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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2015
NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT

PRESENT: Joe Girgasky, Eva Bermudez, Paul Lundquist, Bob Merola, Neil Chaudhary, Mary Ann Jacob, Dan Amaral, Tony Filiato, Phil Carroll

ABSENT: George Ferguson, Ryan Knapp, Dan Honan

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Newtown State Representative Mitch Bolinsky, Superintendent Joe Erardi, Board of Education members John Vouros, Laura Roche, Michele Ku and Keith Alexander, Director of Land Use George Benson, Public Works Director Fred Hurley, Attorney David Groggins, Attorney David Dobins, Charter Revision Commission members Jeff Capeci, Bob Hall, Eric Paradis, Debora Zukowski, Dan Wiedemann, Kevin Burns and James Ritchie, 16 members of the public, 2 press.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Jacob called the meeting to order at 7:35 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTER COMMENT: Robin Walker, 11 North Branch, a 3rd grade teacher at Sandy Hook School, read a letter regarding a new truck for the NHS Band. *Attachment.*

MINUTES: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015. MOTION SECOND BY MR. GIRGASKY. APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Jacob received several letters regarding the proposed purchase of a NHS Band Truck. *Attachment*

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Selectman Llodra shared a report on recent state budget actions and rescissions. She explained a rescission is a line item cut; a lapse is a bottom line cut. It is the lapses that affect municipalities in this action. The most relevant to Newtown is we will have a lapse of \$160,000. She explained the state has applied a metric to cut funds for towns based on the assumption the MORE commission would find 20 million in savings with regional efficiencies. Those savings have not been realized. They were charged with finding savings to reduce state funding to municipalities. Another 20 million will be cut next year. The direct impact to Newtown is the Pilot grant – the prison- is being reduced by \$160,000. We will need to find ways to mitigate the loss. Mr. Bolinsky added he opposed the cuts and there is a broad coalition opposing the cuts and they are attempting to hold a special session to discuss the cuts. Mrs. Llodra thinks there will be further cuts. Mr. Bolinsky stated the revenue shortfalls are increasing.

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Town Clerk of Newtown 1:18 PM
Debbie Anselie Halstead

Mr. Amaral asked if there were any changes to prevailing wage laws. Mr. Bolinsky stated there have been proposals, especially on projects that don't pertain to construction, but no changes have been made yet. *Attachment*

NEW BUSINESS

Update on HB 7019, An Act Concerning the Minimum Budget Requirement: Ms. Jacob reminded the council this is a conversation regarding changes to the law. This is fact finding, to know what the laws says. Mr. Bolinsky explained the MBR bill is an update of existing legislation sponsored by himself and about 57 other people and became law as Public Act 15-99. The intention of the law is give municipalities a tool to react to demographic changes. The law previously stated budgets could not be lower than the previous year with the exception of declining enrollment or closure of district facilities, in which case a reduction of no more than ½ of 1% of the budget could be made. In the new act, where there is student population loss, reductions increase to a per-student dollar amount of 50 percent of the school district's new current expenditure per resident student. There are districts where this is needed but the underlying spirit of the law is not to degrade and school district, standards have been raised. Changes must be submitted to the Commissioner of Education. He noted in the new version, there is no formula for enacting the change, or how the State Board of Education will evaluate changes.

Ms. Jacob asked when regulations will be written so municipalities have more direction. Mr. Bolinsky stated there are specific regulations for alliance districts but districts in the top 10%, of which Newtown is in, are exempt from MBR formula. They need only present a plan, approved at the community level, to the state for review. There is no procedure on the review process.

Mrs. Llodra does not understand why the top districts would not be held to some expectations of funding to insure continuation of top performance. Mr. Bolinsky stated you would expect protection at the state level to prevent abuse of the program. It is expected high performing districts would not do anything to jeopardize education. The final review by the SBE would prevent this. Mr. Bolinsky noted in the 2014 performance rankings, Newtown school district was #2. If we were to fall out of the top 10%, we would lose the ability to determine our future and fall back into the formula.

Mr. Merola believes the topic of MBR needs to be discussed among the boards early in the budget. Who would initiate the discussion, what is the process. Mr. Bolinsky said there is not set procedure but he believes it should be a collaborative effort and include the public. Ms. Jacob stated if the state has the final review, any planning process would have to begin early. Mr. Bolinsky agreed and believes it would take more than one budget cycle.

Mrs. Llodra asked if Mr. Bolinsky is saying a proposal could be developed that could make a significant reduction to education funding and the only review is by the Commissioner. Mr. Bolinsky stated that is correct, control is at the local level. Mrs. Llodra is concerned that there are no guidelines and it can be abused.

Ms. Jacob asked Mr. Bolinsky if he could get clarification/guidelines/direction from the state on process. We don't want to be having a conversation in March about this without understanding how to apply the law properly. *Attachment*

Update on Road work: Mr. Hurley shared the road progress report and Sandy Hook gas line project. He noted roads listed were not necessarily the entire road. The gas line for Sandy Hook saw \$380,000 in avoided costs by doing the work ourselves. There will be a similar project in the spring for Middle Gate School. There are some projects, like Pond Brook Road, that will take more

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than a year to complete because of the extensive amount of work required. There are some roads not completed; they will be completed next year. He noted there were roads that needed more work than anticipated which cost more, but they want it done correctly. *Attachment*

Charter Revision public hearing date: Ms. Jacob thanked the members of the Charter Revision Commission. They held over 55 meetings to create a comprehensive rewrite of the Charter. MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO SET A HEARING DATE OF OCTOBER 21, 2015 FOR THE REVISED CHARTER. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. Mr. Capeci presented a review of the process for draft changes to the Charter. He clarified the town meeting is a body to appropriate funds above the limit of the Council - \$500,000, but below the amount requiring a referendum - \$10,000,000. They are proposing eliminating the town meeting and having appropriations above 1.5 million on the budget referendum. Repetitive information was consolidated in a section called General Provisions. Mr. Hall noted the procedures regarding land acquisition/disposition were incomplete and choppy. They made it more practical, and he believes the procedures should be in the Charter, rather than an ordinance, to protect the town. Regarding minority representation, Mr. Capeci said they followed state statute. APPROVED. *Attachment* Charter documents can be viewed on the town website at http://newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_BComm/LC

NHS Band Truck: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,540 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE SANDY HOOK SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR A N.H.S. BAND TRUCK TO BE OPERATED BY THE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS CORPORATION (NHSBPC). SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE ENTIRE RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. APPROVED. Mrs. Llodra explained the Band Parents contacted her asking if the Band Parents purchased a truck, could it be insured and maintained by the town, the Band Parents paying for the maintenance. Bob Tait reported the relationship makes sense and perhaps they could use the discretionary funds to help with the purchase of the truck. The request was rejected by the Board of Education, so it came back to the Board of Selectman. Mrs. Llodra explained funds received from 12/14 were put into accounts based on the donor intent. To appropriate any money in the fund, it had to be approved by the Boards of Finance and Selectmen and the Council. Mrs. Llodra explained there were 2 criteria used for appropriating funds; 1. Does the request have merit and 2. Does the request fulfill the common good. She noted the undesignated funds are for public purposes, not individuals. The truck will be owned by the town and can be used by other groups. Ms. Jacob stated she was concerned for staff and families of Sandy Hook School whose mental health support will be ending or reduced in January and believes the funds should be used for support. Mr. Chaudhary feels the funds should be used for a broader purpose for the community. It costs the Band \$10,000 a year for truck rental. MOTION APPROVED. 2 NAYS – Mr. Chaudhary, Ms. Jacob *Attachment*

Alarm Ordinance: MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ALARM ORDINANCE REVISION. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. Ms. Jacob explained they received a request from the Police Commission to look at the ordinance. The Police Dept. receives 1,400 false alarms a year. This will create more stringent fines and encourage owners to take more responsibility. APPROVED.

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Purchasing Ordinance: MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PURCHASING ORDINANCE. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. Ms. Jacob noted the Charter requires the review biannually. This updates the ordinance to reflect current financial practices and brings the language regarding the Board of Ed in line with the Charter. APPROVED.

