [www.ccmlac.org](http://www.ccmlac.org)**

- **CANCER MANDATE HB 5871:** Approved by the Public Safety & Appropriations Committees—would mandate benefits for **all paid and volunteer firefighters** with cancer. HB 5871 would not require any correlation between cancer and the job, and ignores risk factors (e.g., smoking), family history, and/or genetic susceptibility. There is no consensus among scientists that firefighting can be a causal factor for cancer. **A single cancer claim may exceed \$1 million over the life of the claim.** See CCM fact sheet on HB 5871.
- **MENTAL-MENTAL MANDATE SB 902:** Approved by the Public Safety & Labor Committees—would expand existing benefits that already cover counseling to now include full wage replacement benefits for all first responders’ claims of PTSD, and would allow diagnoses by “non-board certified” psychologists – exposing towns and cities to a wide-range range of abuse from claims of “witnessing” certain crimes, or the “aftermath” of such crimes. **Costs of mental stress claims could range from \$100,000 to \$1 million per claim, depending on the circumstances.** See CCM’s myth v. fact sheet.

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For more information, or to forward local resolutions opposing these state mandates, please contact Bob Labanara (203-710-0491; rlabanara@ccm-ct.org).



**Town of Newtown**  
**Board of Finance - Capital Improvement Plan Calendar**  
**CIP 2016-17 through 2020-21**

August 27, 2015	Board of Selectmen / Board of Education presents 2016-17 through 2020-21 Capital Improvement Plan
Sept thru Oct, 2015	Board of Finance Reviews 2016-17 through 2020-21 Capital Improvement Plan
November 09, 2015	Board of Finance completes recommended Capital Improvement Plan
November 18, 2015	Board of Finance recommended CIP presented to The Legislative Council for its review and Approval (by November 30).
January 2016	Legislative Council approves the Capital Improvement Plan (within 60 days from receipt of BOF)

MORE Media developed the survey to capture the public's current knowledge base and perception of risk -

- Survey was conducted via surveymonkey and the link was distributed widely, using the Town's News and Announcements, the Newtown Bee, e-mail distribution lists for Town employees, School employees, the Newtown Prevention Council and others. The survey actively ran September – December with another push after the new year. Last comments were at the end of March.
- MORE is reviewing the survey data and setting up to conduct interviews and focus groups.
- MORE will perform five key Informant Interviews during June
- Focus Group #1 on or about July 15th - additional information gathering
- Electronic Presentation on research findings end of July/early August
- Creative Presentation - 3 concepts for brand and taglines
- Focus Group #2 - test 2 concepts and 2 taglines
- Finalize Creative
- Finalize 3 year Marketing Plan

# Town of Newtown, CT

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## Tick Results

### 2015 Tick Results by Number

[01-99](#)  
[100-199](#)  
[200-299](#)  
[300-399](#)

### Archived Results

[2012 Results](#)  
[2011 Results](#)  
[2010 Results](#)  
[2014 Results](#)  
[2013 Results](#)

Tickborne Disease is a serious issue in our communities. The best defense, at this time, is understanding your risk and the things you can do to protect your self and your family. Please visit the links below for valuable information - which will allow you to better understand the ticks, your risk, and actions you can take.

### We Need Your Input:

#### On-line Survey for Tickborne Disease Prevention

Newtown, through a proposal/bid process, has contracted with MORE Advertising, and is launching a short survey (22 questions, less than 5 minutes!) which will capture the public's current knowledge and perception of risk about tickborne diseases.

The survey is available online, see the link below. It will be available in print for those who may not have internet access or prefer to do it manually.

The plan is to promote the survey widely through a variety of groups to solicit maximum participation and input.

Follow-up work, after the survey is completed and analyzed, will include key informant interviews, additional information gathering and focus groups adding to information already culled from the survey and interviews. The survey and data collection is the first step in compiling a "marketing plan" to help target audiences that are either unaware or unmotivated by the localized threat of tickborne illnesses.

MORE Advertising is a minority- and women-owned Massachusetts-based cause marketing firm with experience successfully mounting public health and safety programs similar to what Newtown hopes to launch. The company recently worked with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health creating a strategic outreach and education campaign on avoiding and preventing tickborne disease, "Mosquitoes and Ticks: They're Out In Mass!"

The survey is available online, please visit:

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/ticksurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ticksurvey)

The Health District office located in the Newtown Municipal Center at 3 Primrose Street, also has copies available.~

Newtown Health District tel # (203) 270-4291 E-mail: [donna.culbert@newtown-ct.gov](mailto:donna.culbert@newtown-ct.gov)

**There are several useful and informative links below - please check them out**

**Check out HVCEO's Tickborne Illness Resource Center**  
<http://www.hvceo.org/lymemain.php>

**Scroll down this page to BLAST Program**



BLAST Message

**CDC - Centers for Disease Control link**  
**[CDC Tick & Lyme Disease Information](#)**

**Link to CDC's NIOSH Workplace Safety and Health Topics - LYME**  
**<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/lyme/>**

**Link to the Tick Management Handbook (takes a few moments to download)**  
<http://www.ct.gov/caes/lib/caes/documents/publications/bulletins/b1010.pdf>

[CT Agricultural Experiment Station](#)

**Link to the Fairfield County Municipal Deer Management Alliance**  
<http://www.deeralliance.com>

**Please scroll down for Deer Resistant Plantings list**

**SEE TICK TESTING INFORMATION BELOW**

NEW TICK TESTING CRITERIA - EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2006

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES) tests ticks for the pathogen that causes Lyme Disease. The CAES had to reduce the effort and cost for this effort. Research has revealed that flat (unengorged), infected nymphs or adults of *Ixodes scapularis* (the blacklegged tick) do not transmit the Lyme Disease agent until blood is ingested - tick becomes engorged. The probability of pathogen transmission increases with time as proportionately more blood is ingested from the host.

Ticks that have **ingested blood** are considered **engorged**.

If the tick has not ingested blood - then it is NOT engorged, and it will not be tested.

**The CAES will accept all ticks for identification but will only test those *Ixodes scapularis* nymphs and females that have ingested human blood (are engorged).** CAES staff will examine the ticks for blood. American dog ticks will be identified but not tested because these ticks are not an important vector of the Lyme Disease agent. This reduction in the numbers of flat ticks tested for the DNA for the Lyme Disease agent will greatly reduce laboratory costs and improve the CAES reporting of results on the blood-fed ticks.

**Ticks that are removed from a Newtown resident can be brought to the Newtown Health District office,** and from there it will be sent out to the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, where it will be tested for the presence of the spirochetes that cause Lyme Disease. When the tick is brought into the Health District office, the person presenting the tick will be asked to fill out a short form that includes the name of the person the tick was found on, their address, telephone number, the age of the person, the gender of the person and the body part where the tick was found. This is done at no cost to the person presenting the tick.

When the Health District receives the results for the tick testing, it is logged in the District's notebook and will also be logged on this website, by an ID number. No personal information will be distributed. If the tick tests positive, a District staff member will also call the phone number provided at the time of tick submission and inform them of the positive result.

Due to the large numbers of ticks that are submitted, the District does not call to report the negative results. The results will be posted on the website, and submitters are also welcome to call the Health District office approximately 3-4 weeks after submission and can receive the result over the telephone.

**Submitters of ticks are strongly encouraged to pay close attention to their health after a tick bite. The tick testing is helpful information but cannot be used a diagnostic tool. It takes approximately 3-4 and sometimes 5 weeks to receive results from the CT Agricultural Experiment Station. Lyme Disease, or other tick borne illnesses, can onset prior to obtaining tick test results, therefore it is important to monitor health, communicate and possibly visit with a personal physician.**

**Ticks are almost everywhere - take care to reduce possible exposure - and do a tick check every day.**



## BLAST Message

Be a Tick Fighter...**BLAST** Tick-Borne Diseases this Year!

Tick season is here and the Newtown Health District is promoting the BLAST Tick-Borne Diseases program. BLAST stands for the five most important things YOU and your family can do to stay safe from tick-borne diseases.

It is important to **BE AWARE** of the risks of Tick-borne Disease – Everyone should understand that we live in an area where Lyme and other tick-

borne diseases are widespread. The good news is that tick-borne disease is preventable. We should be aware of how the disease is transmitted, what to look for, how to minimize contact with ticks and what steps to take if you suspect you have become infected. Education and awareness will greatly improve your ability to prevent tick-borne disease.

**B** stands for **bathing** soon after spending time outdoors. A recent study showed that people who bathed or showered within 2 hours of coming indoors did not contract Lyme disease as frequently as those who did not bathe or shower soon.

**L** reminds everyone to **look** their bodies over for ticks daily and remove them properly. Speedy removal helps avoid disease transmission. Remove ticks carefully by their mouth parts with a tweezer and save them in a plastic bag for identification. Contact your local health department for tick-testing policies and notify your physician if you have any concerns. "L" also reminds us to look for expanding rashes and reported them to your physician in a timely manner. The painless erythema migrans (EM) rash sometimes seen with Lyme disease can often go unnoticed and will eventually disappear while the infection remains. Other early symptoms include fatigue, headache, fever and achy muscles and joints.

**A** encourages you to **avoid** ticks when possible, and to become educated about repellants and **apply** them appropriately. Know where ticks live and **avoid** those areas: Ticks don't like sunny, dry areas; they like shade, shelter and moisture. ~Ticks can be found in leaf litter, shaded gardens, weeds, tall grass, shrubs, low trees, and ground cover like pachysandra. Dress properly when entering potentially tick-infested areas: Wear long pants that are light-colored to allow easy identification of ticks. ~Tuck your pant legs into socks and shirt into pants. ~Tape pant legs and wear long sleeves when working near the ground. ~Cover hair with a hat. ~Tie long hair back. **Apply** repellent. Studies have shown that applying 30-40% DEET-based repellant to skin is effective at repelling blacklegged (deer) ticks. Application of 0.5% permethrin-based insecticide to clothing is highly effective at repelling and even killing ticks. Clothing treated with permethrin can be washed several times and still retains its repellent properties. The use of repellants, while proven effective is a personal decision. For more information on tick repellants, visit the **National Pesticide Information Center's website**.

**S** stands for **safeguarding** your yard to reduce your possible tick exposure. **Spraying** the yard can reduce tick abundance. Homeowners should consider the benefits of applying pesticide to the perimeter of their yards. Studies have shown that even one application of pesticide at the right time of year and in the best location can reduce blacklegged tick populations by 85 – 90%. Complete information on tick management is available at the **Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station website**. Additional **safeguards** include creating a "Tick Safe Zone", in which the homeowner manages their yard to make it less hospitable to ticks, by doing the following: remove leaf litter and clear tall grasses and brush around homes and at the edges of lawns; place wood chips or gravel between lawns and wooded areas to restrict tick migration to recreational areas; mow the lawn and clear brush and leaf litter frequently; keep the ground under bird feeders clean; discourage deer from migrating into your yard by using deer-resistant plantings; stack wood neatly and in dry areas; and keep playground equipment, decks and patios away from yard edges and trees.

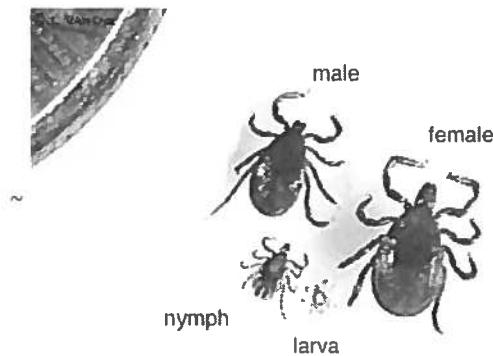
The Health District has an excellent brochure that can guide homeowners with making changes in their yards.

**T** reminds everyone about **treatment**. In general people who begin medical treatment soon after becoming infected, have a quicker and more complete recovery from Lyme and other tick-borne disease. Learning to recognize the symptoms and receiving early medical **treatment** will help to prevent more serious illness. Erythema migrans (EM) is a rash and can be the first symptom of Lyme disease. The telltale rash starts as a small red spot at the site of the bite and gets larger over a period of days or weeks and forms a red rash shaped like a circle or oval. Not everyone gets or sees the rash. Other symptoms can include fever, headache, stiff neck, body aches and tiredness. Although these symptoms may be like those of common viral infections such as the flu, Lyme disease symptoms tend to continue longer or may come and go. Lyme disease can also affect your nervous system, causing symptoms such as stiff neck, severe headache (meningitis), temporary paralysis of the facial muscles (Bell's palsy), numbness, pain or weakness in the limbs and poor muscle movement. Other more serious long term affects may include memory loss, difficulty with concentration and change in mood or sleep habits. Less commonly, people who have not taken antibiotics may develop heart or other problems weeks, months, or even years after they were infected with Lyme bacteria. Receiving early medical **treatment** is the key to preventing long term health effects.

It is also important to **treat your pets**. Local veterinarians offer a variety of methods for protecting animals from tick-borne diseases. Dogs and cats increase one's chances of exposure to Tick-Borne Disease. Pets can carry ticks in to the home on their fur. Pet owners should be cautious about sleeping with their pets.

For additional information on the BLAST Tick-Borne Disease prevention program, contact Donna Culbert at the Newtown Health District. Phone 203-270-4291 or email [donna.culbert@newtown-ct.gov](mailto:donna.culbert@newtown-ct.gov) Make everyone in the family a Tick-Borne Disease fighter this year. **BLAST Tick-Borne Disease**.

The BLAST Program materials are available on the Housatonic Valley Council of Elected officials **HVCEO website**~(<http://www.hvceo.org/lymemain.php>) for all interested parties.



All four stages of *Ixodes scapularis*, the black-legged

or deer tick with dime for size comparison

**Deer Resistant Plantings**

<u>Aa - Az Perennials</u>
<u>Achillea -- Yarrow</u>
<u>Agastache -- Anise Hyssop</u>
<u>Ajuga -- Bugleweed</u>
<u>B - C Perennials</u>
<u>Berberis -- Barberry</u>
<u>Buddleia -- Butterfly Bush</u>
<u>Buxus -- Boxwood</u>
<u>Carex -- Sedge</u>
<u>Caryopteris -- Bluebeard</u>
<u>Coreopsis -- Tickseed</u>
<u>D - I Perennials</u>
<u>Daphne -- Daphne</u>
<u>Dicentra -- Bleeding Hearts</u>
<u>Digitalis -- Foxglove</u>
<u>Epimedium -- Barrenwort</u>
<u>Euphorbia -- Spurge</u>
<u>Ferns</u>
<u>Geranium -- Hardy geranium</u>
<u>Grasses -- Ornamental Grass</u>
<u>Helenium -- Sneezeweed</u>
<u>Helleborus -- Hellebore</u>
<u>Hypericum -- St. John's Wort</u>
<u>Hyssopus -- Hyssop</u>
<u>Iris sibirica -- Siberian Iris</u>
<u>J - R -- Unusual, one-per-genus varieties</u>
<u>Lamium -- Dead Nettle</u>
<u>Lavandula -- Lavender</u>
<u>Lespedeza</u>
<u>Leucanthemum -- Shasta daisy</u>
<u>Ligularia -- Ligularia</u>
<u>Ligustrum -- Privet</u>
<u>Linum -- Blue Flax</u>
<u>Lychnis -- Rose Campion</u>
<u>Lysimachia -- Whorled Loosestrife</u>
<u>Melissa -- Lemon Balm</u>
<u>Mentha -- Mint</u>
<u>Monarda -- Bee Balm</u>
<u>Myrica -- Northern Bayberry</u>
<u>Narcissus, Allium &amp; Fritillaria for fall planting (a Top 21 Favorite)</u>
<u>Nepeta -- Catnip</u>
<u>Origanum -- Oregano</u>
<u>Paeonia -- Peony</u>
<u>Papaver orientale -- Poppy</u>
<u>Perovskia -- Russian Sage (one of Dave's Top 21 Favorites)</u>

<u>Phlomis -- Sticky Jerusalem Sage</u>
<u>Picea -- Spruce</u>
<u>Podophyllum -- Mayapple</u>
<u>Polemonium -- Jacob's Ladder</u>
<u>Potentilla -- Cinquefoil</u>
<u>Pycnanthemum -- American Mountain Mint</u>
<u>Rhus -- Sumac</u>
<u>Ruta -- Herb of Grace</u>
<u>S - Z -- Unusual, one-per-genus varieties</u>
<u>Salvia -- Meadow Sage (one of Dave's Top 21 Favorites)</u>
<u>Satureya -- Winter Savory</u>
<u>Scutellaria -- Skullcap</u>
<u>Senecio -- Golden Ragwort</u>
<u>Shrubs</u>
<u>Stachys -- Lamb's Ear</u>
<u>Tanacetum -- Tansy</u>
<u>Teucrium -- Germander</u>
<u>Thymus -- Thyme</u>
<u>Verbascum -- Mullein</u>
<u>Veronica -- Trailing or Creeping Speedwell</u>
<u>Zauschneria -- California fuchsia</u>

# House Passes Two-Year, \$40 Billion Budget

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HARTFORD - House Democrats narrowly won approval of a two-year, \$40 billion budget plan Wednesday morning after five hours of debate, rejecting the opposition of Republicans and warnings from some major corporations that they might consider leaving Connecticut if this tax-and-spending plan is adopted.