Sustainable Energy Ordinance: MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY ORDINANCE. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. Ms. Jacob explained the change was to end term limits. APPROVED. *Attachment*

Totally Disabled Veterans Ordinance: MR. CHAUDHARY MOVED TO APPROVE TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS ORDINANCE. SECOND BY MR. GIRGASKY. Attorney Dobins stated the enabling legislation allows the town to give totally disabled Veterans additional tax relief. APPROVED. *Attachment*

Tax Abatement for Volunteer Fire, Ambulance and Underwater Rescue Personnel: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO REFER TAX ABATEMENT FOR VOLUNTEER FIRE, AMBULANCE AND UNDERWATER RESCUE PERSONNEL TO THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE WITH THE CHARGE OF RESEARCHING, AND IF WARRANTED, DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ENTIRE COUNCIL. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. Mrs. Llodra explained Carol Mahoney, Tax Collector, suggested it was time to increase the benefit, which is done periodically. It has been 8 years. APPROVED.

VOTER COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

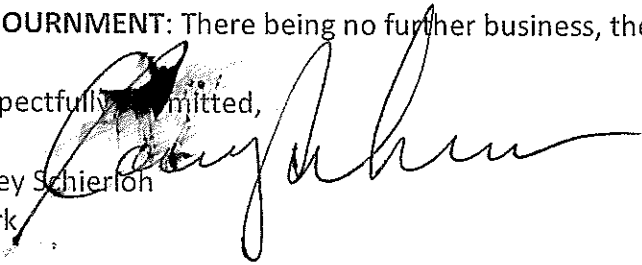
EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Council entered executive session at 10:40 to discuss legal matters regarding 75 Church Hill Rd.

The council returned to public session at 11:00pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carey Schierloh
Clerk



Attachments: Letters, State Budget Rescissions, Public Act 15-99, Road Work Update, Charter Report, Undesignated Funds Report, Sustainable Energy Ordinance, Totally Disabled Veteran's Ordinance

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.

Robin Walker
11 North Branch Road
Newtown, CT 06470

September 30, 2015

Board of Education
3 Primrose St.
Newtown, CT 06470

To Members of the Board of Selectmen and Members of the BOE:

It is my understanding that you are considering giving the high school band \$17,540.00 of the remaining funds intended for the healing of the Newtown/Sandy Hook community. As a member of the staff at SHS, someone who was present the day of the attack, a 25 year member of the Newtown community and an acquaintance or friend of many of those lost and most closely impacted by the tragedy of 12/14, I find this discussion completely bewildering. The NHS band is a fabulous organization and I have nothing but admiration for the students, staff and parents that support it, but this was not the intent for these funds when they were donated.

Last week members of the committee working with the DOJ funds were trying to figure out a way to fund the continuing mental health needs of this community through next year when we transition back to the original site of the tragedy. I believe the DOJ grant ends on March 31, 2016. It seems very short sighted to give away \$17,540.00 to unintended recipients when we don't know how these needs will be funded. The SERV grant and DOJ grant will have expired.

There must be many different funds out there. Perhaps there are funds I'm not aware of that can be put toward the ongoing mental health needs of our community. If that is the case, please share that information with the SHS staff. Keep in mind that next year will be a critical year for those going back to SHS. Also keep in mind that there are siblings of children lost on 12/14 who currently attend SHS.

Can you please share how the remaining funds will be used? Are there even funds still available? Before you give away \$17,540.00 of donated funds, can you assure the SHS community and staff that these needs will be met for the coming transition year?

Respectfully,

Robin Walker
SHS Third Grade Teacher

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Dear Legislative Council Members,

I'd like to take a brief moment to share with you my enthusiastic support of the Newtown Marching Band and Guard. Both of my children participated in the Marching Band and Guard program for a combined 6 years. And for all 6 years I have been an active parent member. My daughter is now a senior and this is the last year I will be participating as a parent volunteer.

During those 6 years I have seen 30-40 wonderful students graduate each year and move on to life after high school and another crop of young students come in and take their place. And each year I marvel at how hard they work, how well they represent Newtown and how amazing this program is at turning young people into responsible young adults.

I strongly support the allocation of funds to this program both as a show of support to a great program and as a long term cost savings measure for that program.

Thank you for your time and I hope we receive your support,

-SWC

Scott W. Coleman
10 Sweetbriar Lane
Sandy Hook CT

Dear Legislative Council,

We want to thank you for your willingness to review the proposal to use the Sandy Hook Special Revenue funds to purchase a Band truck to be used for the NHS Marching Band and Guard.

As members of the PIT (the crew that helps move equipment and instruments from the school to a competition) and parents of a former and current band member we want to show our support for this purchase.

The band has made an immeasurable positive impact on our two children. They show(ed) amazing pride and dedication to the band. The skills they have come away with have been used not only in band, but in other areas of their lives.

To have a truck that we don't have to rent each week, would help the band keep the program costs down. It would be an opportunity to show our school/town pride and would benefit over 100 band and guard members.

When we compete with surrounding schools, it is disheartening to see some large schools with very small bands. Yet, our program grows, due to the commitment and excitement of the members, directors and parents. This truck would be another way to show how proud we are to be in a town that values the arts.

Thank you again for your consideration,

Dawn & David Barrett

Good evening,

Looking for your support for the Band Truck. I hope you are familiar with Newtown High School Marching Band. The members are great kids that march with tremendous pride, and everywhere we go on trips are complemented on what well behaved kids we have. Much of our competition own their own vehicles. We need to rent every week, could cut down our costs tremendously.

Thank you,

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Mary Craig
Proud Band Parent

Hi

My name is Sarah Payne and i am in 8th grade. I have been a color guard member since 5th grade and this is my first year performing with the high school marching band.

I love it , I love it , I love it ...did I mention I love it. I love everything about it - well except running laps! But even when we do run them we run together as a team.

I am writing to you to ask for a yes vote to allow funds to be spent on a truck for the marching band and color guard. This truck would be so cool and it would mean so much to the marching band and color guard to know that the town is behind us and supports us too. We get all our support from out wonderful parents who organize all our MANY fundraisers. It will help a lot to keep the costs down which are very high. If we had our own truck then we would not have to rent one each week. We would keep it clean too.

I really hope you vote yes and please come watch us perform because we are awesome and I so proud of marching band and color guard.

Thank you

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Sarah Payne

Dear Legislative Council Members

As you know, this week you will consider voting to give funds to the NHS Band Parent Corporation for an equipment truck. I know you have been provided information on our organization and hopefully are aware of how this request for funds has ended up in front of your committee. I would like to make you aware of some information you may not know about our program and how this program represents the town of Newtown.

Our Newtown band and guard program includes students from 5th grade all the way up to 12th grade. Each year our marching band has several 8th grade students and sometimes 7th grade students who participate in the program. The high school students love to have the younger students join the band and guard and act as mentors both in program and their eventual entrance into high school. In our winter percussion program we again have middle school students who participate and our winter color guard has three groups that include students from Reed Intermediate, Newtown Middle School and Newtown High School. While the school district is able to provide some funding the reality is that the band & guard parents fund the majority of the costs for these programs. To fund the fall and winter programs we raise approximately \$150,000 each year with participation fees and fundraisers.

The Newtown band and guard fall and winter groups compete locally and on a national level. The students who participate in the fall and winter programs take great pride in representing Newtown. This pride is instilled through their instructors who continually tell them that they are representing Newtown and they must live up to a well established reputation of being respectful and considerate to all who they encounter. In the fall the marching band and guard represents Newtown at the New England States Championship in New Britain, CT and National Championships at MetLife Stadium in NJ. Each year they also compete at a regional event where they encounter bands from up and down the east coast. This year they will compete at Towson University in Maryland and last year they represented Newtown at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, MD. The winter programs compete in local and regional competitions and the varsity color guard represents Newtown at the World Guard Championship in Dayton, OH each year. In addition to all of these great venues the members of the band and guard are honored to march down Main Street as they open the Labor Day Parade each year.