The budget was passed by the House on tight, mostly 73-70 party-line vote, with 11 Democrats joining 59 Republicans in opposing the plan. The budget bill now goes to the Senate for action as the legislature rapidly approaches its mandatory midnight adjournment deadline.

House Majority Leader Joe Aresimowicz, D-Berlin, defended the \$1.5 billion in tax increase included in the budget as necessary to avoid savage cuts in state spending for social programs such as those to help autistic children and people with cerebral palsy. He said Democrats made their decisions about taxes and spending after "seeing the faces of the people of Connecticut who needed help."

Aresimowicz admitted that the tax increases on businesses and middle class families "are troublesome" but necessary. "Is it all roses and rainbows and is everybody happy? No it's not," the majority leader said, adding: "I know it's worth it."

Following the vote, House Speaker J. Brendan Sharkey of Hamden insisted the budget plan "helps Connecticut's middle class by providing property tax relief" through reform of the system of local car taxes. "It invests in Connecticut's transportation infrastructure, which is critical to our future economy, asks the wealthy to pay a little more, and sets our state on a more stable, equitable path going forward."

Republicans flatly rejected those Democratic arguments. House GOP Leader Themis Klarides of Derby said passage of this budget is equivalent to "holding up a sign at the border to businesses and saying get out."

Klarides pointed out that, in 2011, the legislature passed Connecticut biggest tax increase in history, a plan that was "supposed to solve this problem." But she said failures to control spending now means the General Assembly is about to approve "the second biggest tax increase in our history... What we're doing is not working."



The House narrowly approved a budget which continues to level fund municipal aid, including ECS funding. HB-7061 is expected to be approved by the Senate later today. However, the budget does include significant changes affecting towns, including provisions requiring towns to pick up more of the cost of Resident State Troopers, restructuring the PILOT Program, capping car taxes and authorizing regional revenue sharing. It also relies on a \$20 million MORE Commission lapse in aid to municipalities although it is unclear how towns will achieve such savings. Below is a summary of some of these provisions

**RESIDENT STATE TROOPER** - The budget requires towns to pay (1) 85% of the compensation, maintenance, and other expenses of the first two troopers assigned to the town; (2) 100% of such costs for any additional troopers assigned there; and (3) 100% of the overtime costs and the portion of the fringe benefits directly associated with those costs.

**PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT) PROGRAM** - Beginning in FY 17, the bill sunsets the current PILOT programs and requires all PILOTs to be paid under a new consolidated program. The new program reimburses municipalities for "qualified state, municipal, and tribal property" and "qualified college and hospital property" at the same reimbursement rates, using the same application and payment process as the current program. As under current law, the rate is (1) 45% for state-owned property, (2) 77% for college and hospital property, and (3) between 45% and 100% for other specified properties.

**PILOTs Beginning in FY 18** - Under the bill, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) must rank each municipality based on (1) its mill rate and (2) the percentage of tax-exempt property on its 2012 grand list, excluding correctional and juvenile detention facilities. OPM must give boroughs and districts the same rankings as the municipalities in which they are located. The bill divides municipalities into three tiers based on this ranking and sets a minimum reimbursement rate for each tier. It requires that the PILOTs grants to tiers one and two that exceed the minimum reimbursement rate for tier three (i.e., 32% for college and hospital PILOTs and 24% for state property PILOTs) be paid from the select PILOT account.

**MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX MILL RATES** - Beginning with the October 1, 2015 grand list, the bill allows municipalities and special taxing districts to tax motor vehicles at a different rate than other taxable property, but caps the motor vehicle rate at (1) 32 mills for the 2015 assessment year and (2) 29.36 mills for the 2016 assessment year and thereafter.

**MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT (MRSA) DISTRIBUTIONS** - The bill establishes a schedule for distributing sales tax revenue directed to MRSA. The bill also eliminates the current process for distributing MRSA funds, which requires OPM to (1) provide manufacturing transition grants to municipalities and (2) distribute any remaining funds according to a specified municipal revenue sharing formula.

**Motor Vehicle Property Tax Grants** - Beginning in FY 17, the bill requires OPM to distribute motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities to mitigate the revenue loss attributed to the

motor vehicle mill rate cap described above. Under the bill, the FY 17 grant is equal to the difference between the amount of property taxes a municipality levied on motor vehicles for the 2013 assessment year and the amount of the levy for that year at 32 mills. In FY 18 and thereafter, the grant is equal such difference, based on 29.36 mills.

**Regional Services Grants** - Beginning in FY 17, the bill requires OPM to distribute regional services grants to COGs on a per capita basis, based on the most recent Department of Public Health (DPH) population estimate. Beginning in FY 18, it requires the COGs to submit a spending plan for the grant funds for OPM's approval in order to receive a grant. The bill requires COGs to use the grants (1) for planning purposes and (2) to achieve efficiencies in delivering municipal services on a regional basis, including consolidating services on a regional basis. The bill specifies that the efficiencies must not diminish the services' quality. A COG's council members must unanimously approve any grant expenditure.

**Municipal Revenue Sharing Grants** - Beginning in FY 17, the bill requires OPM to distribute municipal revenue sharing grants to municipalities. In FY 17, OPM must distribute the grants according to the amounts specified in the bill. Beginning in FY 18, it must do so according to a formula the bill establishes. The formula for calculating each municipality's grant amount depends on its motor vehicle mill rate (MVMR). As explained below, it gives more weight to municipalities with relatively high motor vehicle mill rates by setting a 25-mill threshold and basing the distribution on whether a municipality's MVMR is above or below that threshold.

**Spending Cap** - Beginning in FY 18, OPM must reduce the grant amount for those municipalities whose spending, with certain exceptions, exceeds the bill's spending limit. Each fiscal year, OPM must determine the municipality's percentage growth in spending over the prior fiscal year and reduce the grant if the growth rate is equal to or greater than 2.5% or the inflation rate, whichever is greater. However, for municipalities that taxed motor vehicles at more than 32 mills for the 2013 assessment year (for taxes levied in FY 15), the reduction may not exceed the difference between the amount of property taxes the municipality levied on motor vehicles for the 2013 assessment year and the amount the levy would have been had the motor vehicle mill rate been 32 mills.

**PROPERTY TAX BASE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM** - The bill authorizes COGs to establish a property tax base revenue sharing program under which the municipalities in their planning regions (1) tax C&I property at a composite mill rate, based in part on the average mill rate in their regions, and (2) share up to 20% of the property tax revenue generated by the growth in their C&I property tax bases since 2013, which the bill designates as the base year, if all of the member municipalities unanimously authorize it to do so. It appears that COGs must decide whether to participate by August 1, 2016.

**MRSA TRANSFER** - The bill repeals the requirement that the DRS deposit \$12.7 million of FY 15 sales and use tax payments into MRSA and distribute the funds to municipalities according to a specified municipal revenue sharing formula. By June 30, 2015, it allows the comptroller to designate up to \$12.7 million of General Fund revenue for FY 15 as General Fund revenue in FY 16.

**COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT (CIA)** - From January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the bill sweeps 50% of the funds deposited in the CIA. It requires any funds remaining in the account to be distributed according to existing law.

**MORE PROGRAM LAPSE** - The budget relies upon a Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies Program lapse of \$20 million in FY 16 and FY 17

## **BURDENSOME MUNICIPAL SET ASIDE BILL**

COST has outlined concerns with a bill which would impose significant and costly compliance burdens on small towns at a time when budgets - and property taxpayers - are already financially strained.

Although we support efforts to provide opportunities for minority and women-owned enterprises, the bill imposes another layer of regulatory oversight and additional compliance and reporting requirements on small towns which will overwhelm administrative staff or force increases in personnel costs.

In addition, according to a report by the state Department of Administrative Services, prices paid for certain commodities and services under a Set Aside program may be higher, adding to the cost of municipal projects. The bill also raised constitutional concerns, given that it is not narrowly tailored and does not meet the strict scrutiny standard as set forth in the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, *City of Richmond v. Croson*.

**The bill, HB-6086, may not be voted on but the provisions are expected to be inserted into a budget implementer bill.**

## **MBR RELIEF HEADS TO GOVERNOR'S DESK**

A bill to provide towns with some relief from the Minimum Budget Requirement mandate - which prohibits towns from budgeting less for education than it did in the previous year, except under certain limited circumstances. Under HB-7019, championed by COST, towns are afforded greater ability to lower their MBR by (1) increasing the per-student reduction allowed for decreased enrollment, (2) raising the overall cap on how much a town can reduce its MBR, and (3) removing the limit on how many ways a town can qualify for MBR flexibility. The bill completely repeals the MBR for school districts that have district performance index (DPI) scores in the top 10% of all districts in the state. The bill prohibits the alliance districts from reducing their MBR.

Rep. Craig Minor, R-Litchfield, said Gov. Dannel Malloy repeatedly pledged during his Democratic reelection campaign last year that he wouldn't raise taxes if he won a new term. "One of these days, we have to keep our word," said Minor, insisting that "the time is now" for Malloy to veto his party's budget, and that Republicans have enough votes to sustain a veto of the plan.

The House began its budget debate shortly before 5:30 a.m. after a marathon back-room effort by Democratic leaders to gather enough votes to approve the plan. In the next few hours, the chamber's Democratic majority repeatedly rejected Republican amendments aimed at reducing or eliminating the plan's \$700 million in business tax increases. The final House budget vote came at 10:30 a.m.

One early test vote was decided primarily along party lines, defeating a Republican amendment by a narrow 72-68 vote. With nine members (three Democrats and five Republicans) absent or not voting, the Democrats needed 72 votes to pass their budget, and surpassed that margin by just one vote.

The General Assembly's regular 2015 session has a midnight adjournment deadline. The longer the budget debates go on, the less chance there will be for lawmakers to pass any of the hundreds of other bills on their agenda before the deadline. After waiting and working through the night and into Wednesday morning, House lawmakers took a break following the budget vote and plan to return to work at 3:30 p.m.

House GOP lawmakers warned of dire consequences to Connecticut if the Democratic budget is approved. "The fiscal horror of this budget has clearly struck a chord with both businesses and individuals," said Rep. Gail Lavielle, R-Wilton.

Rep. John Frey, R-Wilton, said he's spoken with the CEO of General Electric, one of several big corporations that have warned they will have to reconsider staying in Connecticut if the Democratic budget passes. "I've known this guy for 10 years – he's serious," said Frey, who warned that the departure of firms like GE could result in "cataclysmic damage to the state of Connecticut."

"This budget is all about hitting the middle class again and again and again," said Rep. Jason Perillo, R-Shelton, saying proposed **tax changes to property tax credits** and on sales taxes for computer and data processing services damage middle class workers. Perillo said the social media has been flooded with pleas from the public saying "Please don't do this... But no one is listening, and a failure to listen is a failure to lead."

Democratic lawmakers insisted the tax increases are needed to pay for major transportation improvements and to protect key social service, education and environmental programs.

Rep. Jeffrey Berger, a Waterbury Democrat who co-chairs the tax committee, explained the numerous changes on the tax side. "This is the reason why we make the big bucks in this chamber everybody," Berger said as he looked at his colleagues at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday from his seat in the back row of the House chamber.

Legislators had debated different bills all day Tuesday and into Wednesday before debating the package that hikes cigarette and corporate taxes, extends the selling hours for package stores by one hour per day, imposes the sales tax on car washes and legalizes keno gambling.

The package funds everything from prisons to state universities and includes 3 percent raises for non-union managers and judges.

The debate was postponed Monday and Tuesday as legislators said the Democrats lacked the necessary 76 votes to pass the bill in the House. But leaders said that if the debate started in the House, that would be a signal that they had reached the necessary votes to pass the package.

In an early test vote, the House passed an initial amendment on the bill by a narrow margin of 72 to 68 with 11 members absent at 7:15 a.m. The debate continued, and the vote on the overall bill will be held later.

Democrats hailed the package for cutting the car tax in many cities and towns, while Republicans blasted the proposal as the second largest tax increase in state history - following the largest tax increase that was passed by Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and the Democratic-controlled legislature in 2011.

As the budget debate began, lawmakers raced back into the chamber after they had been debating numerous other bills throughout the night.

After midnight, lawmakers debated a wide variety of legislation from graduation requirements to animal issues as many of them wondered whether the budget bill would be called for a vote. Staff members were scrambling to buy breakfast for legislators, including some who were sleeping briefly before returning to their desks for the budget debate.

One of the most controversial taxes in the budget is a new mandatory combined reporting system for corporations, which prompted high-profile complaints from General Electric and other companies. Those companies would be subject to the tax because they have operations in multiple states. Despite the corporate complaints, Berger countered that all states around Connecticut and 24 states nationally have combined reporting. Opponents, however, said that the tax is structured differently in various states.

The combined reporting tax, which is also known as the "unitary" tax, would generate \$38.6 million in the fiscal year starting on July 1 and \$23.7 million in the second year of the two-year budget.

The overall net revenues coming into the state coffers would exceed \$1 billion over two years, but Republicans say that the real cost to consumers would be \$2 billion before various transfers would reduce the net total.

The tax package includes a series of tax increases, including creating a new top rate of 6.99 percent for the state income tax for couples earning \$1 million or more per year.

Aetna issued a press release also complaining about the Democratic plan, but targeting the proposal to increase the state sales tax on computer and data processing services as too onerous for high-tech corporate operations.

The sales tax rate for computer and data processing services would drop from the originally proposed 3 percent to 2 percent in the 2016 fiscal year. The so-called luxury sales tax rate would increase to 7.75 percent for clothing items that cost more than \$1,000, including wedding dresses and expensive suits.

Among the changes in the state's liquor laws, individuals or corporations could now own as many as five package stores - up from the current maximum of three.

"Let's talk about keno gaming," said Berger, the legislature most outspoken proponent of the gambling game. "Some people in this chamber will agree with it and some won't. ... We need as a state legislature to support the Connecticut Lottery Corporation."

The lottery, he said, generated about \$310 million this year compared to only about \$285 million in slot-machine revenue-sharing from the two casinos in southeastern Connecticut.

"It's not, as some people will say, about using revenue to fill a budget hole," Berger said, noting that Massachusetts is among the most successful keno operations in the nation with \$790 million in revenue.

Berger also noted that the budget calls for transportation improvements and property tax reform, which is contained in Senate Bill 1 that Berger called "historic" legislation.

The state's sales tax rate for consumers will remain at 6.35 percent, but that will include 0.5 percent for transportation and 0.5 percent for cities and towns in the form of property tax reform. The money for the cities and towns will not be diverted into the state's general fund but will instead be earmarked for municipalities.

State Rep. Christopher Davis, the ranking House Republican on the tax committee, said the state had created a bad atmosphere for businesses.

"Perhaps what is most offensive to our constituents is we are blowing through the spending cap," Davis said. "We're doing it now at 6 o'clock in the morning on the last day of the session."

Davis said that constituents are asking: "What in the world are they doing in Hartford, Connecticut now?"

"Do we want to balance our budget by people drinking more at night?" Davis asked.

The budget includes 3 percent raises to non-union managers and 3 percent for judges.

"We talked to the judges and we explained to them that this is a tough budget," said Rep. Toni Walker, a New Haven Democrat who co-chairs the budget committee.

After the initial test vote, Republicans offered a multi-faceted amendment before 7:30 a.m. that was designed to seek savings from state employees under the SEBAC agreement and aid community hospitals. The hospital provider tax was created with the idea of generating more federal revenue, which would be distributed back to the hospitals.

Rep. Whit Betts, a Bristol Republican, said the net loss to Connecticut hospitals is more than \$1 billion, including 141 million in the 2014 fiscal year and \$276 million in the 2015 fiscal year.

**From:** "Jeanfaivre, Gary" <[Gary.Jeanfaivre@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Gary.Jeanfaivre@cga.ct.gov)>  
**Date:** May 30, 2015 at 2:59:19 PM EDT  
**To:** JOHN KORTZE <[jkortze@me.com](mailto:jkortze@me.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Senate passes HB 7019: MBR relief bill

It has passed both the House and Senate. Up to the Governor to sign it now.

Gary Jeanfaivre  
Press Secretary and Legislative Aide  
State Senator Tony Hwang  
Connecticut's 28<sup>th</sup> District

On May 30, 2015, at 2:29 PM, JOHN KORTZE <[jkortze@me.com](mailto:jkortze@me.com)> wrote:

Did the bill pass?

On May 30, 2015, at 2:28 PM, Jeanfaivre, Gary <[Gary.Jeanfaivre@cga.ct.gov](mailto:Gary.Jeanfaivre@cga.ct.gov)> wrote:  
Hi John, given your interest in this issue, we wanted to forward this email to your attention.

Based on performance measures, Newtown falls in the top 10% of schools in the state and therefore would have the greatest flexibility under this bill (details below).

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Kindly,  
Gary

**From:** Jeanfaivre, Gary  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 30, 2015 1:44 PM  
**Subject:** Senate passes HB 7019: MBR relief bill

Hello, local leaders of the 28<sup>th</sup> District towns –

We write with good news: the Senate just unanimously passed HB 7019, the MBR bill!

As you may know, this bill provides municipalities with much greater flexibility to address declining enrollment through budget reductions in collaboration with local boards of education. More information about the bill can be found in this release we sent out on the heels of its passage in the House: <http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/2015/05/sen-hwang-praises-house-passage-of-legislation-that-gives-towns-greater-flexibility-on-education-budgets/#.VWnwzE10zIU>

Detailed info on the bill can also be found on the CGA website: [http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which\\_year=2015&bill\\_num=7019](http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&which_year=2015&bill_num=7019)

And, if you're interested, you can read Tony's testimony that he submitted in support of the bill: <http://www.cga.ct.gov/2015/EDdata/Tmy/2015HB-07019-R000319-Senator%20Tony%20Hwang-TMY.PDF>

The bill now heads to the Governor.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Kindly,  
Gary



## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### POLICE CONTRACT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Three Year Contract (2014/15 to 2016/17)
  - One year retroactive; two years going forward.
- Medical Insurance:
  - Medical cost-share increased to 12% for duration of contract (from 11%).
  - “Option to Decline” In lieu payment increased from \$1,000 per year to \$3,000 per year (an added incentive to decline medical insurance).
  - Affordable Health Care Act reopener prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.
- Defined Contribution Pension Plan accepted by Union for all new hires (replacing the current Defined Benefit Pension Plan for all new hires).
  - 5% Employee contribution; 15% Town contribution.
  - The Town’s contribution to the current defined benefit pension plan is 17.3% for 2015-16.
- Wages:
  - 1.9% for 2014/15.
  - 1.9% for 2015/16.
  - 2.0% for 2016/17.

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN - POLICE CONTRACT FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

<b>WAGES</b>					
<u>Police Union Positions</u>	<u># Positions</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
			<u>1.90%</u>	<u>1.90%</u>	<u>2.00%</u>
Lieutenant - Step 5	3	269,622	274,745	279,965	285,564
Detective Sergeant - Step 5	0	-	-	-	-
Admin. Sergeant - Step 5	1	81,540	83,089	84,668	86,361
Sergeant - Step 3	3	244,962	249,616	254,359	259,446
Sergeant - Step 2	2	151,532	154,411	157,345	160,492
Sergeant - Step 1	1	73,517	74,914	76,337	77,864
Detective - Step 5	3	211,653	215,674	219,772	224,168
Officer - Step 5	21	1,481,571	1,509,721	1,538,406	1,569,174
Officer - Step 4	3	196,947	200,689	204,502	208,592
Officer - Step 3	0	-	-	-	-
Officer - Step 2	3	173,223	176,514	179,868	183,465
Officer - Step 1	3	162,252	165,335	168,476	171,846
Officer - Step H	0	-	-	-	-
Holiday Pay		120,000	122,280	124,603	127,095
Longevity Pay		15,200	15,200	15,200	15,200
Premium Pay		10,750	10,750	10,750	10,750
Degree Incentive Pay		15,100	15,100	15,100	15,100
<b>Total Uniformed</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>3,207,869</b>	<b>3,268,039</b>	<b>3,329,351</b>	<b>3,395,117</b>

<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
WAGES	60,170	61,313	65,766
SOCIAL SECURITY	4,603	4,690	5,031
	<u>64,773</u>	<u>66,003</u>	<u>70,797</u>

<b>MEDICAL BENEFITS</b>						
<u>Medical Plan Type</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Annual Premium</u>		<u>Total Employee Cost Share</u>		
		<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2014-15</u>	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
				<u>11%</u>	<u>12%</u>	<u>12%</u>
FAMILY	25	25,277	25,955	69,511	77,866	80,202
DUAL	8	19,940	20,460	17,547	19,641	20,231
SINGLE	10	9,302	9,547	10,232	11,456	11,800
	<u>43</u>			<u>97,290</u>	<u>108,964</u>	<u>112,233</u>

<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT</b> (additional employee contributions to the medical self insurance fund)	<u>2015-16</u>	<u>2016-17</u>
	11,674	3,269

\*\* Assumes a 3% premium increase over 2015-16.

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CAROL MAHONEY  
TAX COLLECTOR

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

DATE: May 7, 2015

TO: The Legislative Council

From: Carol L. Mahoney 

Re: The Transfer of Uncollectible Motor Vehicle Tax Accounts, Personal Property and Real Estate Accounts to the Suspense Tax List for your consideration and approval.

The Connecticut State Statutes require that at least once a year the Tax Collector of each municipality shall deliver to the Board of Finance or similar board a listing of all accounts that the Tax Collector believes to be uncollectible. These accounts are then transferred from the regular accounts-receivable to the Suspense Tax Book.

This transfer does not void the tax. If at any time in the future the Tax Collector is able to collect the taxes on the suspense tax list, she shall do so with all the usual interest charges.

The Tax office ceases to send out quarterly bills for these accounts, but in reference to the Motor Vehicle Suspense Accounts, those persons cannot register a car in the State of Connecticut until the taxes are paid to the Town of Newtown.

504 Motor Vehicle Accounts	\$ 100,945.52
297 Personal Property Accounts	\$ 160,341.23
10 Real Estate Accounts	\$ 118,387.49

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MAY - 811 Suspense Accounts totaling \$ 379,674.24

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN – SUSPENSE LIST HISTORY**

MAY 2008	-	Suspense List Total was	\$198,970
MAY 2009	-	Suspense List Total was	\$210,522
MAY 2010	-	Suspense List Total was	\$209,577
MAY 2011	-	Suspense List Total was	\$140,576
MAY 2012	-	Suspense List Total was	\$115,151
MAY 2013	-	Suspense List Total was	\$192,278
May 2014	-	Suspense List Total is	\$359,515
May 2015	-	Suspense List Total is	\$379,674

MAY 2014 + 2015 Suspense Lists include the Charles Batchelder properties (\$114,000)



# 2015 Newtown Economic Development Update

Presented to the Board of Selectmen,  
Legislative Council, Board of Finance  
June 1, 3, 8, 2015

Presented By:

**Betsy Paynter**

Economic Development Coordinator





## Overview

- Economic Development consists of business retention, expansion and attraction
  - Newtown's 7 business districts
  - Real estate brokers & developers
  - Business Development
  - Networking
  - Community support, walk-ins meetings

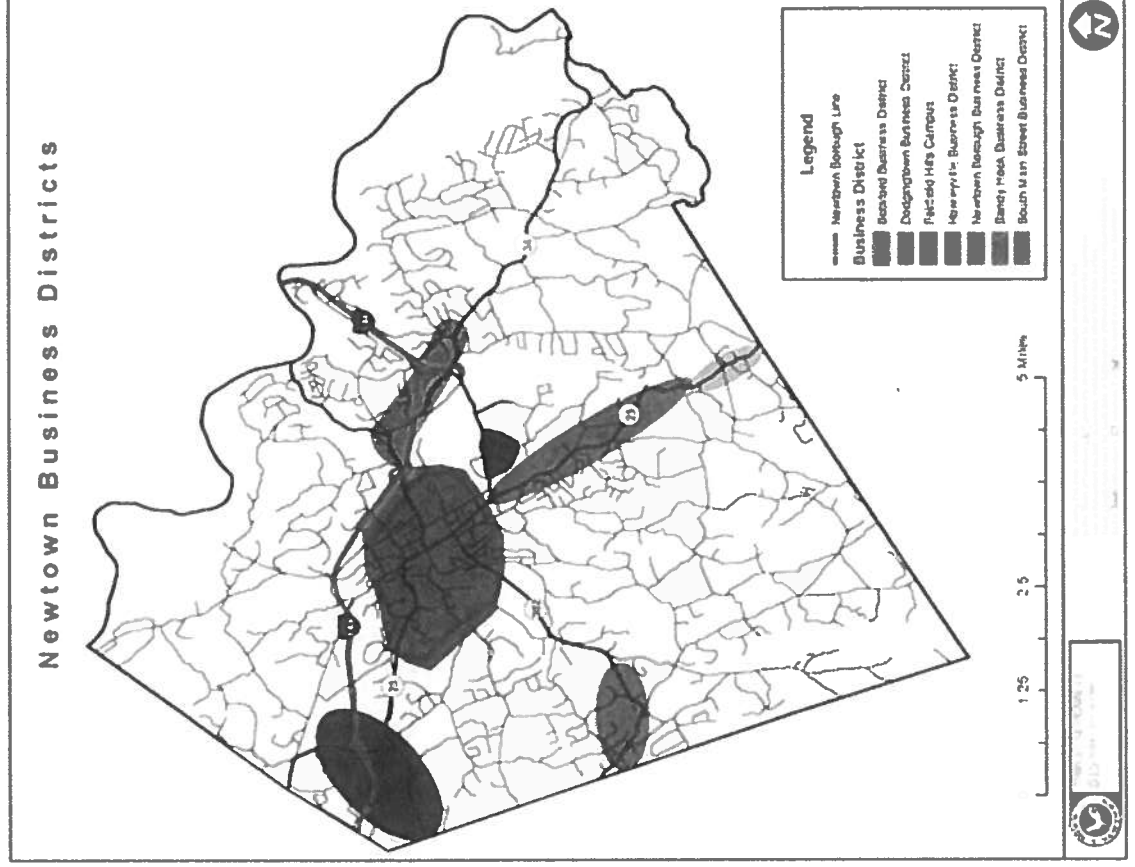




# Newtown Business Districts

## Newtown's 7 Business Districts:

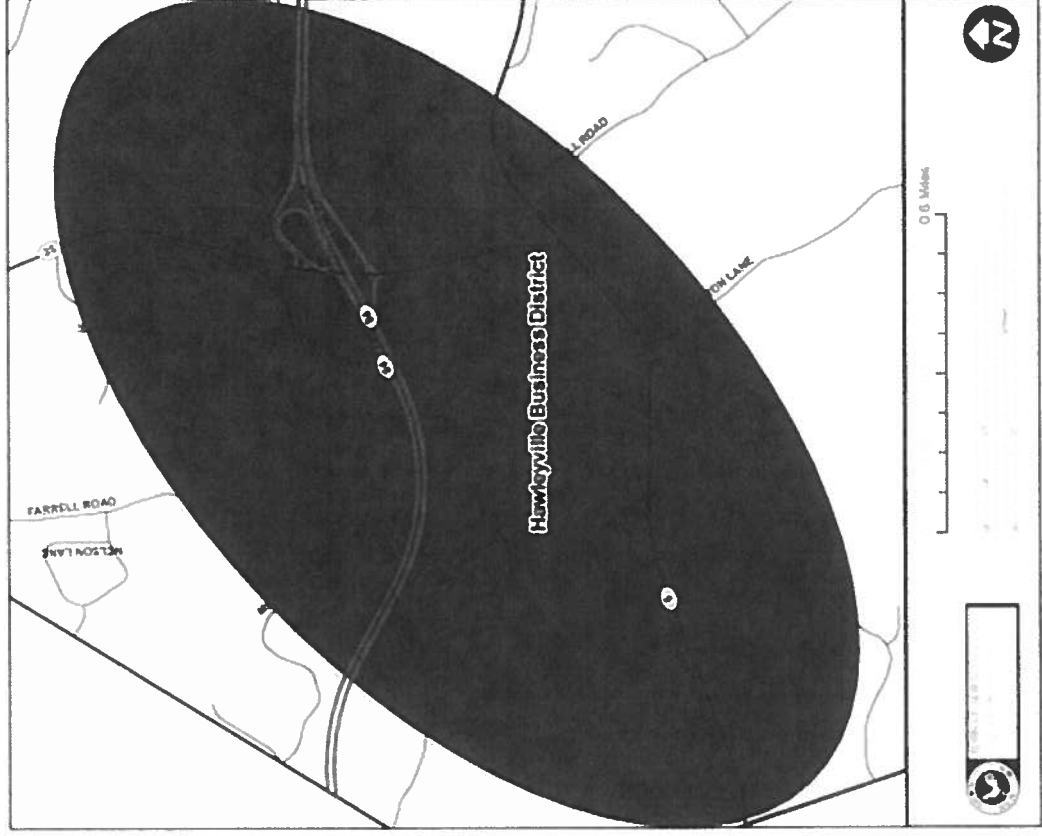
- Hawleyville Business District
- Newtown Borough Business District
- Sandy Hook Village & surrounding businesses, Turnberry Commercial Park
- Fairfield Hills Campus
- South Main Business District
- Botsford Business District
- Dodgingtown Business District





# Hawleyville Business Districts

## Newtown Business Districts



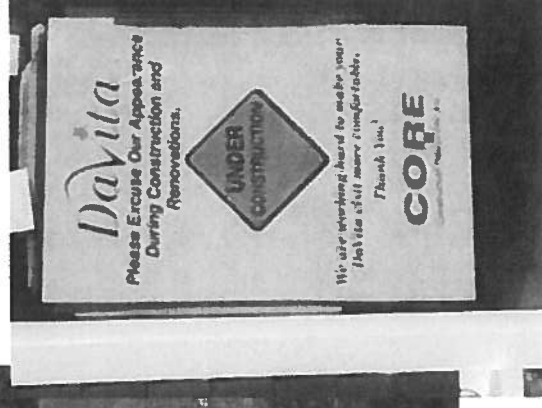
### Infrastructure:

- Sewer line extension
- Aquarion water
- Fiber optics
- Tracts of under developed/ vacant industrial /commercial land
- Hawleyville streetscape – preparing grant application





# 164 Mt. Pleasant Medical Building



## Newtown's "Medical Mile":

- 26,000 sf medical building construction complete
- Davita Dialysis, leasing underway for remaining