To understand how the pride and respect that emanates from these students I ask you to read the attached letter from a former chorus teacher who encountered our band and guard at a rest stop in New Jersey last fall

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and took it upon himself to write a letter to Dr. Erardi. This is just one example of the many positive comments we get from band directors, hotel staff (when we are on trips) and competing band and guard parents who take the time to let us know how respectful and wonderful our members were in their presence. I have also attached a document with thank you emails from the hotels where we stayed during our last two trips during out-of-state competitions which describe the character of these students and the respect they bring to the town of Newtown.

Although I know that you are charged with looking at the financial aspect of this request I felt it is important for you to understand the scope of how this organization represents Newtown. For us the financial question is simple, we want to decrease our expenses and keep the program funded so it will continue and grow long after our children have graduated. Purchasing a truck is one of those ways and anything you can do to help us would be appreciated. As band and guard parents we understand the immeasurable benefits that the children of Newtown get from being in the band and guard program. This program is much more than music and much more than a school activity. It develops children into good citizens of Newtown, CT.

I will be at the meeting on Wednesday but if you have any questions before then please call me anytime at the number below.

Thank you,
Michele Buzzi
President, NHS Band Parent Corporation

This letter is in support of the Newtown High School Band Parents Corporation to receive funding for a truck.

For many years, the band has been a great program for our young people in Newtown. It has cultivated the values of teamwork, social responsibility, community service, excellence, leadership, cooperation, and respect. The band room is a place where students have a strong sense of belonging and feel safe and supported. The band room is a place where we are shaping the lives of the next generation of outstanding young men and women.

Most importantly, music is a powerful force in their lives. Expressing oneself is a fundamental human need. Music expresses feelings and emotions that we did not even know we had. This was never more apparent than after 12/14. The heart and beauty of their music making was not like anything I have witnessed in my previous 30 years of teaching. It was, and continues to be incredibly moving. They need music.

Our band and guard parents are very active in all aspects of the program. They run our big events, and attend our competitions en masse each week to cheer on the kids. The program, especially the Marching Band, requires a large amount of funding. The Band Parents do extensive fundraising to buy equipment the district cannot provide, and to help defray the "pay for play" costs that are required of each member.

A large expense of the Marching Band involves the weekly rental of equipment trucks. A truck is needed every Saturday in the autumn season, as well as every Saturday between January and April for the Color Guard and Winter Percussion programs. Typically for each event, the Band Parents (about 30 volunteers) load up 3 marimbas, 4 vibraphones, 2 Xylophones, sound system, set of chimes, percussion rack, 10 cymbals, gong, 5 tubas, 2 baritone saxes, 6 tenor saxes, 9 trombones, 2 euphoniums, 2 sets of bells, 23 color guard bags, 100 hat boxes, 100 plumes, and more. The large truck needed for this is of course very costly to rent.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for considering helping our great parents and kids. They are so dedicated and represent the best that Newtown has to offer. I am very grateful as Band Director to have the privilege of working with these wonderful people.

Please contact me if you would like more information or clarification of our program. Sincerely,

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Kurt Eckhardt
Director of Bands
Newtown High School eckhardtk@newtown.k12.ct.us 203-733-6017 cell

Good morning Legislative Council members --

Thank you for your service to Newtown!

I am another Newtown HS band parent wanting to contribute a voice support to the allocation of money from the Sandy Hook fund to the purchase of a truck for the marching band. The band kids and the band parents do great work to bring a constructive and fun activity open to all of our high schoolers, that the kids take great pride in. Marching band at NHS welcomes all, and teaches discipline, love of music, and allows kids to build healthy relationships with their peers and adult leaders. It's really a great institution.

This truck will make it so volunteers don't have to hassle with returning rental trucks after returning from shows in the middle of the night. It will make it that much better to help grow our band. This is just the kind of community-building gesture focused on our kids that I hope you will agree the Sandy Hook money is well used for.

Thank you for your consideration and again, for your many long hours of dedicated work on behalf of our town.

Respectfully,
Ben Toby
69 Alberts Hill Road
Sandy Hook CT 06482

Dear Legislative Council Members,

This week you will consider voting to give funds to the NHS Band Parent Corporation for an equipment truck.

I would like to tell you that 2 of my children are in the Marching Band. At one time, they both felt like they didn't belong or have many friends. My daughter is a senior and joined last year, she is so happy to be part of the band family! She even convinced her 8th grade brother to miss his favorite camp in the summer for Band Camp.

I must say that after both my husband and I have survived cancer, it is not easy to come up with 2 band fees, I believe that music in general plays such a large part in learning and intelligence that we adjust our budget to make sure the kids can participate in such activities. They are very thankful and are expected to behave in a dignified manner when they are on band competition trips. It would definitely be of great advantage to be able to have the fees drop when we do not have to rent a truck for all of the competitions that are not in Newtown.

My understanding is the Board of Directors approved these funds to come out of the donations from the Sandy Hook incident and the Board of Education denied the request. I also think that the very nice letters that they have received has made the children thankful and proud!

While you are charged with looking at the financial aspect of this request I feel this program enriches our already wonderful music program in Newtown. Please understand that this would save money and the parents and band/color guard members would really benefit from this purchase and it is for the children, as specified the donations would have to be used.

I will not be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday due to previously planned events, but please feel free to contact me on my cell phone [203.887.0526](tel:203.887.0526)

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Thank you for your time,
Christine E. Hermes
NHS Band Parent

Dear members of the Legislative Council,

I write to you today to ask that your vote on a resolution to appropriate \$17,540 to be funded from the Sandy Hook Special Revenue fund for a NHS Band truck, be a YES!

My family and I have been involved in this fine organization for more than two years. In all my years serving on PTAs, Girl Scouts, and other committees, I've never seen such a well-run, respectful and accomplished group of parents, instructors and kids. The marching band and guard program teaches so many skills to our kids aside from a love of music and a respect for competition. My daughter quickly learned how to be an integral part of a team, the importance of leadership, how to manage her time and prioritize, and the importance of "the greater good." The NHSBPC is a family, a hard-working family. The use of a truck that can be outfitted to transport expensive, sensitive and heavy instruments to and from weekly competitions would truly be a God-send! We fundraise and pay for a lot--the NHSBPC has even purchased instruments for the school's music students many times when budgets have been so tight--but sometimes we just need a boost!

Please vote Yes!

Thank you for your time,
Lisa Wallace
43 Mile Hill South, Newtown
Proud NHSBPC parent

Hello Legislative Council Members,

Please consider voting FOR the truck to help alleviate the costs to the NHS Band and Guard program.

Currently this is a very expensive program for students yet so impactful for the participants, the families, and I believe ultimately, the community. I have had 3 daughters in the band program. 2 last year and 1 this year. My oldest daughter truly found herself in her 4 years in the band program and she found her love of music. It helped her develop as a student, as a person, and as a contributing member to the community. Ultimately it helped build her confidence, and she is now in college pursuing music composition.

The community was able to benefit from the many shows that were performed throughout town where she was asked to play for various groups (Newtown Choral Society, Sabrina's, and NHS Drama program just to name a few) alongside professional musicians. In addition, the pride of being in the NHS Marching Band overflows into the pride of Newtown.

My youngest daughter is now following in her footsteps and we look forward to what the future will bring to her.

I have seen other music programs that do not have an incredible organization like the NHS Band Parent Organization behind it cut from their school.(ie. Masuk no longer has a marching band). This organization is truly all about the kids and they do everything they can to keep the costs reasonable and it is still not affordable for everyone. This truck can really help this program become more accessible to all students. It will benefit the Band, NHS and overall, I believe the Newtown community.

I hope you take all of this in consideration and we respectfully ask for your support.

Best Regards,
Karen and Jim Alexander

Good Afternoon Legislative Council Members,

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I am unable to attend tonight's meeting where you will be voting on whether funds should be given to the Newtown High School Marching Band and Guard for the purchase of a much needed truck for moving their equipment and instruments to and from local and distant competitions.