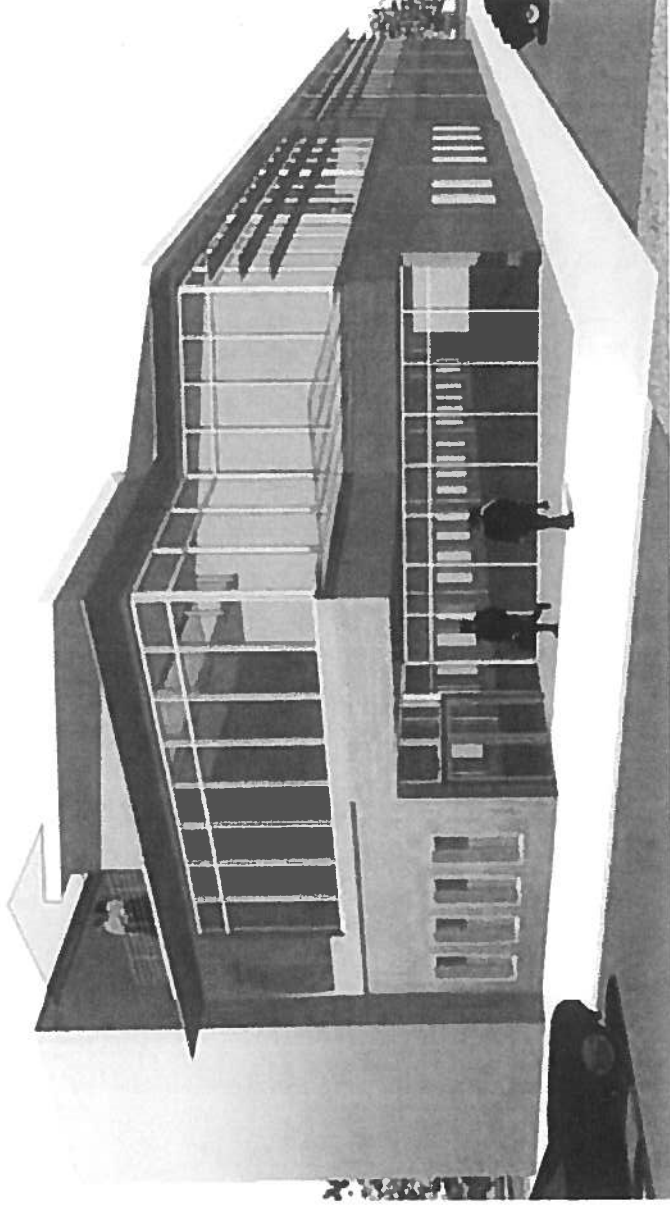
## 168/170 Mt. Pleasant Road:

- 30,000 sf medical building





**174 Mt Pleasant Rd  
Hawleyville Professional Office Building**



**20,000 sf – professional office space approved**





# Mt. Pleasant Development

## Planned/Potential Projects:

- 131 Mt. Pleasant Rd - Hilarios Gas Station – expansion development
  - tanks removed October
- 9 & 13 Hawleyville Rd - Grace Christian Fellowship Church - commercial & housing
  - Proposed 175 housing units
  - Proposed 4500 sf – restaurant use
- 10 Hawleyville Rd - Exit 9 – 103 acres site
  - Many conversations, possible commercial building development
- 90 Mt. Pleasant - 33 acres
  - potential 140 housing units
- 183 Mt. Pleasant Road - Brom Enterprises, LLC
  - 17,000 sf medical office building approved (site is cleared)

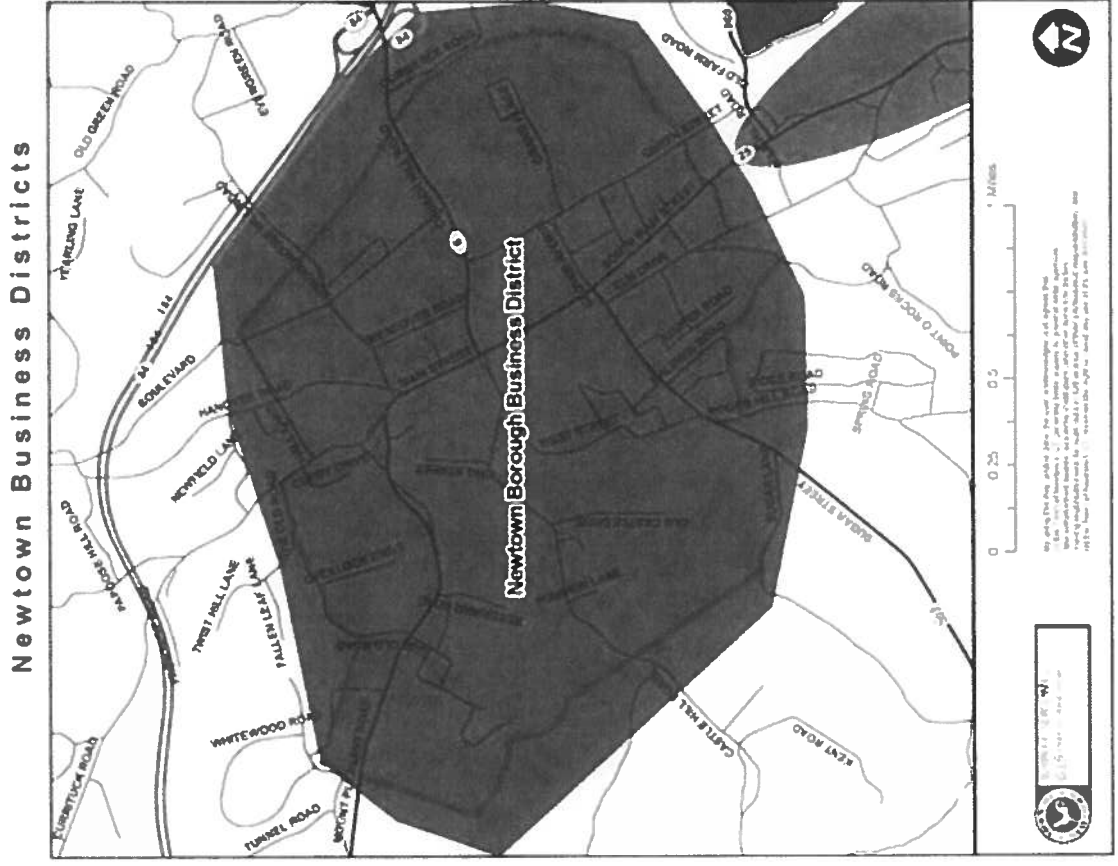




# Newtown Borough Business District

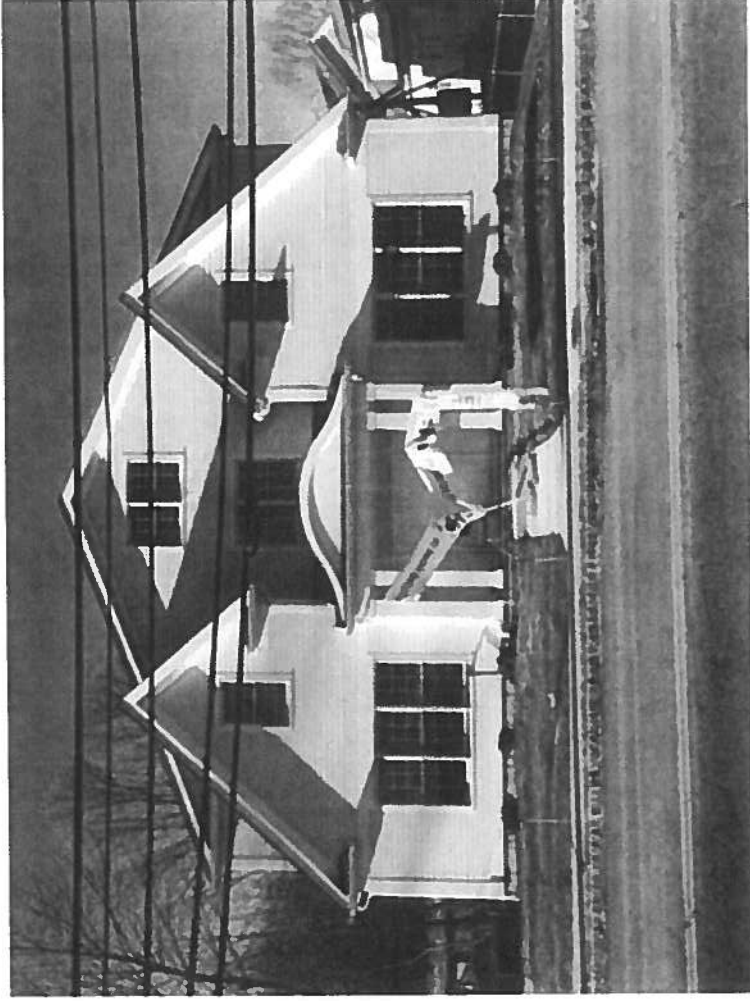
## Infrastructure:

- Town sewers
- Town water
- Natural gas
- Fiber Optics
- Few tracts of vacant/under developed commercial land





## 12 Queen Street - Medical Office Building



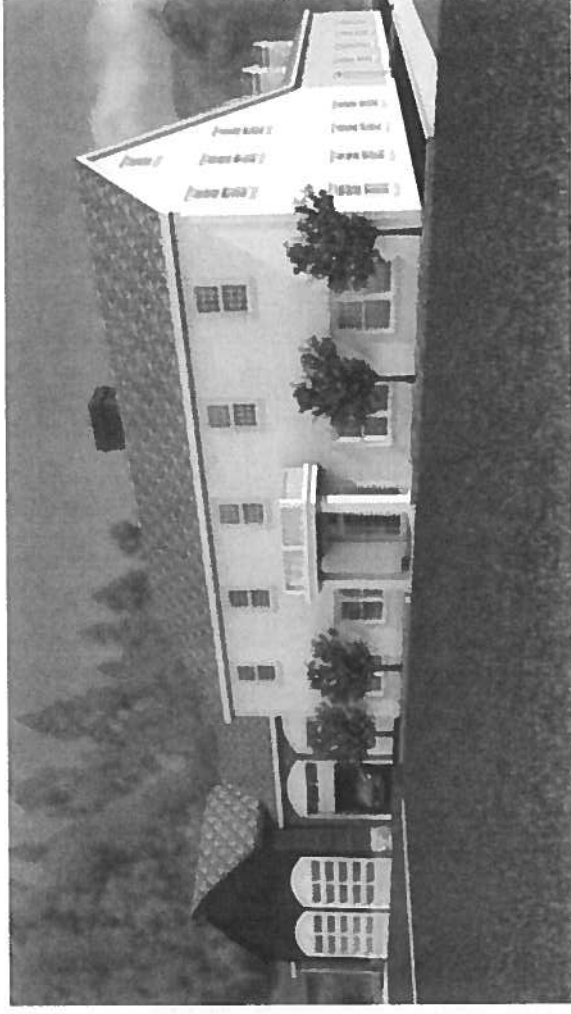
**5,750 sf - orthodontist and professional space**

- Quilt Shop By Lois – opening June 2015
- Physical Therapy – opening summer 2015
- Dr. Beck – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor





## 12 Church Hill Road Newtown Hook & Ladder Firehouse



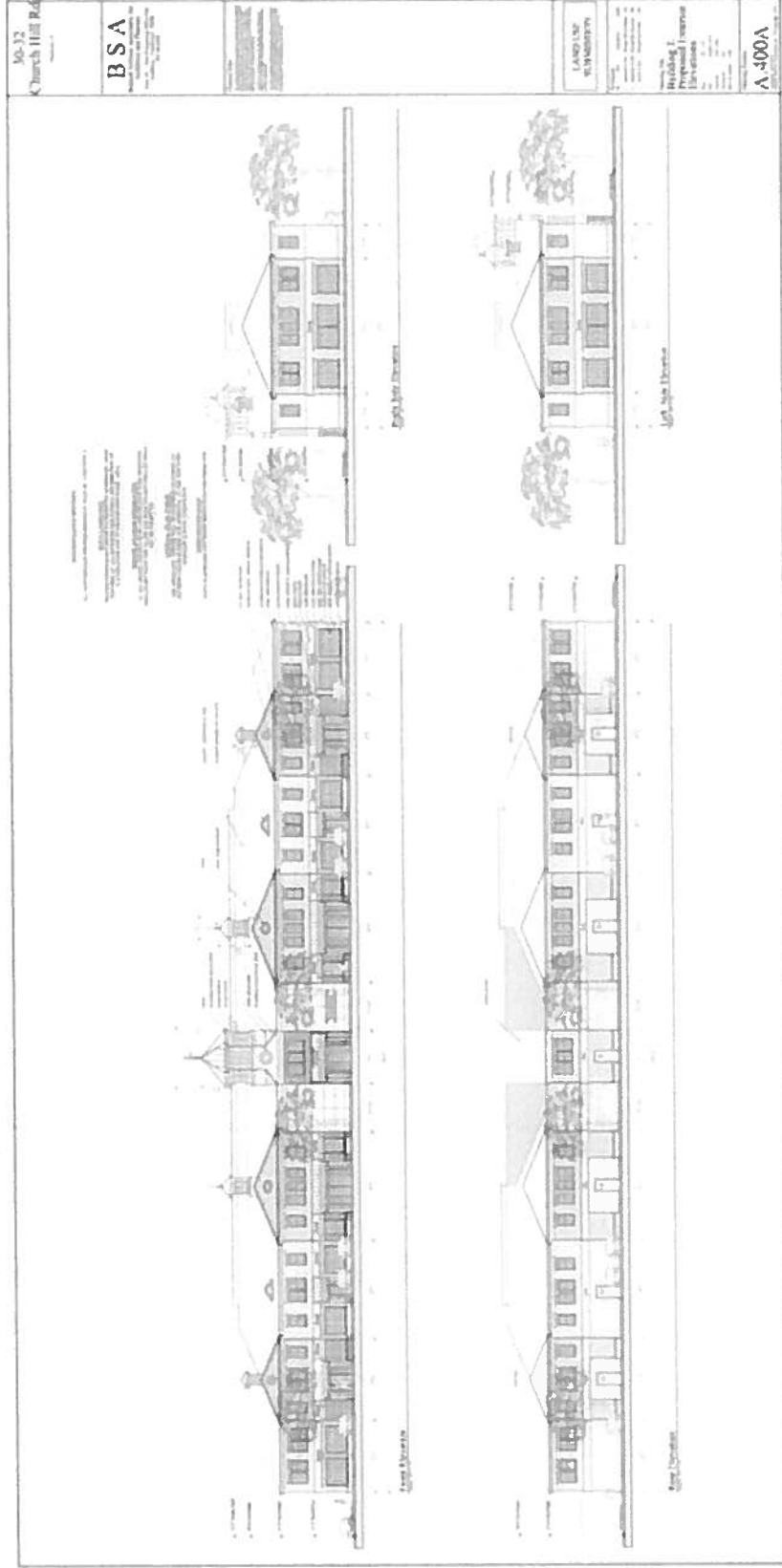
**16,000+ sf Firehouse**

- Great addition to the business landscape along Church Hill Road





# 30-32 Church Hill Rd - Villages at Lexington



## Retail, Professional & Medical buildings

5 buildings - 54,000 sf

NSB building - 5,500 sf

Construction underway, complete by fall 2015/spring 2016





## 67 Church Hill Rd - Consumers Petroleum



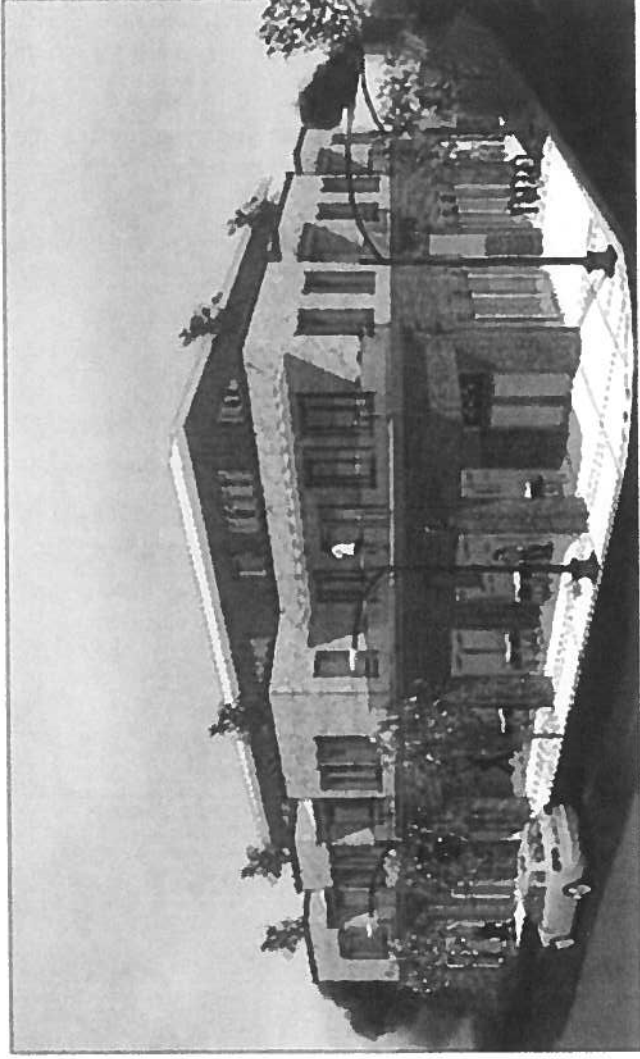
**3,440 sf new gas station & convenience store**  
- Construction in process, completion due this summer