My son has been a member of the NHS Marching Band for 4 years (starting in 8th grade). This program is unique in that they do not cut students from the band. If you want to be in the band in are in. You don't have to know how to play an instrument (you will learn it over the next 4 months and become a musician), you learn how to march (complex routines while playing your instrument), and if in the color guard, you transform into a skilled dancer, performer wielding flags, sabers and rifles throughout the performance.

In fact, we have 4 band members this year who have never played the instrument they are playing on the field. Anyone who has had their child in the high school marching band 10 years ago or today, would all agree that this program is open to all who want to join, do many community related performances throughout the year, and it would be nice to have our own truck with high school insignia on its side when we go to different shows around the state as many other schools have.

Please vote in favor of the resolution to appropriate \$17,540.00 to the Newtown High School Band Parents Corporation tonight.

Thank you for your consideration.
Susan Stanczyk

Mary Ann,

Although I am unable to attend tonight's meeting, I whole heartedly support the appropriation of \$17,540 from the Sandy Hook Fund to the Band Parents Corporation for the purchase of a truck to transport equipment . I feel that this an excellent use of the money.

Please include this email with the minutes of the meeting.

Regards,
Dan Honan

RECENT STATE BUDGET ACTIONS:
RESCISSIONS
LAPSES AFFECTING MUNICIPALITIES



Dannel P. Malloy

GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT

- STATE BUDGET RESCISSIONS -

September 18, 2015

Senator Beth Bye, Chairperson
Representative Toni Walker, Chairperson
Senator Robert Kane, Ranking Member
Representative Melissa Ziobron, Ranking Member
Appropriations Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2700
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Thru: Robert Wysock, Acting Director, Office of Fiscal Analysis

Dear Chairpersons and Ranking Members of the Appropriations Committee:

As you know, the General Fund budget for fiscal year 2016 was adopted with a very small anticipated balance from operations: \$800,000. Our revenues depend greatly on the estimates and finals component of the Personal Income Tax, with **capital gains** a significant source of such revenue. Given recent volatility in the stock market, I find it prudent to take steps to ensure this year's budget ends in balance. Accordingly, I am implementing rescissions pursuant to Section 4-85(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes. A list of these rescissions is attached.

Sincerely,

Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

Attachment – rescission list

Rescissions, September 18, 2015

Agency and Appropriation	FY 2016 Rescission Amount
Agricultural Experiment Station	82,399
10020 - Other Expenses	56,700
10050 - Equipment	500
12056 - Mosquito/Viral Disease Surveil	25,199
Board of Regents	3,496,245
12531 - Charter Oak State College	27,333
12532 - Regional Community - Technical Colleges	1,631,910
12533 - Connecticut State University	1,637,281
12534 - Board of Regents for Higher Education	5,660
12578 - Transform CSCU	194,061
Commission on Environmental Quality	89
10020 - Other Expenses	89
Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities	18,462
10020 - Other Expenses	18,462
Department of Agriculture	24,411
10020 - Other Expenses	15,662
16037 - Tuberculosis and Brucellosis Indemnity	5
16075 - WIC Coupon Program for Fresh Produce	8,744
Department of Children and Families	20,510
16144 - Covenant to Care	7,990
16145 - Neighborhood Center	12,520
Department of Consumer Protection	175,000
10010 - Personal Services	175,000
Department of Correction	763,985
12242 - Inmate Medical Services	600,000
12581 - Program Evaluation	14,489
16007 - Aid to Paroled and Discharged Inmates	423
16042 - Legal Services to Prisoners	41,353
16073 - Volunteer Services	7,720
16173 - Community Support Services	100,000
Department of Criminal Justice	42,203
12069 - Witness Protection	9,000
12097 - Training and Education	2,824
12110 - Expert Witnesses	16,500
12485 - Criminal Justice Commission	24
12537 - Cold Case Unit	13,855
Department of Developmental Services	7,567,127
10010 - Personal Services	1,500,000
10020 - Other Expenses	206,194
12101 - Cooperative Placements Program	613,621
12493 - Voluntary Services	297,312
12521 - Supplemental Payments for Medical Services	150,000
16108 - Employment Opportunities and Day Services	3,000,000
16122 - Community Residential Services	1,800,000

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Agency and Appropriation	FY 2016 Rescission Amount
Department of Economic and Community Development	696,783
10020 - Other Expenses	53,603
12363 - Small Business Incubator Program	16,995
12412 - Hartford Urban Arts Grant	19,750
12413 - New Britain Arts Alliance	3,159
12435 - Main Street Initiatives	7,614
12437 - Office of Military Affairs	10,829
12438 - Hydrogen/Fuel Cell Economy	7,683
12467 - CCAT-CT Manufacturing Supply Chain	42,150
12562 - Neighborhood Music School	6,318
16115 - Nutmeg Games	3,203
16175 - Discovery Museum	15,796
16188 - National Theatre for the Deaf	6,318
16189 - CONNSTEP	24,785
16191 - Development Research and Economic Assistance	6,054
16209 - Connecticut Science Center	27,125
16219 - Local Theatre Grant	20,855
16255 - Women's Business Center	19,687
16256 - Performing Arts Centers	63,185
16257 - Performing Theaters Grant	24,645
16258 - Arts Commission	78,936
16262 - Art Museum Consortium	23,050
16263 - CT Invention Convention	984
16264 - Litchfield Jazz Festival	2,343
16266 - Connecticut River Museum	1,250
16267 - Arte Inc.	1,250
16268 - CT Virtuosi Orchestra	1,250
16269 - Barnum Museum	1,250
17063 - Greater Hartford Arts Council	4,449
17065 - Stepping Stones Museum for Children	1,847
17066 - Maritime Center Authority	24,365
17068 - Tourism Districts	63,039
17070 - Amistad Committee for the Freedom Trail	1,975
17071 - Amistad Vessel	15,796
17072 - New Haven Festival of Arts and Ideas	33,255
17073 - New Haven Arts Council	3,949
17075 - Beardsley Zoo	16,356
17076 - Mystic Aquarium	25,865
17077 - Quinebaug Tourism	1,732
17078 - Northwestern Tourism	1,732
17079 - Eastern Tourism	1,732
17080 - Central Tourism	1,732
17082 - Twain/Stowe Homes	4,943
17100 - Cultural Alliance of Fairfield	3,949

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Agency and Appropriation	FY 2016 Rescission Amount
Department of Education	2,439,050
10010 - Personal Services	203,979
12198 - Primary Mental Health	21,360
12211 - Leadership, Education, Athletics in Partnership (LEAP)	34,066
12261 - Connecticut Writing Project	3,468
12318 - Neighborhood Youth Centers	56,471
12405 - Longitudinal Data Systems	59,535
12453 - School Accountability	75,000
12468 - CommPACT Schools	17,500
12506 - Parents' Trust Fund	23,437
12519 - Regional Vocational-Technical School System	1,400,000
12550 - Bridges to Success	12,123
12567 - Alternative High School and Adult Reading Incentive Program	9,250
12568 - Special Master	74,195
16062 - Regional Education Services	54,657
16201 - Youth Service Bureau Enhancement	35,765
17045 - Interdistrict Cooperation	358,244
Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection	27,020
16009 - Fire Training School - Willimantic	4,903
16010 - Maintenance of County Base Fire Radio Network	1,195
16011 - Maintenance of State-Wide Fire Radio Network	795
16025 - Fire Training School - Torrington	2,951
16034 - Fire Training School - New Haven	1,971
16044 - Fire Training School - Derby	1,477
16056 - Fire Training School - Wolcott	3,440
16065 - Fire Training School - Fairfield	2,458
16074 - Fire Training School - Hartford	4,899
16080 - Fire Training School - Middletown	1,464
16179 - Fire Training School - Stamford	1,467
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection	444,991
12084 - State Superfund Site Maintenance	24,095
12146 - Laboratory Fees	7,584
12487 - Emergency Spill Response	150,000
12490 - Clean Air	50,000
12491 - Environmental Conservation	100,000
12501 - Environmental Quality	100,000
12561 - Conservation Districts & Soil and Water Councils	13,312
Department of Housing	3,464,053
10020 - Other Expenses	8,663
16149 - Housing/Homeless Services	3,455,390
Department of Labor	1,071,318
12212 - Jobs First Employment Services	901,831
12360 - Incumbent Worker Training	36,284
12471 - Customized Services	21,953

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Agency and Appropriation	FY 2016 Rescission Amount
12583 - Cradle to Career	10,000
12584 - 2Gen - TANF	75,000
12586 - New Haven Jobs Funnel	26,250
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	8,425,486
12157 - Managed Service System	150,000
12196 - Legal Services	49,790
12199 - Connecticut Mental Health Center	83,983
12220 - General Assistance Managed Care	370,060
12256 - TBI Community Services	208,013
12289 - Behavioral Health Medications	57,835
12330 - Discharge and Diversion Services	1,222,396
12444 - Home and Community Based Services	980,642
12564 - Pre-Trial Account	34,487
16003 - Grants for Substance Abuse Services	1,133,396
16053 - Grants for Mental Health Services	3,614,024
16070 - Employment Opportunities	520,860
Department of Public Health	507,641
10010 - Personal Services	500,000
12227 - Childhood Lead Poisoning	3,391
12236 - AIDS Services	4,250
Department of Rehabilitation Services	66,952
12037 - Part-Time Interpreters	76
12301 - Employment Opportunities	33,518
16040 - Supplementary Relief and Services	4,675
16086 - Connecticut Radio Information Service	3,902
16153 - Independent Living Centers	24,781
Department of Revenue Services	250,000
10010 - Personal Services	150,000
10020 - Other Expenses	100,000
Department of Social Services	64,002,210
12121 - HUSKY Performance Monitoring	9,102
12197 - Genetic Tests in Paternity Actions	6,011
16020 - Medicaid	63,450,000
16098 - Food Stamp Training Expenses	562
16105 - Healthy Start	62,576
16128 - Safety Net Services	123,147
16139 - Refunds of Collections	5,531
16146 - Services for Persons with Disabilities	26,338
16148 - Nutrition Assistance	22,484
16160 - Community Services	55,036
16174 - Human Service Infrastructure Community Action Program	151,083
16177 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention	80,385
17032 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention	6,029
17083 - Community Services	3,926

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Agency and Appropriation	FY 2016 Rescission Amount
Department of Veterans' Affairs	50,594
10020 - Other Expenses	50,594
Governor's Office	21,662
10020 - Other Expenses	10,029
16026 - New England Governors' Conference	5,310
16035 - National Governors' Association	6,323
Lieutenant Governor's Office	35,431
10010 - Personal Services	31,999
10020 - Other Expenses	3,432
Office of Early Childhood	560,074
10010 - Personal Services	100,000
12495 - Community Plans for Early Childhood	35,156
12496 - Improving Early Literacy	7,031
12569 - EvenStart	22,265
16158 - Child Care Quality Enhancements	155,373
16202 - Head Start - Early Childhood Link	34,693
17097 - School Readiness Quality Enhancement	205,556
Office of Governmental Accountability	4,440
10020 - Other Expenses	2,861
12347 - Information Technology Initiatives	1,579
Office of Higher Education	13,585
10020 - Other Expenses	8,699
12194 - Alternate Route to Certification	4,886
Office of Policy and Management	77,330
10010 - Personal Services	75,000
12169 - Automated Budget System and Data Base Link	2,330
Office of Protection and Advocacy	9,732
10020 - Other Expenses	9,732
Office of the Attorney General	53,118
10020 - Other Expenses	53,118
Office of the Chief Medical Examiner	2,246
10050 - Equipment	961
12033 - Medicolegal Investigations	1,285
Secretary of the State	100,000
12480 - Commercial Recording Division	100,000
State Comptroller	200,000
10010 - Personal Services	100,000
10020 - Other Expenses	100,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	366,506
12005 - Unemployment Compensation	366,506
State Department on Aging	40,964
10010 - Personal Services	30,000
10020 - Other Expenses	10,964
State Library	289,229

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Agency and Appropriation	FY 2016 Rescission Amount
12061 - State-Wide Digital Library	93,274
12172 - Legal/Legislative Library Materials	36,871
12420 - Computer Access	8,460
17003 - Grants to Public Libraries	9,542
17010 - Connecticutcard Payments	45,000
17069 - Connecticut Humanities Council	96,082
State Treasurer	7,697
10020 - Other Expenses	7,697
University of Connecticut	2,397,269
12139 - Operating Expenses	2,205,822
12588 - Next Generation Connecticut	191,447
University of Connecticut Health Center	1,389,849
12139 - Operating Expenses	1,243,471
12159 - AHEC for Bridgeport	21,378
12589 - Bioscience	125,000
Total, Executive Branch Agencies	99,205,661
Legislative Branch Agencies	\$420,000
Judicial Branch Agencies	\$3,125,000
GRAND TOTAL	102,750,661

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BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 16 - FY 17 Budget

June 30, 2015

(Includes impact of PA 15-244, the budget bill, as well as implementer bills).



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The budget includes appropriations totaling \$19,807.2 million in FY 16 and \$20,438.3 million in FY 17.

Fund Summary of FY 16 and FY 17 Appropriations (in millions)

Gross Appropriations by Fund	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$
General Fund	18,362,169,386	18,916,880,389
Special Transportation Fund	1,428,073,382	1,508,138,933
Banking Fund	29,636,246	29,889,297
Insurance Fund	79,933,789	81,351,940
Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	26,990,146	26,953,593
Workers' Compensation Fund	27,312,126	26,982,874
Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund	61,779,907	61,779,907
Regional Market Operation Fund	1,061,237	1,067,306
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	2,851,675	2,934,088
Total Gross Appropriations	20,019,807,894	20,655,978,327
General Fund Lapses		
Unallocated Lapse	(93,076,192)	(94,476,192)
Unallocated Lapse - Legislative	(5,028,105)	(3,028,105)
Unallocated Lapse - Judicial	(7,400,672)	(7,400,672)
General Employee Lapse	(7,110,616)	(12,816,745)
General Lapse - Legislative	(39,492)	(39,492)
General Lapse - Judicial	(282,192)	(282,192)
General Lapse - Executive	(9,678,316)	(9,678,316)
Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies Program	(20,000,000)	(20,000,000)
Overtime Savings	(10,500,000)	(10,500,000)
Statewide Hiring Reduction - Executive	(30,920,000)	(30,920,000)
Statewide Hiring Reduction - Judicial	(3,310,000)	(3,310,000)
Statewide Hiring Reduction - Legislative	(770,000)	(770,000)
Targeted Savings	(12,500,000)	(12,500,000)
TOTAL	(200,615,585)	(205,721,714)
Transportation Fund Lapses		
Unallocated Lapse	(12,000,000)	(12,000,000)
TOTAL	(12,000,000)	(12,000,000)
General Fund	18,161,553,801	18,711,158,675
Special Transportation Fund	1,416,073,382	1,496,138,933
Banking Fund	29,636,246	29,889,297
Insurance Fund	79,933,789	81,351,940
Consumer Counsel and Public Utility Control Fund	26,990,146	26,953,593
Workers' Compensation Fund	27,312,126	26,982,874
Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Fund	61,779,907	61,779,907
Regional Market Operation Fund	1,061,237	1,067,306
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	2,851,675	2,934,088
Total Net Appropriations	19,807,192,309	20,438,256,613

The budget reflects a net increase in all appropriations of \$681.1 million in FY 16 and \$549.6 million in FY 17.