## 57 Church Hill Rd – Retail property



**10,000 sf retail space**

- commercial real estate marketing
- build to suit





## Borough Development

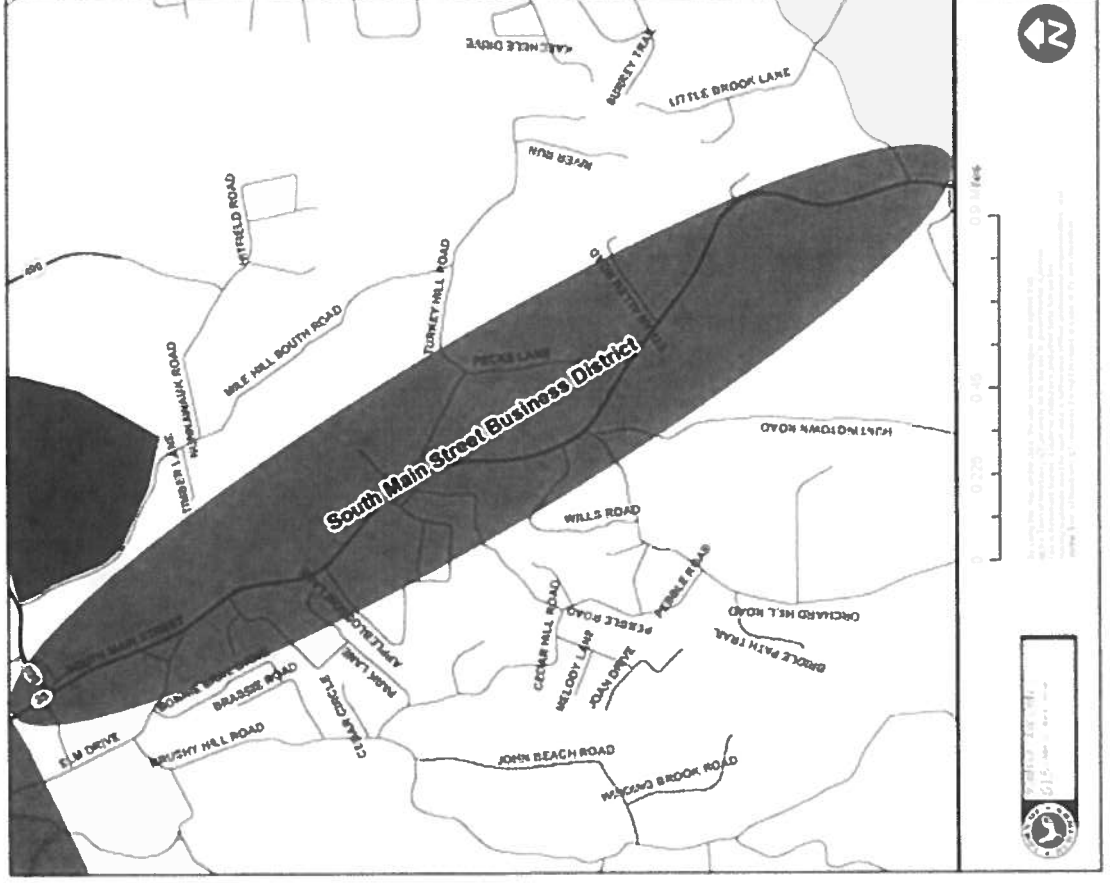
- 33 Main Street – café & professional space - Sept
- 64 Church Hill Road – (Mobil) car wash
- 27 Church Hill Rd – potential development
- Commerce Road – New Directory Sign – June
- Edmond Road realignment – 2016
- 75 Church Hill Rd – proposed commercial building
- Sidewalk extension along Church Hill from Flag pole to Newtown Bee
- Sidewalk development to begin from Glover/Rt. 25 around Walgreens to REED Intermediate School
  - \$750,000 DOT grant received





# South Main Street Business District

Newtown Business Districts

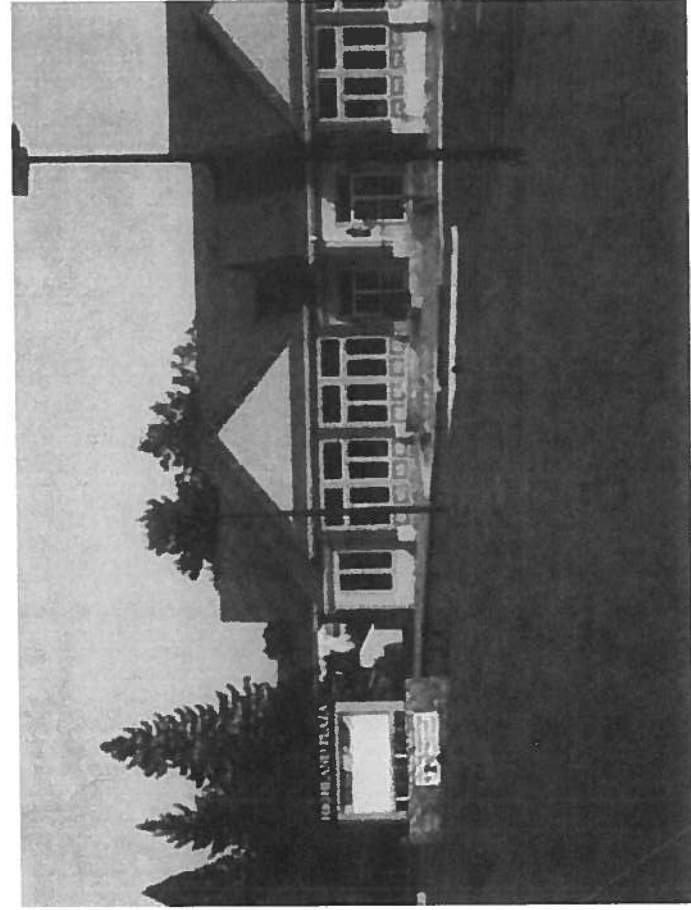


## Infrastructure:

- minimal town sewers , septic
- Aquarion water
- Natural gas
- Fiber Optics
- Tracts of under developed/ vacant commercial & industrial land



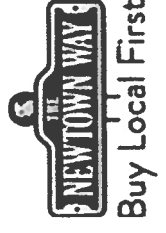
# 121-125 S. Main St - Highland Plaza



**58,000 s/f between 3 buildings**

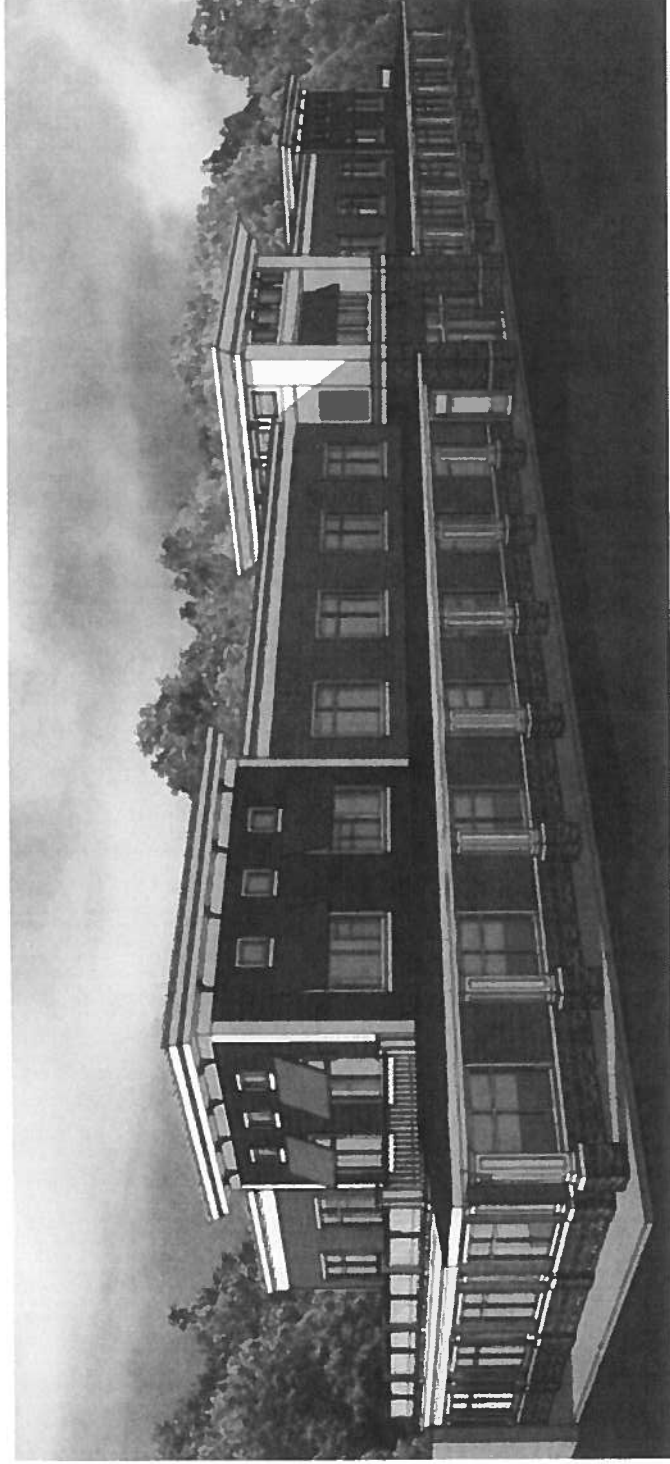
Fusion 25 Restaurant, Highland Self Storage, Nanavaty, Nanavaty & Davenport, CPA,  
Butcher's Best Country Market, Core Fitness, Newtown MediSpa (expansion), SOHO  
Pizza of Newtown

- Light manufacturing zone approval for new business development





# 146 S. Main St - Mixed Use Commercial Building



**20,000 sf building - 10,000 sf residential over 10,000 sf retail**

Clearing ground, ground breaking July 2015  
Planned completion by fall 2015





## South Main Street Development

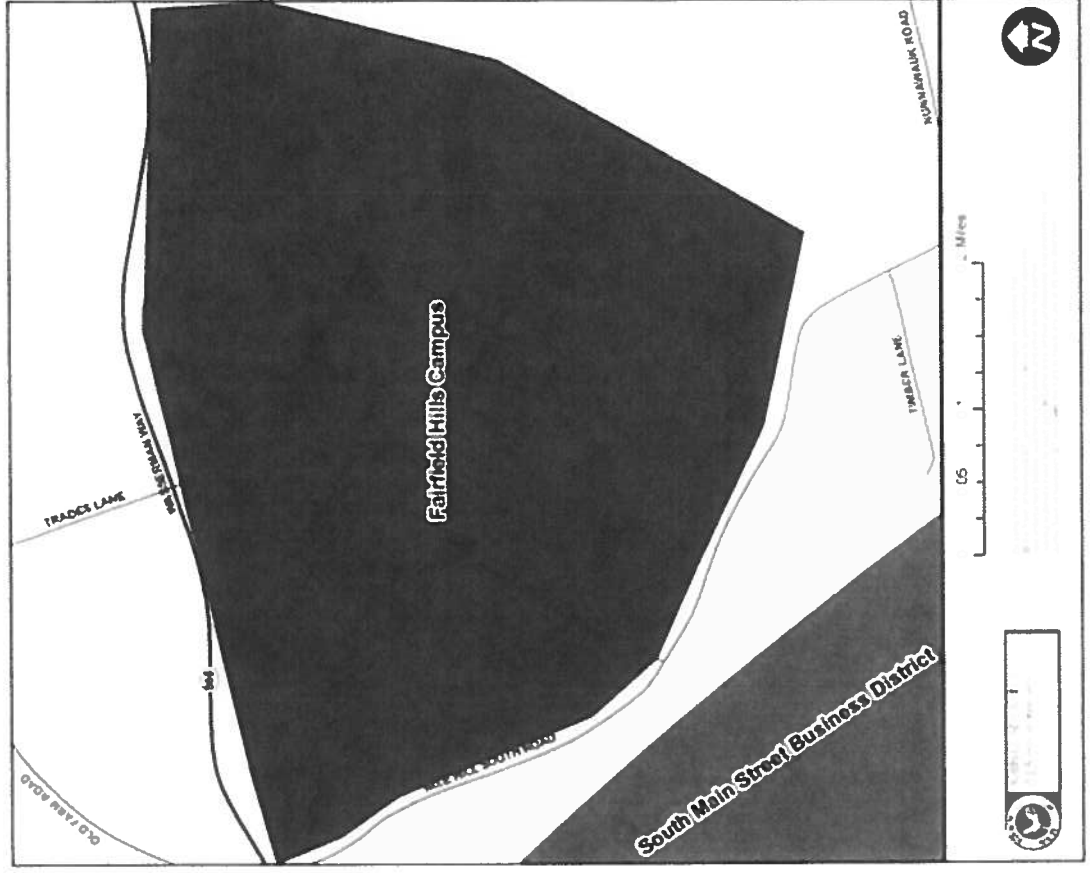
- 116 S. Main St - Discussions with potential retailer for 4 acre development, P&Z presentation this summer
- 84 S. Main St – proposed building
- 201 S. Main St – Blue Linx property – multiple conversations





# Fairfield Hills Campus

## Newtown Business Districts



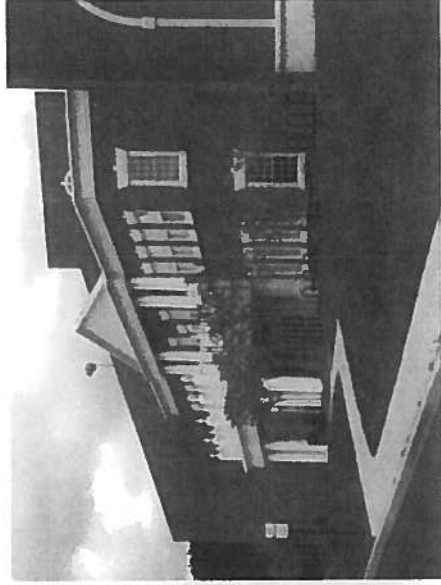
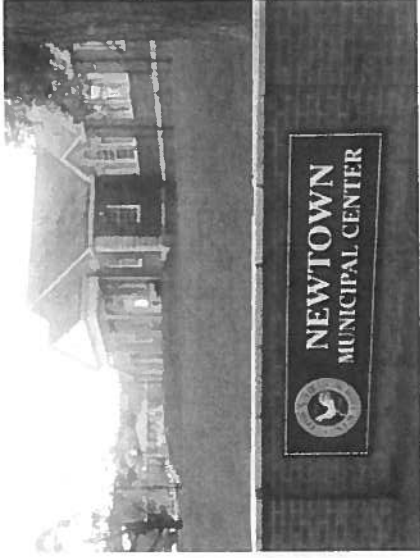
### Infrastructure:

- Town water
- Town sewers
- Natural gas
- Fiber Optics
- FFH Master Plan





# Fairfield Hills Campus



## 2015 Grant applications:

- \$450,000 STEAP for Streetscape
- \$200,000 EPA for Shelton House remediation and clean up
- \$310,000 single family house demo







# Newtown Volunteer Ambulance Corps

14,000 sf garage & headquarters





# Fairfield Hills Campus



## Projects:

- Danbury Hall (21,000 sf) remediated and demolition complete - Fall 2014
- Lease with Newtown Parent Connection approved
  - renovation of duplex to begin in Spring 2015
- Healthvest Discussions – mental health hospital
- Approx. 1 mile walking trail system expansion
  - Complete summer 2015
- Single Family homes planned for removal
- Five duplex buildings + Stratford building ready for renovation & commercial reuse
- Tuesday afternoon Farmer's Market
  - Begins Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm – 6pm until October
- Victory Garden
- Newtown Arts Festival & other events

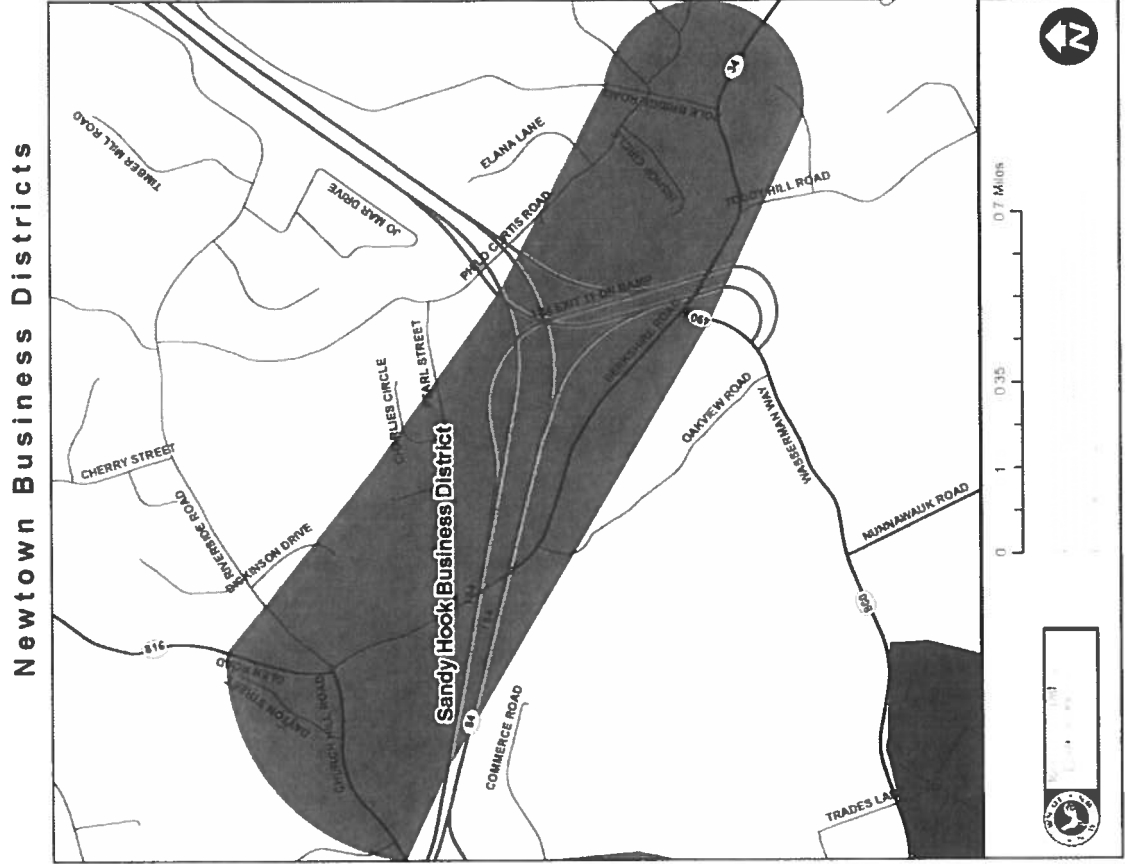




# Sandy Hook Business District

## Infrastructure:

- Partial sewers, septic
- Aquarion water
- Natural gas
- Fiber Optics
- Tracts of under developed/  
vacant industrial land  
available





# Sandy Hook Village Revitalization



Streetscape completed in 2014

- Sidewalks & lighting

Sandy Hook Village Branding 2013

Signage & Wayfinding consultant - 2015

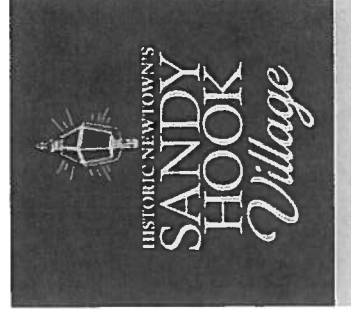
- Exit 10 & 11, parking, amenities, Sandy

Hook Village branding

SHOP – Sandy Hook Organization for Prosperity

- Master Planning Committee

Restaurant cluster forming





## 6 Washington Street



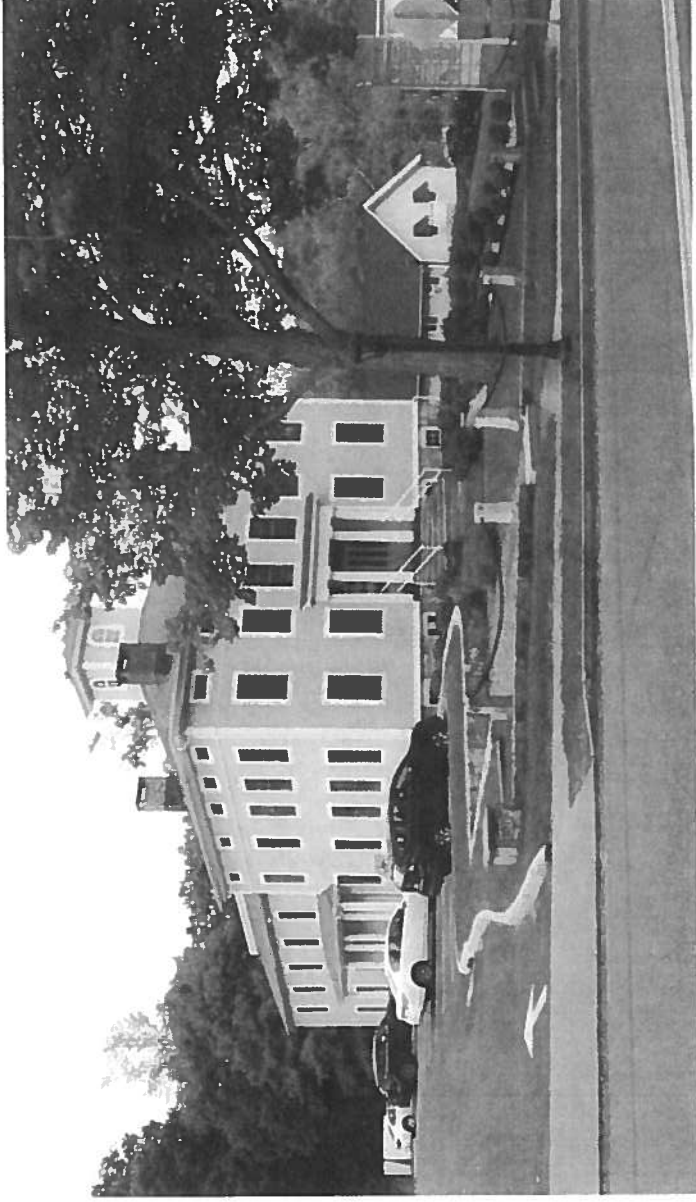
5,600 sf – light dining space near completion

Tenant fit out for September (Wine Bar)





# 107 Church Hill Road



Phase 1 completed - 15,000 sf office and professional building

Spring 2015 - Phase 2 includes rental housing over commercial





# Riverwalk at Sandy Hook Village 10-16 Washington Avenue



Proposed housing community of 74 townhouses





## The Paddock at Newtown 79 Church Hill Rd



- Proposed apartment complex to include pool, clubhouse and 300 +/- housing units







## SHV Development Opportunity

### Brownfield Clean up:

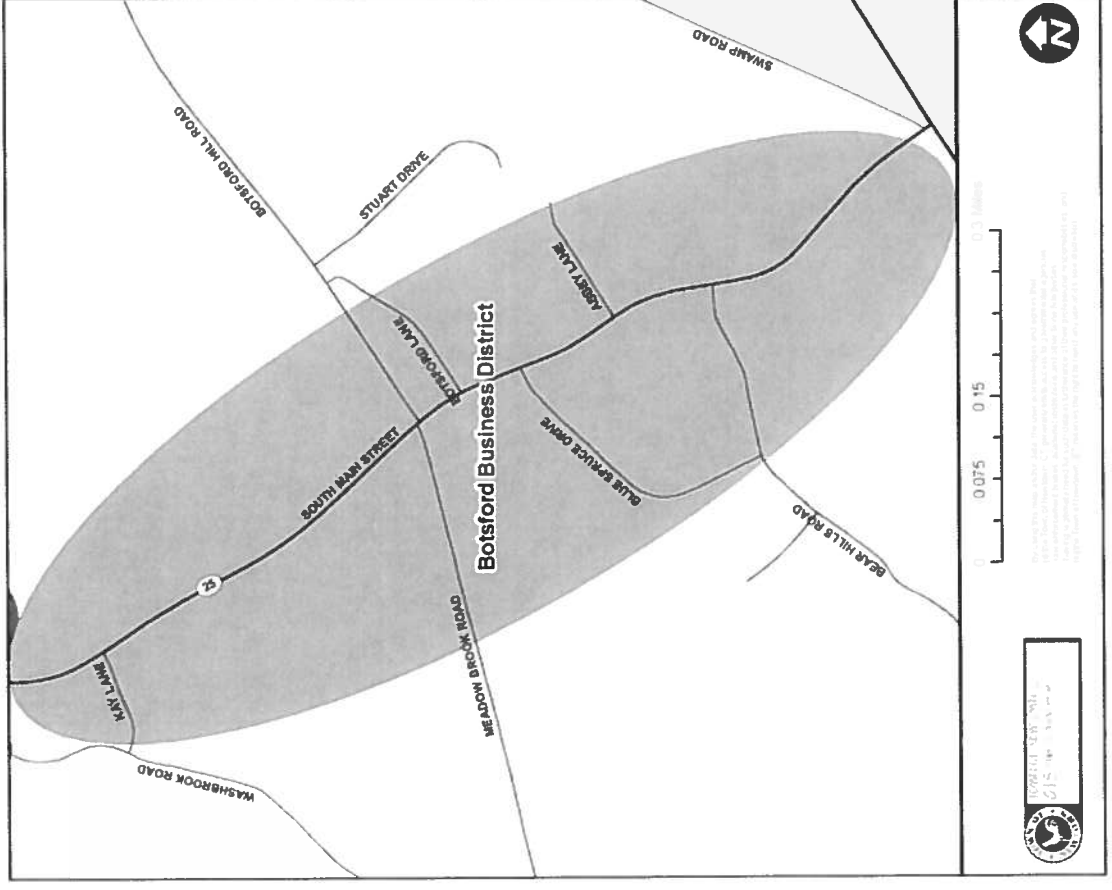
- 7 Glen Road - Sandy Hook Auto & Marine
- 28 Glen Road – Watkins property
  - Environmental assessment reports due in June
  - RPF for development





# Botsford Business District

## Newtown Business Districts



### Infrastructure:

- Aquarian water
- Natural gas
- Fiber Optics

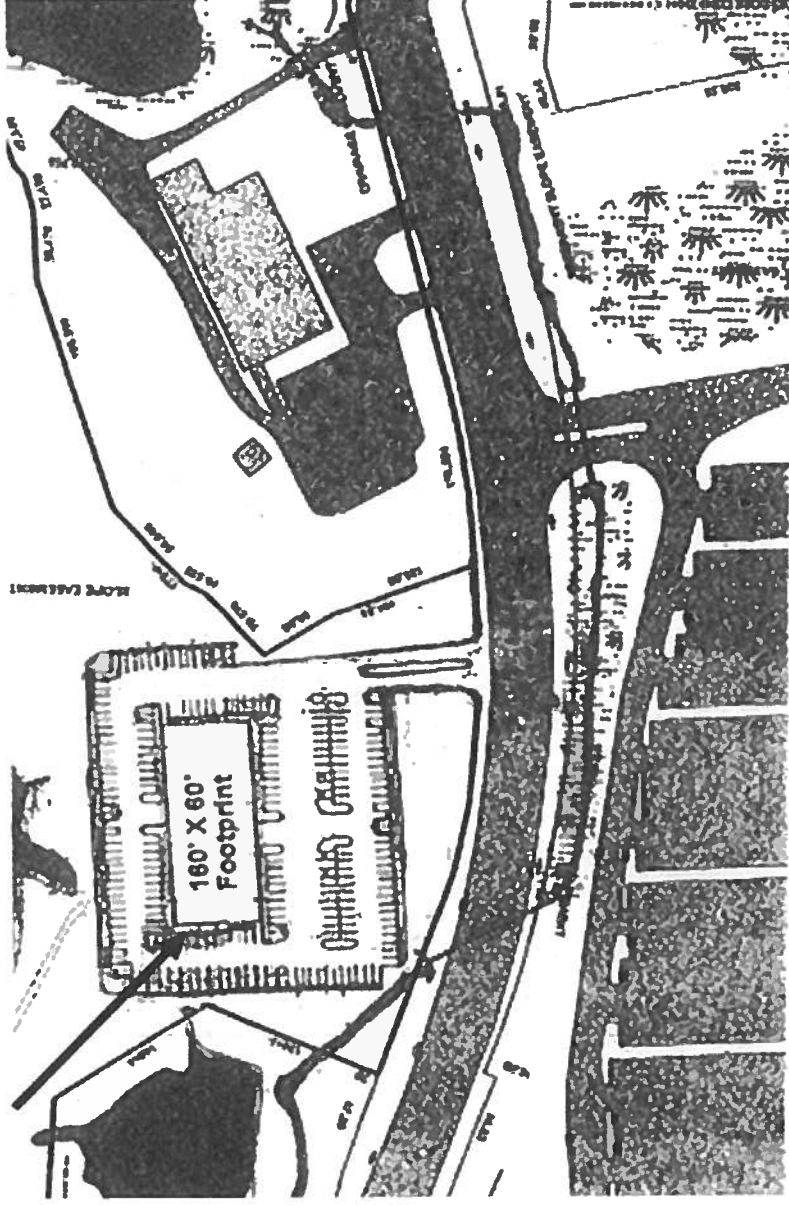
### Development:

- 2 Buttonshop Rd (100+/- acres)
- Discussions re: potential mixed used development – undergoing environmental assessment
- Batchelder – Tighe & Bond – grant for solar park development





# 245 S. Main St – Retail Development



**10 acre lot, proposed 19,000 sf building**

Marketing for tenant anchor

Across the street from Sand Hill Plaza, next to Waterfall Plaza



Buy Local First





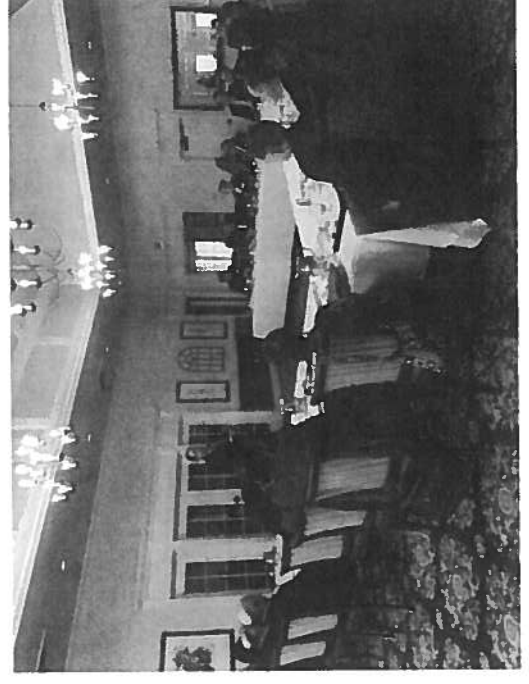
# Business Development

## Small Business Development Seminars:

- February/March 2015 – 4 seminars held at CH Booth Library
  - Newtown Savings Bank sponsorship
  - SBA seminars/speakers:
    - How to write a business plan, Small business financing, Marketing 101, How to win government bids
  - Library & WBDC relationship – fall seminars