Budget Adjustments to General Fund (in millions)

	Governor FY 16 \$	Governor FY 17 \$	Legislative FY 16 \$	Legislative FY 17 \$	Legislative - Governor FY 16 \$	Legislative - Governor FY 17 \$
Budget Expansions						
Technical	1,421.9	740.0	1,404.1	724.0	(17.9)	(16.0)
Policy	82.3	6.7	205.6	27.9	123.3	21.1
Subtotal	1,504.2	746.7	1,609.7	740.5	105.4	(6.3)
Budget Reductions						
Technical	(158.6)	(9.8)	(199.0)	-	(40.4)	9.8
Policy	(812.3)	(165.1)	(714.1)	(180.0)	98.2	(14.9)
Subtotal	(970.9)	(174.9)	(913.1)	(168.6)	57.8	6.3
Net Expansions	533.4	571.8	696.6	571.8	163.3	0.0
Transfers	(12.0)	(22.5)	(15.5)	(22.2)	(3.5)	0.2
TOTAL CHANGES	521.3	549.3	681.1	549.6	159.8	0.3

Budgeted Lapses

The FY 16 and FY 17 budget includes lapses (bottom-line reductions) of \$200.1 million in FY 16 and \$205.2 million in FY 17. The lapses are identified below with a brief explanation.

Lapse	FY 16 \$	FY 17 \$	Explanation
General Fund Lapses			
General Lapse ¹	(10,000,000)	(10,000,000)	This reduction reflects savings in a manner to be determined by OPM. All General Fund agency accounts could be subject to this reduction. Sec. 10 (a)(b)(c) of PA 15-244 implements this provision.
Unallocated Lapse ¹	(105,504,969)	(104,904,969)	This reduction reflects an adjustment to gross appropriations due to an anticipated level of under spending across all General Fund agencies and accounts.
Overtime Savings ¹	(10,500,000)	(10,500,000)	OPM shall recommend reductions in overtime expenditures in the General Fund by \$10,500,000 in both FY 16 and FY 17. Sec. 41 of PA 15-244 implements this provision.
Municipal Opportunities & Regional Efficiencies	(20,000,000)	(20,000,000)	Savings to be achieved in FY 16 and FY 16 with a reduction in municipal aid as a result of various municipal saving initiatives and efficiencies. Sec. 12 of PA 15-244 implements this provision.

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On September 18, 2015, the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) issued allocations of the budgeted MORE Commission lapse totaling approximately \$14.8 million. This will reduce FY 16 municipal grants allocated by OPM as follows: the State Property PILOT grant by \$12.3 million and the College & Hospital PILOT grant by \$2.5 million.

PA 15-244, the FY 16 and FY 17 budget, included a bottom line MORE Commission lapse of \$20 million in each of FY 16 and FY 17. Sec. 12 of PA 15-244 authorized OPM to make recommendations to reduce municipal aid by the aforementioned \$20 million in each of FY 16 and FY 17. OPM has not yet made recommendations for the additional \$5.2 million in municipal aid reductions necessary to fully achieve the FY 16 lapse. Additionally, OPM has not yet made recommendations for any municipal aid reductions in FY 17.

The distribution of the lapse is based on each town's equalized net grand list, population, and status as a distressed municipality. OFA is in the process of determining how each of these variables factored in to each town's lapse figure.

The table on the following page shows the impact of these lapses on each town's: 1) total FY 16 statutory aid figures; 2) FY 16 State Property PILOT grants; and 3) FY 16 College & Hospital PILOT grants.

Please note that FY 16 State Property PILOT and College & Hospital PILOT estimates may differ from those previously published by OFA due to audited assessment data that was not yet available when OFA published its last set of PILOT estimates at the end of the 2015 legislative session.

FY 16 MORE Commission Lapses Announced on September 18, 2015												
Source: OFA												
FY 16 State Property PILOT Grant												
Municipality	Property PILOT \$	Commission Lapse \$	Property PILOT Post Lapse \$	Reduction in State Property PILOT %	FY 16 C&H PILOT \$	Commission Lapse \$	PILOT Post Lapse \$	Reduction in C&H PILOT %	Municipality	Total Lapse \$	TOTAL	
1 Greenw	24,555	24,555	0	100.0%	858,138	858,138	0	100.0%	Greenw	882,693		
2 Fairfield	33,309	33,309	0	100.0%	2,503,120	478,997	2,024,123	19.1%	Fairfield	512,306		
3 Bridgeport	2,827,537	474,411	2,353,126	16.8%	7,499,641	0	7,499,641	0.0%	Bridgeport	474,411		
4 New Haven	7,463,744	470,385	6,993,359	6.3%	41,901,803	0	41,901,803	0.0%	New Haven	470,385		
5 Westport	762,244	417,699	344,545	54.8%	169,091	0	169,091	0.0%	Westport	417,699		
6 Hartford	14,286,659	399,405	13,887,254	2.8%	23,443,507	0	23,443,507	0.0%	Hartford	399,405		
7 Danbury	2,305,164	395,168	1,909,996	17.1%	1,384,386	0	1,384,386	0.0%	Danbury	395,168		
8 Stamford	1,444,461	360,191	1,084,270	24.9%	1,827,676	0	1,827,676	0.0%	Stamford	360,191		
9 Norwalk	510,058	351,812	158,246	69.0%	2,596,542	0	2,596,542	0.0%	Norwalk	351,812		
10 Waterbury	4,262,042	343,313	3,918,729	8.1%	5,505,887	54,245	5,505,887	0.0%	Waterbury	343,313		
11 West Hartford	285,984	285,984	0	100.0%	1,032,984	978,739	0	5.3%	West Hartford	340,229		
12 Milford	534,017	331,676	202,341	62.1%	429,614	0	429,614	0.0%	Milford	331,676		
13 Stratford	382,088	257,095	124,993	67.3%	2,870,139	0	2,870,139	0.0%	Stratford	257,095		
14 Hamden	965,424	249,470	715,954	25.8%	4,036,627	153,304	4,036,627	27.5%	Hamden	249,470		
15 Bristol	91,477	91,477	0	100.0%	556,931	0	556,931	0.0%	Bristol	91,477		
16 Manchester	808,592	242,364	566,228	30.0%	826,527	0	826,527	0.0%	Manchester	242,364		
17 Wallingford	53,009	53,009	0	100.0%	335,941	180,370	155,571	53.7%	Wallingford	233,379		
18 New Britain	3,938,302	220,096	3,718,206	5.6%	2,866,022	0	2,866,022	0.0%	New Britain	220,096		
19 Meriden	410,527	216,326	194,201	52.7%	1,198,941	0	1,198,941	0.0%	Meriden	216,326		
20 Groton	1,013,036	208,865	804,171	20.6%	36,123	0	36,123	0.0%	Groton	208,865		
21 Middletown	3,453,616	200,923	3,252,693	5.8%	6,809,015	0	6,809,015	0.0%	Middletown	200,923		
22 West Haven	78,981	78,981	0	100.0%	5,317,998	118,925	5,199,073	2.2%	West Haven	197,906		
23 East Hartford	757,561	191,300	566,261	25.3%	989,051	0	989,051	0.0%	East Hartford	191,300		
24 Enfield	1,201,743	183,113	1,018,630	15.2%	24,959	0	24,959	0.0%	Enfield	183,113		
25 Farmington	3,317,595	170,134	3,147,461	5.1%	29,785	0	29,785	0.0%	Farmington	170,134		
26 Branford	55,683	55,683	0	100.0%	113,145	113,145	0	100.0%	Branford	168,828		
27 Southington	25,679	25,679	0	100.0%	135,150	135,150	0	100.0%	Southington	160,829		
28 Newtown	876,958	159,164	717,794	18.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	Newtown	159,164		
29 Cheshire	2,125,188	151,620	1,973,568	7.1%	130,139	0	130,139	0.0%	Cheshire	151,620		
30 New Milford	30,901	30,901	0	100.0%	202,239	119,384	82,855	59.0%	New Milford	150,285		
31 Waterford	272,924	148,273	124,651	54.3%	156,519	0	156,519	0.0%	Waterford	148,273		
32 Newington	718,371	146,895	571,476	20.4%	1,893,314	0	1,893,314	0.0%	Newington	146,895		
33 Norwich	1,057,294	146,635	910,659	13.9%	1,087,553	0	1,087,553	0.0%	Norwich	146,635		
34 Madison	597,542	141,538	456,004	23.7%	0	0	0	0.0%	Madison	141,538		
35 Torrington	243,756	139,544	104,212	57.2%	262,832	0	262,832	0.0%	Torrington	139,544		
36 Ridgefield	139,247	139,247	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Ridgefield	139,247		
37 North Haven	110,684	110,684	0	100.0%	608,312	27,806	580,506	4.6%	North Haven	138,490		
38 Wethersfield	250,165	126,602	123,563	50.6%	18,834	0	18,834	0.0%	Wethersfield	126,602		
39 East Haven	370,742	117,240	253,502	31.6%	0	0	0	0.0%	East Haven	117,240		
40 Simsbury	114,575	114,575	0	100.0%	320,005	0	320,005	0.0%	Simsbury	114,575		
41 Vernon	226,536	112,942	113,594	49.9%	0	0	0	0.0%	Vernon	112,942		
42 Southbury	289,586	110,805	178,781	38.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	Southbury	110,805		
43 Darien	108,928	108,928	0	100.0%	40,854	0	40,854	0.0%	Darien	108,928		
44 East Lyme	981,633	107,442	874,191	10.9%	188,271	0	188,271	0.0%	East Lyme	107,442		
45 Bloomfield	118,717	107,393	11,324	90.5%	14,254	14,254	0	100.0%	Bloomfield	107,393		
46 Trumbull	92,341	92,341	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Trumbull	106,595		
47 Avon	105,780	105,780	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Avon	105,780		