## Newtown's Annual Manufacture Breakfast

- Rock Ridge Country Club
- Newtown Savings Bank sponsorship
- Manufacture speakers:
  - DECD, CCAT, CONNSTEP, DOL, NVCC Advanced manufacturing school





# Business Development

## Fundamentals of Economic Development for Municipalities

- January 2015
- CERC & CEDAS presentation
- Opportunity to get most boards together & discuss the focus of Economic

Development in Newtown





# Business Development

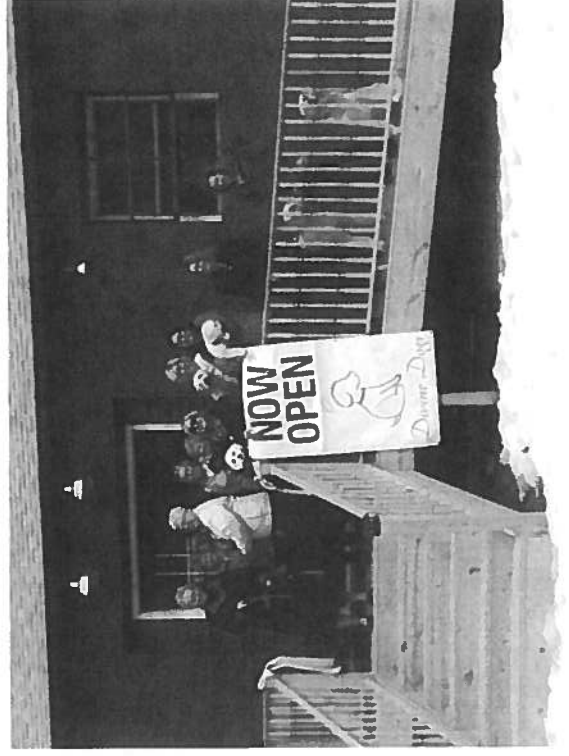
## Ribbon Cuttings:

- Divine Dogs
- Filet Restaurant
- The Burrito Shack
- BU Juice Bar
- Café Xpresso
- Fine Floors By Mathisons
- SOHO Pizza of Newtown
- Your Healthy Pet
- The Quilt Shop By Lois



## Ground Breakings:

- Consumer Petroleum
- 164 Mt. Pleasant Rd
- 168/170 Mt. Pleasant Rd
- The Summit – 149 S. Main St





# Marketing Efforts

- The Newtown Way: Buy Local First campaign
- New England Real Estate Journal articles
- Constant Contact newsletter
- Social Media – Facebook & Twitter
- Nurture economic gardening with existing business
- Promote efficient land use and zone regulation
- Leverage Hawleyville Sewer Extension installation
- Leverage Business Incentive Program

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Newtown Economic Development

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RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,600,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,600,000 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 \$3,600,000 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 improvements to the Newtown High School Auditorium, including, but not limited to, demolition, removal and replacement of auditorium seating, curtain, stage rigging, lighting, flooring, HVAC repairs, fire protection, plumbing improvements and electrical upgrades, as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-2020) and for architect and 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, \$3,600,000 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.



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May 7, 2015

Mr. John Kortze  
25 Hundred Acres Road  
Newtown, CT 06470

Subject: Newtown High School Auditorium Improvements

Dear John:

At its May 5, 2015 meeting, the Board of Education approved the following motion:

- Move that the Board of Education, in accordance with the town of Newtown's Charter Section (6-30), a)&b), request a special appropriation of \$3,600,000 for the Newtown High School auditorium project. This amount is included in the currently approved CIP for the Board of Education for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

This project consists of planning/design/construction; replacement of the original 1970 auditorium seating, replacement of the carpeting, replacement of house lighting, HVAC repairs, installation of LED isle lighting, repair of concrete floor, repair of stage rigging and lighting along with miscellaneous items as required.

This request includes architect fees and construction costs.

We ask that the Board of Finance include this action in its next agenda. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Erardi".

Dr. Joseph V. Erardi  
Superintendent

Enclosures

cc: Mary Ann Jacob  
Pat Llodra  
Robert Tait  
Board of Education

**FINANCIAL IMPACTS**  
**HS Auditorium Renovations**

- Reduced maintenance expense of \$5-6,000 associated with the annual outside replacement of house lights.
- \$20-30,000 per year associated with the rental of sound and lighting equipment for school performances. This amount is paid for out of ticket sales. The availability of such funds will allow either and or a potential reduction in ticket prices or enhanced scenery/costume and other associated costs.
- Electricity usage will decline due to the efficiency of LED lighting over the current. Without an engineering analysis exact costs cannot be determined – say \$500.

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

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT BOARD OF EDUCATION

PROJECT: NHS AUDITORIUM IMPROVEMENTS

PROPOSED SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 3,600,000.00

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$	3,066,000.00
GRANT	\$	534,000.00
CONTINGENCY		
OTHER		
	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,600,000.00</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		(25,000)	_____
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE		(5,500)	_____
UTILITIES		_____	_____
OTHER		_____	_____
DEBT SERVICE (1st year)		\$ 300,000	_____
<b>TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES</b>		<u>\$ 269,500</u>	_____

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

**TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET** \$ 269,500

EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT 0.0876 mills  
(using current year's information)

**COMMENTS:**

SEE ATTACHED

PREPARED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 5, 2015

To the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board:

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held June 3, 2015, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$3,600,000 For The Planning, Design And Construction Of Improvements To The Newtown High School Auditorium As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-2020) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,600,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for adoption by the Board of Selectmen, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated May 7, 2015 from Joseph V. Erardi, Superintendent, Newtown Public School, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter; and

Very truly yours,

  
Clerk of the  
Legislative Council

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-20) 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:

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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.



**THE CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY  
25 MAIN STREET  
NEWTOWN, CT 06470**

April 30, 2015

Mr. John Kortze, Chairman, Board of Finance  
3 Primrose Street  
Newtown, CT. 06470

**Subject: Cyrenius H. Booth Library Building Improvements**

Dear John,

The Board of Trustees for the Cyrenius H. Booth Library, in accordance with the Town of Newtown's Charter Section (6-30).a)&b), is requesting a special appropriation of \$300,000 for the C.H. Booth Library's numerous critical and necessary building improvements. This amount is included in the currently approved CIP for the Library for the fiscal year, 2015-2016. The improvements that are requested include the following:

**Building Service Elements**

- Building HVAC Trane Energy Management & Temperature Controls System upgrade.
- Chilled water pump repairs & energy control upgrades.
- Surveillance & Security System upgrades/expansion.

**Building Exterior Elements**

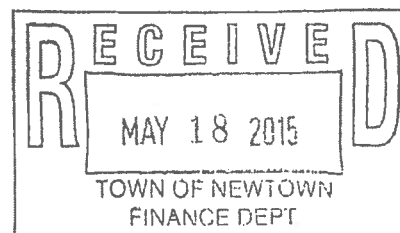
- Window replacement.
- Slate Roof, Asphalt Roof & Flashing Repairs/Replacement.
- Exterior Brick & Mortar Repairs / Replacement.

**Building Interior Elements**

- Carpet replacement 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor interior painting

**Property Elements**

- Handicap driveway asphalt pavement installation and rear parking asphalt repairs.



- Concrete walks & paver repairs / replacement.

#### **Sprinkler System Upgrades**

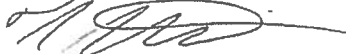
- Temperature Control Sensor Monitors
- Branch Piping Repairs/ Upgrade
- Attic Exposed Sprinkler Piping Freeze Protection, Electrical Heat Tracing & Pipe Insulation.

We ask that the Board of Finance include this action in its next agenda. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Bob Geckle, President

Tom D'Agostino, Chair, Building & Grounds



Cc: Pat Llodra

Robert Tait

C. H. Library Board of Trustees

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

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY

PROJECT: CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

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

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

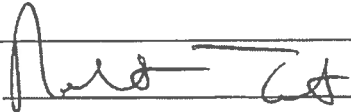
**TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET** \$ 24,000

**EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT** 0.0078 mills  
(using current year's information)

**COMMENTS:**

ENERGY SAVINGS ARE HARD TO QUANTIFY. EXPECT ENERGY SAVINGS TO BE AT LEAST 20%. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED.

DEBT SERVICE IMPACT WILL ADHERE TO THE TOWN'S DEBT SERVICE POLICY. TOTAL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE AMOUNT IS FORECASTED TO BE AT 9% OF TOTAL BUDGET (POLICY STATES DEBT SERVICE CANNOT BE OVER 10%).

PREPARED BY: 

DATE: 5/22/10

TO: BOF, LC

**THE CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY  
25 MAIN STREET  
NEWTOWN, CT 06470**

5/26/15

**C. H. Booth Library HVAC Trane Building Automation System & Controls Upgrade**

**Impact Statement Response to the CIP**

The existing Trane Building Management System which has been in place since 1996 when the addition to the library was erected. In that time the existing Building HVAC Management System has been rendered inoperable as most of the devices and controls to the existing system have to be operated manually for the heating and cooling temperatures of the facility. This is causing frequent over heating / no heat and cooling / no cooling, which is generating runaway costs of natural gas and electricity.

Although it would be difficult to measure the full percentage of the cost savings from this system upgrade, below are just a few examples of the benefits that will be recognized.

**Heating Side:**

- The building would not become overheated in the winter anymore. This will save thousands of dollars per year, as people would not be inclined to open the windows to cool off the overheated areas of the building, caused the boiler running free and over its set points.
- The boiler could be automatically adjusted to an average lower temperatures and still achieve desired comfortable temperature setting. This will save boiler, circulating pump run times and fuel consumption by maintaining the lower temperature settings.
- A hot water reset program would be set up so during the spring and fall seasons, when it's say, 50 degrees outside, the system can automatically reset the boiler temperature from running at the continuous higher temperatures required when it is 20 degrees or below outside. This saves electricity and lowers fuel consumption by the lower set water temperature in the boiler and the ability to maintain the required space temperature.
- By Installing a Variable Frequency Drive Unit that will control the existing hot water pumps this will save energy by allowing the pumps to run at slower speeds, reducing the electrical consumption. The VFD will also allow for a slower starting, which improves the life expectancy of these pump motors.
- The existing 3-way valves that presently operate each of the perimeters heating & cooling forced fan units which are not opening and closing correctly. In some cases not working at all. In this project these valves will be replaced and work so that you don't over heat (or cool) the spaces. So when the fan coil units reach space temperature, the valves will close and bypass the fan coil units that are satisfied. This will allow the return water to come back at warmer temperature, allowing the boiler to run for shorter period. This will further reducing the cost of fuel and reducing the number of run hours on the motors.

### **Building Automation System Controls:**

- The new controls on this system will allow operators with access to the Building Automation System to change schedules, set points, view alarms, etc. So for example, if you had a snow day and the library was closed, you could remotely put the building into a setback mode so you are only heating the building to for instance, 60 degrees. This temperature could be whatever is determined is best for the library, to avoid freezing pipes, and not to heat to the higher occupied employee/customer comfort temperatures, which saves more fuel (energy.)
- The alarm condition signals can be sent to a person's smartphone; they can see and react to alarms or failures more quickly, sometimes being able to reset items remotely, so no impact is felt on the building or its occupants. This reduces the number of service calls which saves money.
- A new controls system will reduce the number of heating or cooling failures, which reduces the number of service calls and complaints from patrons and employees. Less service calls means savings in unexpected failures and downtime.

### **Cooling Side:**

- The library will not become over cooled in the summer anymore. As in the heating side, there will be a tremendous cost savings per year in electricity, as people are opening windows to warm up certain spaces, as the chiller was running at continuous colder temperatures than the thermostat set points require to comfortably cool the areas.
- A chilled-water reset schedule will be in place which serves as the same function as hot water reset does in the winter. So if it is 60 degrees outside and you're in cooling, instead of running colder cooling system water at 40 degrees, the temperature can be reset to 50 or 54 degree water automatically. This saves money in electricity and reduces the run time on the chiller, which reduces the wear and tear on the chiller and circulating pumps.
- As with the heating side, the Variable Frequency Drives on the pumps will also save electricity in the summer, while running chilled water through the piping. This also reduces wear on the pumps.

In closing these HVAC system upgrades will save 20% (or greater) in energy consumption and costs, it will greatly increase the energy efficiency and it will reduce the carbon footprint and will render returns on the investment. Also it will be a great improvement for the comfort of the employees and patrons who frequent the facility.

If you have any question or need further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Tom D'Agostino  
Building & Grounds Committee

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 5, 2015

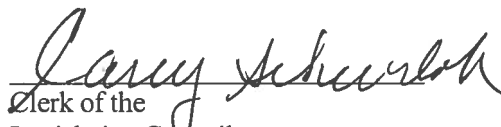
To the Board of Selectmen

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Very truly yours,

  
Clerk of the  
Legislative Council

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EDMOND TOWN HALL BUILDING AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-20) 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

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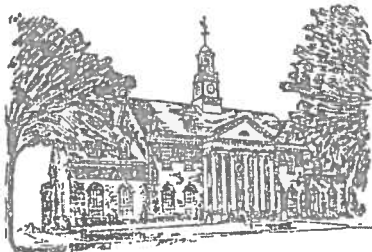
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BOARD OF MANAGERS

May 13, 2015

Mr. John Kortze, Chair  
Board of Finance

**Subject: Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers CIP Allocation Request and Motion**

At its May 12, 2015 meeting, the Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers approved the following:

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EDMOND TOWN HALL BUILDING AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-20) 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

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We ask that the Board of Finance include this action on its May 21, 2015 agenda. I will be providing an impact statement for each project (per Town Charter 6-100). Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Sheila E. Torres  
Operations Manager

CC: Maryann Jacob  
Pat Llodra  
Robert Tait  
ETH Board of Managers

Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 12, 2015 6:30pm  
Mary Hawley Room, 45 Main Street Newtown, CT. 06470

**PRESENT:** Margot Hall, Anna Wiedemann, Marie Smith, Andy Clure, James Juliano,  
Mary Fellows

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sheila Torres – Operations Manager, Tom Mahoney – Theatre Manager

**Public Participation:**

Chris Hottois reviewed with the Board recent renovations made to 33 Main Street as well as the need for additional off-site parking for employees of the new restaurant going in to the building. Mr. Hottois estimated that there would be a need for approximately 11 additional spaces during Thursday – Sunday hours of operation and about 7 – 9 additional spaces need during the day for Saturday and Sunday hours. Mr. Hottois explained that the restaurant owner is open to reciprocating advertisement opportunities between himself and the Town Hall.

Jennifer Rogers of the Cultural Arts Commission addressed the Board regarding some specific dates she would be interested in reserving the Theatre to hold classic film nights. Some proposed dates she suggested might be June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 19<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> with such films as Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Casablanca, Breakfast at Tiffany's & The Sound of Music.

Betsy Paynter, the Economic Development Coordinator addressed the Board to offer her assistance in developing a marketing plan for the Town Hall targeting local small businesses.

**Report from Theatre Manager**

Mr. Mahoney addressed the Board regarding recent shows and movies at the Town Hall. Recent showings have been McFarland USA and American Sniper as well as the play put on by Saint Rose.

Mr. Mahoney went on to describe his great dissatisfaction with the decision to remove and sell the balcony seats of the Theatre. Mr. Mahoney stated the seats had been original to the building, dating back to 1930 and feels the seats should only have been removed in order to be restored. Mr. Mahoney called it a tragic decision on the part of the Board of Managers.

**Minutes of April 22, 2015**

The minutes of April 22, 2015 were amended to reflect the following changes.

Ms. Anna Wiedemann's name was incorrectly spelled (as Weidemann) as well as the word Board.

Ms. Hall moved to accept the minutes of April 22, 2015 as amended. All were in favor.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Mr. Juliano addressed the Board regarding the AC Compressor and Circuit Board which is in need of replacement after extensive research into an issue of an apparent lack of power or voltage. A recommendation was made that the Board consider working with Eric Kugler, an HVAC Electrical Engineer to establish the integrity of the electricity going into the unit.

### **Report of the Operations Manager**

Ms. Torres reviewed with the Board the Managers Report of May 2015.

The Board decided collectively that Ms. Torres should move forward with drafting a letter for the CIP to turn over to the Town Finance Director.

Ms. Torres stated the charges to complete the piano upgrades came to an additional \$385 while a cover for the piano will be no more than \$250.

Regarding the Website – Ms. Torres will forward the Board members a link to view the website as it will appear.

### **Monthly Bills**

Ms. Smith stated the monthly bills for the Building and Theatre were as follows.

Building \$57,195.56

Theatre \$7823.71

Totaling \$65,019.27

Ms. Fellows moved to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$65,019.27. Ms. Wiedemann seconded motion. All were in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS & MOTIONS**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the resolution as written below, to designate funding from the CIP regarding the Edmond Town Hall. Mr. Clure seconded motion. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EDMOND TOWN HALL BUILDING AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-20) 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

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 improvements to the Edmond Town Hall building, including, but not limited to, the demolition, removal, replacement and installation of boilers, Alexandria Room air conditioning units, replacement of water pipes and other building improvements as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-20) 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.

Ms. Fellows moved to approve DNR for the replacement of the trusses in the Theatre for staging in the amount of (and not to exceed) \$2220.00. Ms. Hall seconded. All were in favor.

Regarding this motion, Mr. Clure noted that Star Lighting could not be considered further for the job due to their incomplete bid.

Proposal to replace gym windows – tabled.

Ms. Smith moved to rescind the prior month's approval of up to \$4000.00 for the Alexandria Room Ice Maker. Mr. Clure seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Clure moved to approve the purchase and installation of the Alexandria Room Ice Maker for a total of \$2905.85 (which includes \$400.00 in labor). Ms. Wiedemann seconded motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Hall moved to approve the sale of the balcony seats to Broken Record Productions LLC for a total of \$7350.00. Ms. Wiedemann seconded motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Smith moved to approve up to \$2400.00 for the installation of the new balcony seats in the Theatre. Ms. Hall seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Clure moved to go forward with the Before The Movie Advertising contract contingent upon obtaining a 90 day free trial basis. Ms. Fellows seconded motion. All were in favor.

The Board discussed the idea of offering prepackaged, ice cream cups for shows in the Theatre. Mr. Clure stated he will manage and over-see the project himself. The Board agreed for Mr. Clure to proceed with the idea.

Ms. Hall moved to add an item to the agenda, under New Business for the Air Compressor/ Electrical issues and approval of a new circuit board. Ms. Smith seconded. All were in favor.

Ms. Fellows moved to approve \$1198.00 for the circuit board from McKenney Mechanical. Ms. Wiedemann seconded motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Clure moved to approve \$385.00 to complete the piano upgrades. Ms. Fellows seconded motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Clure moved to approve a maximum of \$250.00 for a piano cover. Ms. Fellows seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Clure moved to approve up to \$1000.00 to proceed with Health Department upgrades. Ms. Smith seconded motion. All were in favor.

## COMMENTS

Ms. Hall stated that the Mama Mia production crew said they were very pleasantly pleased with the way their event ran and with the assistance they received from Joe and Sheila.

Mr. Clure stated that he wanted to thank Jim Juliano, Margot Hall and Azra for their hard work, efforts and for attending the CIP budget meeting to get \$35,000 passed for the Edmond Town Hall.

Mr. Clure moved to adjourn the regular meeting into executive session at 9:33pm. Ms. Wiedemann seconded. All were in favor.

The Board adjourned the Executive Session of this meeting and the meeting at 10:03 P.M.

No Action taken

Respectfully Submitted,  
Cayenne Spemullo, Clerk

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

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT EDMOND TOWN HALL BOARD OF MANAGERS

PROJECT: EDMOND TOWN HALL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

PROPOSED SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 300,000.00

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$	300,000.00
GRANT		
CONTINGENCY		
OTHER		
	\$	300,000.00

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

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

**TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET** \$ 24,000

**EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT** 0.0078 mills

(using current year's information)

**COMMENTS:**

SEE ATTACHED.

DEBT SERVICE IMPACT WILL ADHERE TO THE TOWN'S DEBT SERVICE POLICY. TOTAL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE AMOUNT IS FORECASTED TO BE AT 9% OF TOTAL BUDGET (POLICY STATES DEBT SERVICE CANNOT BE OVER 10%).

PREPARED BY: 

DATE: 5/22/15

TO: BOF, LC

**THE CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY  
25 MAIN STREET  
NEWTOWN, CT 06470**

April 30, 2015

Mr. John Kortze, Chairman, Board of Finance  
3 Primrose Street  
Newtown, CT. 06470

**Subject: Cyrenius H. Booth Library Building Improvements**

Dear John,

The Board of Trustees for the Cyrenius H. Booth Library, in accordance with the Town of Newtown's Charter Section (6-30).a)&b), is requesting a special appropriation of \$300,000 for the C.H. Booth Library's numerous critical and necessary building improvements. This amount is included in the currently approved CIP for the Library for the fiscal year, 2015-2016. The improvements that are requested include the following:

**Building Service Elements**

- Building HVAC Trane Energy Management & Temperature Controls System upgrade.
- Chilled water pump repairs & energy control upgrades.
- Surveillance & Security System upgrades/expansion.

**Building Exterior Elements**

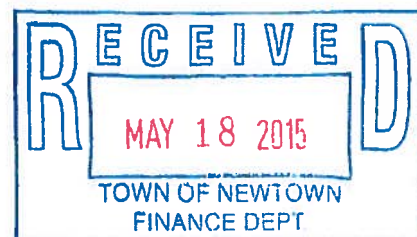
- Window replacement.
- Slate Roof, Asphalt Roof & Flashing Repairs/Replacement.
- Exterior Brick & Mortar Repairs / Replacement.

**Building Interior Elements**

- Carpet replacement 3<sup>rd</sup> floor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor interior painting

**Property Elements**

- Handicap driveway asphalt pavement installation and rear parking asphalt repairs.



- Concrete walks & paver repairs / replacement.

#### **Sprinkler System Upgrades**

- Temperature Control Sensor Monitors
- Branch Piping Repairs/ Upgrade
- Attic Exposed Sprinkler Piping Freeze Protection, Electrical Heat Tracing & Pipe Insulation.

We ask that the Board of Finance include this action in its next agenda. We thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Bob Geckle, President

Tom D'Agostino, Chair, Building & Grounds



Cc: Pat Llodra

Robert Tait

C. H. Library Board of Trustees



**THE CYRENIUS H. BOOTH LIBRARY  
25 MAIN STREET  
NEWTOWN, CT 06470**

5/26/15

**C. H. Booth Library HVAC Trane Building Automation System & Controls Upgrade**

**Impact Statement Response to the CIP**

The existing Trane Building Management System which has been in place since 1996 when the addition to the library was erected. In that time the existing Building HVAC Management System has been rendered inoperable as most of the devices and controls to the existing system have to be operated manually for the heating and cooling temperatures of the facility. This is causing frequent over heating / no heat and cooling / no cooling, which is generating runaway costs of natural gas and electricity.

Although it would be difficult to measure the full percentage of the cost savings from this system upgrade, below are just a few examples of the benefits that will be recognized.

**Heating Side:**

- The building would not become overheated in the winter anymore. This will save thousands of dollars per year, as people would not be inclined to open the windows to cool off the overheated areas of the building, caused the boiler running free and over its set points.
- The boiler could be automatically adjusted to an average lower temperatures and still achieve desired comfortable temperature setting. This will save boiler, circulating pump run times and fuel consumption by maintaining the lower temperature settings.
- A hot water reset program would be set up so during the spring and fall seasons, when it's say, 50 degrees outside, the system can automatically reset the boiler temperature from running at the continuous higher temperatures required when it is 20 degrees or below outside. This saves electricity and lowers fuel consumption by the lower set water temperature in the boiler and the ability to maintain the required space temperature.
- By Installing a Variable Frequency Drive Unit that will control the existing hot water pumps this will save energy by allowing the pumps to run at slower speeds, reducing the electrical consumption. The VFD will also allow for a slower starting, which improves the life expectancy of these pump motors.
- The existing 3-way valves that presently operate each of the perimeters heating & cooling forced fan units which are not opening and closing correctly. In some cases not working at all. In this project these valves will be replaced and work so that you don't over heat (or cool) the spaces. So when the fan coil units reach space temperature, the valves will close and bypass the fan coil units that are satisfied. This will allow the return water to come back at warmer temperature, allowing the boiler to run for shorter period. This will further reducing the cost of fuel and reducing the number of run hours on the motors.

### **Building Automation System Controls:**

- The new controls on this system will allow operators with access to the Building Automation System to change schedules, set points, view alarms, etc. So for example, if you had a snow day and the library was closed, you could remotely put the building into a setback mode so you are only heating the building to for instance, 60 degrees. This temperature could be whatever is determined is best for the library, to avoid freezing pipes, and not to heat to the higher occupied employee/customer comfort temperatures, which saves more fuel (energy.)
- The alarm condition signals can be sent to a person's smartphone; they can see and react to alarms or failures more quickly, sometimes being able to reset items remotely, so no impact is felt on the building or its occupants. This reduces the number of service calls which saves money.
- A new controls system will reduce the number of heating or cooling failures, which reduces the number of service calls and complaints from patrons and employees. Less service calls means savings in unexpected failures and downtime.

### **Cooling Side:**

- The library will not become over cooled in the summer anymore. As in the heating side, there will be a tremendous cost savings per year in electricity, as people are opening windows to warm up certain spaces, as the chiller was running at continuous colder temperatures than the thermostat set points require to comfortably cool the areas.
- A chilled-water reset schedule will be in place which serves as the same function as hot water reset does in the winter. So if it is 60 degrees outside and you're in cooling, instead of running colder cooling system water at 40 degrees, the temperature can be reset to 50 or 54 degree water automatically. This saves money in electricity and reduces the run time on the chiller, which reduces the wear and tear on the chiller and circulating pumps.
- As with the heating side, the Variable Frequency Drives on the pumps will also save electricity in the summer, while running chilled water through the piping. This also reduces wear on the pumps.

In closing these HVAC system upgrades will save 20% (or greater) in energy consumption and costs, it will greatly increase the energy efficiency and it will reduce the carbon footprint and will render returns on the investment. Also it will be a great improvement for the comfort of the employees and patrons who frequent the facility.

If you have any question or need further information please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely

Tom D'Agostino  
Building & Grounds Committee

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 5, 2015

To the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board:

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held June 3, 2015, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$300,000 For The Planning, Design, And Construction Of Improvements To The Edmond Town Hall Building As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-20) 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", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and action, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated May \_\_, 2015 from [Sheila E. Torres, Operations Manager], a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

Very truly yours,

Clerk of the  
Legislative Council

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 FOR PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF VARIOUS TOWN ROADS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000 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, construction, and reconstruction of various Town roads, including, but not limited to, pavement, curbs, drainage, grinding and overlay, micropaving, chipsealing and cracksealing, and other road improvements all as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-2020) 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, \$1,000,000 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.

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PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR  
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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To: John Kortze, Chairman, Board of Finance  
From: Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works  
Date: May 20, 2015  
RE: \$1,000,000 Allocation – Road Improvements

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fred Hurley", is written over the "From:" line of the memo.

The Public Works Department is requesting the appropriation of \$1 Million under the current Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to fund various road improvement and rehabilitation projects. These projects were previously identified in the annual preparation and revision of the CIP.

CC: P. Llodra, First Selectman  
R. Tait, Director of Finance

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

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS

PROJECT: ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROPOSED SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 1,000,000.00

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$ 1,000,000.00
GRANT	
CONTINGENCY	
OTHER	
	<u>\$ 1,000,000.00</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:	**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN BEFORE NUMBER**	(POSITIVE IMPACT) / NEGATIVE IMPACT	Attachment #
SALARIES & BENEFITS			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
UTILITIES			
OTHER			
DEBT SERVICE (1st year)		\$ 81,000	
<b>TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES</b>		<u>\$ 81,000</u>	

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

**TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET** \$ 81,000

**EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT** 0.0263 mills

(using current year's information)

**COMMENTS:**

SAVINGS ON REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE WILL BE DIRECTED TO OTHER ROAD PROJECTS IN TOWN.

DEBT SERVICE IMPACT WILL ADHERE TO THE TOWN'S DEBT SERVICE POLICY. TOTAL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE AMOUNT IS FORECASTED TO BE AT 9% OF TOTAL BUDGET (POLICY STATES DEBT SERVICE CANNOT BE OVER 10%).

PREPARED BY:  DATE: 5/22/15

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 5, 2015

To the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board:

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held June 3, 2015, the following resolution was adopted:

“Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$1,000,000 For Planning, Design, Construction, Reconstruction And Improvements Of Various Town Roads As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-2020) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,000,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for adoption by the Board of Selectmen, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated May \_\_, 2015 from Frederick W. Hurley, Jr., Public Works Director, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter; and

Very truly yours,

  
Clerk of the  
Legislative Council



RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2015-16 to 2019-20) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$315,000 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 \$315,000 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, engineering, construction and reconstruction of Brushy Hill Road bridge and the planning and design of improvements to the Toddy Hill Road bridge, including, but not limited to, resurfacing and guiderail replacement for such bridges, all as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-20) and for 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, \$315,000 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.

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN**  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To: John Kortze, Chairman, Board of Finance

From: Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Hurley", is written over the printed name.

Date: May 20, 2015

RE: \$315,000 – Bridge Improvements

The amount of the appropriation requested, \$315,000, is the amount in the current Capital Improvement Plan for bridge improvements. This amount will cover replacement of the Brushy Hill Road Bridge. This is part of our continuing bridge replacement program.

In addition to the replacement of the Brushy Hill Road Bridge, any residual from this appropriation request may be used for incidental design costs for the Toddy Hill Road Bridge. The construction of that bridge currently is fully funded under the State LOTCIP program for approximately \$2 million. However, the Town has design responsibility which may create some incidental costs. Plans have already been submitted to and approved by the state.

CC: P. Llodra, First Selectman  
R. Tait, Director of Finance

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

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS

PROJECT: BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

PROPOSED SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 315,000.00

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$ 315,000.00
GRANT	
CONTINGENCY	
OTHER	
	<u>\$ 315,000.00</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:	**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN BEFORE NUMBER**	(POSITIVE IMPACT) / NEGATIVE IMPACT	Attachment #
SALARIES & BENEFITS			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
UTILITIES			***
OTHER			
DEBT SERVICE (1st year)		\$ 25,000	
<b>TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES</b>		<u>\$ 25,000</u>	

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

**TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET** \$ 25,000

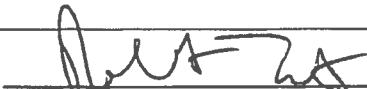
**EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT** 0.0081 mills

(using current year's information)

**COMMENTS:**

SAVINGS ARE HARD TO QUANTIFY. THERE SHOULD BE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.

DEBT SERVICE IMPACT WILL ADHERE TO THE TOWN'S DEBT SERVICE POLICY. TOTAL ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE AMOUNT IS FORECASTED TO BE AT 9% OF TOTAL BUDGET (POLICY STATES DEBT SERVICE CANNOT BE OVER 10%).

PREPARED BY:  DATE: 5/22/15

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Mary Ann Jacob, Chairman  
Neil Chaudhary, Vice Chair

## TOWN OF NEWTOWN

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

June 5, 2015

To the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board:

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held June 3, 2015, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$315,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction And Reconstruction Of Bridge Improvements As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Plan (2015-16 to 2019-20) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$315,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and action, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated May 20, 2015 from Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cary Hurley', is written over a horizontal line.

Clerk of the  
Legislative Council