	FY 16 State Property PILOT Grant MORE				FY 16 State Property PILOT Grant				FY 16 C&H Property PILOT Grant				TOTAL	
	Municipality	Property PILOT \$	Commission Lapse \$	Post Lapse \$	Reduction in PILOT %	State Property PILOT \$	State Property PILOT %	FY 16 C&H PILOT \$	Commission Lapse \$	PILOT Post Lapse \$	Reduction in C&H PILOT %	FY 16 C&H PILOT \$		Municipality
48	Rocky Hill	950,741	105,562	845,179	11.1%	845,179	11.1%	0	0	0	0	Rocky Hill	105,562	
49	New London	433,575	95,957	337,618	22.1%	337,618	22.1%	4,998,983	0	4,998,983	0.0%	4,998,983	New London	95,957
50	Orange	11,035	11,035	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	286,347	81,642	204,705	28.5%	204,705	Orange	92,677
51	Wilton	91,186	91,186	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Wilton	91,186
52	Old Saybrook	88,299	88,299	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Old Saybrook	88,299
53	Naugatuck	83,660	83,660	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Naugatuck	83,660
54	Mansfield	7,273,890	81,087	7,192,803	1.1%	7,192,803	1.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Mansfield	81,087
55	Montville	2,272,485	80,145	2,192,340	3.5%	2,192,340	3.5%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Montville	80,145
56	Suffield	2,518,534	77,238	2,441,296	3.1%	2,441,296	3.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Suffield	77,238
57	Windham	3,177,265	75,639	3,101,626	2.4%	3,101,626	2.4%	730,378	0	730,378	0.0%	730,378	Windham	75,639
58	Redding	168,043	74,749	93,294	44.5%	93,294	44.5%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Redding	74,749
59	Oxford	235,267	74,694	160,573	31.7%	160,573	31.7%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Oxford	74,694
60	Colchester	119,922	72,165	47,757	60.2%	47,757	60.2%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Colchester	72,165
61	Killingly	241,047	71,159	169,888	29.5%	169,888	29.5%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Killingly	71,159
62	Cromwell	18,573	18,573	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	56,400	51,902	4,498	92.0%	4,498	Cromwell	70,475
63	Ansonia	106,451	66,446	40,005	62.4%	40,005	62.4%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Ansonia	66,446
64	Windsor Locks	64,417	64,417	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Windsor Locks	64,417
65	Ledyard	1,009,332	64,353	944,979	6.4%	944,979	6.4%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Ledyard	64,353
66	East Hampton	111,355	62,226	49,129	55.9%	49,129	55.9%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	East Hampton	62,226
67	Easton	60,223	59,953	270	99.6%	270	99.6%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Easton	59,953
68	Old Lyme	28,668	28,668	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	31,055	31,055	0	100.0%	0	Old Lyme	59,723
69	Plainfield	53,219	53,219	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	40,616	4,268	36,348	10.5%	36,348	Plainfield	57,487
70	Windsor	54,117	54,117	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Windsor	54,117
71	East Windsor	111,292	53,895	57,397	48.4%	57,397	48.4%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	East Windsor	53,895
72	Westbrook	29,436	29,436	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	79,752	23,651	56,101	29.7%	56,101	Westbrook	53,087
73	Glastonbury	49,275	49,275	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	1,623	1,623	0	100.0%	0	Glastonbury	50,898
74	Litchfield	78,850	50,537	28,313	64.1%	28,313	64.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Litchfield	50,537
75	Tolland	50,432	50,432	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	15,603	15,603	0	100.0%	0	Tolland	50,432
76	Bethel	34,033	34,033	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Bethel	49,636
77	Coventry	48,662	48,662	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Coventry	48,662
78	Somers	1,390,477	48,250	1,342,227	3.5%	1,342,227	3.5%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Somers	48,250
79	Stafford	50,955	47,779	3,176	93.8%	3,176	93.8%	211,019	0	211,019	0.0%	211,019	Stafford	47,779
80	Burlington	47,209	47,209	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Burlington	47,209
81	Derby	42,418	42,418	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	837,028	4,396	832,632	0.5%	832,632	Derby	46,814
82	Griswold	61,542	45,648	15,894	74.2%	15,894	74.2%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Griswold	45,648
83	Haddam	67,210	45,014	22,196	67.0%	22,196	67.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Haddam	45,014
84	Winchester	75,339	44,547	30,792	59.1%	30,792	59.1%	40,801	0	40,801	0.0%	40,801	Winchester	44,547
85	Middlebury	39,385	39,385	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Middlebury	39,385
86	Gulford	19,886	19,886	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	18,938	18,938	0	100.0%	0	Gulford	38,824
87	New Canaan	37,376	37,376	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	New Canaan	37,376
88	Putnam	31,976	31,976	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	224,453	4,926	219,527	2.2%	219,527	Putnam	36,902
89	Killingworth	96,322	35,148	60,358	37.3%	60,358	37.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Killingworth	35,148
90	Clinton	35,148	35,148	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Clinton	35,148
91	Brooklvn	145,548	33,408	112,140	23.0%	112,140	23.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Brooklvn	33,408
92	East Haddam	33,323	33,323	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	East Haddam	33,323
93	Thomaston	37,469	32,831	4,638	87.6%	4,638	87.6%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Thomaston	32,831
94	Bethany	38,220	30,369	7,851	79.5%	7,851	79.5%	15,799	0	15,799	0.0%	15,799	Bethany	30,369
95	Canton	30,356	30,356	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Canton	30,356
96	Brookfield	28,576	28,576	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Brookfield	28,576
97	Lebanon	28,007	28,007	0	100.0%	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0	Lebanon	28,007

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Municipality	Property PILOT \$	Commission Lapse \$	Property PILOT Post Lapse \$	State Property PILOT %	Reduction in State Property PILOT %	Property PILOT Post Lapse \$	Commission Lapse \$	Property PILOT Post Lapse \$	State Property PILOT %	Reduction in State Property PILOT %	Property PILOT Post Lapse \$	Commission Lapse \$	Property PILOT Post Lapse \$	State Property PILOT %	Reduction in State Property PILOT %
98. East Granby	27,648	27,648	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
99. Beacon Falls	47,677	26,979	20,698	56.6%	56.6%	20,698	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
100. Washington	26,744	26,744	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
101. Willington	47,711	26,528	21,183	55.6%	55.6%	21,183	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
102. Portland	25,959	25,959	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
103. Essex	10,316	10,316	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	15,395	15,395	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
104. Bolton	33,318	24,301	9,017	72.9%	72.9%	9,017	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
105. Berlin	24,263	24,263	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
106. Sharon	23,345	23,345	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
107. Kent	52,026	22,806	29,220	43.8%	43.8%	29,220	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
108. North Stonington	22,209	22,209	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
109. Sevmour	21,211	21,211	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
110. Stonington	20,545	20,545	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
111. Salem	68,041	19,829	48,212	29.1%	29.1%	48,212	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
112. New Fairfield	19,436	19,436	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
113. Marlborough	18,910	18,910	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
114. New Hartford	18,700	18,700	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
115. Durham	18,672	18,672	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
116. Pomfret	45,214	18,207	27,007	40.3%	40.3%	27,007	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
117. Barkhamsted	17,799	17,799	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
118. Watertown	17,768	17,768	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
119. Goshen	17,225	17,225	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
120. North Canaan	25,016	16,869	8,147	67.4%	67.4%	8,147	93	93	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
121. Woodbridge	16,674	16,674	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	197	197	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
122. Lyme	16,349	16,349	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
123. Plainville	16,379	16,379	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
124. Morris	21,629	15,835	5,794	73.2%	73.2%	5,794	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
125. Cornwall	18,406	15,166	3,240	82.4%	82.4%	3,240	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
126. Andover	18,668	14,900	3,768	79.8%	79.8%	3,768	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
127. Hebron	14,868	14,868	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
128. Preston	14,849	14,849	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
129. Shelton	14,528	14,528	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
130. Chester	13,552	13,552	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
131. Thompson	10,915	10,915	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	2,361	2,361	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
132. Granby	12,653	12,653	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
133. Norfolk	75,764	12,482	63,282	16.5%	16.5%	63,282	42,230	42,230	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	42,230	0.0%	0.0%
134. South Windsor	12,473	12,473	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
135. Voluntown	81,075	11,433	69,642	14.1%	14.1%	69,642	60,000	60,000	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	60,000	0.0%	0.0%
136. Monroe	11,300	11,300	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
137. Sprague	11,744	11,268	476	95.9%	95.9%	476	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
138. Plymouth	11,132	11,132	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
139. Hartland	97,213	11,057	86,156	11.4%	11.4%	86,156	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
140. Deep River	10,683	10,683	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
141. Franklin	17,133	10,552	6,581	61.6%	61.6%	6,581	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
142. Harwinton	9,884	9,884	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
143. Canterbury	9,878	9,878	0	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
144. Middlefield	52,862	9,851	43,011	18.2%	18.2%	43,011	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
145. Chaplin	105,414	8,254	98,160	7.8%	7.8%	98,160	2,048	2,048	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	2,048	0.0%	0.0%
146. Canaan	24,924	8,094	16,830	32.5%	32.5%	16,830	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
147. Hampton															

	FY 16 State Property PILOT Grant MORE				FY 16 C&H Property PILOT Grant				TOTAL		
	Municipality	Property PILOT \$	Commission Lapse \$	Property PILOT Post Lapse \$	Reduction in State Property PILOT %	FY 16 C&H PILOT \$	MORE Commission Lapse \$	FY 16 C&H PILOT Post Lapse \$		Reduction in C&H PILOT %	Municipality
148 North Branford	5,415	5,415	0	0	100.0%	2,314	2,314	0	100.0%	North Branford	7,729
149 Salisbury	7,724	7,724	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Salisbury	7,724
150 Woodstock	7,425	7,425	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Woodstock	7,425
151 Eastford	7,406	7,406	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Eastford	7,406
152 Ellington	7,403	7,403	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Ellington	7,403
153 Lisbon	7,062	7,062	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Lisbon	7,062
154 Columbia	7,026	7,026	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Columbia	7,026
155 Scotland	26,447	6,914	19,533	0	26.1%	0	0	0	0.0%	Scotland	6,914
156 Weston	6,420	6,420	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Weston	6,420
157 Ashford	5,814	5,814	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Ashford	5,814
158 Colebrook	5,781	5,781	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Colebrook	5,781
159 Bozrah	5,739	5,739	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Bozrah	5,739
160 Sterling	5,519	5,519	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Sterling	5,519
161 Union	28,645	4,677	23,968	0	16.3%	0	0	0	0.0%	Union	4,677
162 Roxbury	3,999	3,999	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Roxbury	3,999
163 Warren	3,998	3,998	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Warren	3,998
164 Wolcott	2,076	2,076	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Wolcott	2,076
165 Prospect	1,967	1,967	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Prospect	1,967
166 Bridgewater	1,299	1,299	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Bridgewater	1,299
167 Bethlehem	980	980	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Bethlehem	980
168 Woodbury	346	346	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Woodbury	346
169 Sherman	14	14	0	0	100.0%	0	0	0	0.0%	Sherman	14
Total	83,565,039	12,285,171	71,279,868	14.7%		123,898,675	2,512,082	121,386,593	2.0%	Total	14,797,253

\$20,000,000 was budgeted. Another \$5,000,000+ to go.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT

SUMMARY: This act (1) extends, to FY 16 and FY 17, the minimum budget requirement (MBR) for local education spending; (2) exempts certain high-performing school districts from the MBR; and (3) expands a town's authority to reduce its MBR under specified circumstances.

The MBR requires towns receiving Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grants to budget a minimum annual amount for education. Prior law allowed a town, with certain limitations, to reduce its MBR if it (1) experienced a decrease in student enrollment, (2) could demonstrate savings through increased efficiencies or regional collaborations, or (3) was a district without a high school that paid tuition for its students to attend high school out of town and the number of high school students declined. Prior law allowed a town to choose one of these three methods but allowed an additional method not tied to the others: MBR reduction for savings related to closing a school due to declining enrollment.

The act (1) maintains these permitted MBR reductions through FY 17, (2) increases the maximum MBR reduction for drops in student enrollment and establishes a new mechanism for such reductions, and (3) allows a town to reduce its MBR under more than one condition.

The act prohibits alliance district towns from reducing their MBR. (PA 15-5, June Special Session, § 511, specifies the prohibition applies to current or former alliance districts.) Under prior law, the education commissioner could approve an MBR reduction for an alliance district town if it could demonstrate that it had increased its local contribution for education in that fiscal year. Alliance districts are the 30 school districts with the lowest District Performance Index (DPI) (see BACKGROUND) in the state.

It also repeals obsolete language regarding the MBR and the minimum expenditure requirement (the MBR's precursor) and makes a number of technical and conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

MBR FOR FY 16 & 17

The act extends the MBR to FYs 16 and 17, while making several changes to it. Under the act, each town's base MBR is the amount it budgeted for education in the previous fiscal year plus any ECS aid increase received from the state.

The act exempts from the MBR school districts that have DPI scores in the top 10% of all districts statewide.

CHANGES TO MBR REDUCTIONS

Under prior law, towns could reduce their MBR by only one of the methods the law provided (a reduction due to a school closing was exempt from this restriction). These were reductions due to:

1. decreased enrollment,
2. documented savings from increased efficiencies or regional collaboration, or
3. declines in the number of high school students in districts without high schools that pay tuition for their students to attend high school out of town.

The act removes the limit on the number of these MBR reduction methods a town can use.

Reduction Due to Enrollment Decline

Under prior law, a town could reduce its MBR due to an enrollment decrease by \$3,000 for each student no longer enrolled up to a limit of 0.5% of the town's education budget for the previous fiscal year. The act increases the per student dollar amount to 50% of the school district's net current expenditure (NCE) per resident student.

The act defines NCE per resident student as, in any school year, the NCE (see BACKGROUND) for a school year divided by the town's number of resident students for the same school year. Resident students are the number of students that a school district must educate.

In addition, the act creates a two-tiered mechanism for determining the maximum MBR reduction for declining enrollment based on the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch (FRPL) under the federal school lunch law. Under this provision, districts with (1) 20% or more of their students qualifying for FRPL can reduce their MBR by up to 1.5% and (2) less than 20% of students eligible for FRPL can reduce their MBR by up to 3%.

The act specifies that the decreasing student enrollment reduction for FY 16 must use the data of record as of January 31, 2015 and consider the decrease in the student count from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014. The student enrollment reduction for FY 17 must use the data of record as of January 31, 2016 and consider the decrease in the student count from October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2015.

Potential Additional MBR Reduction

Furthermore, the act allows towns in either FRPL tier to exceed the MBR reduction limits described above if (1) the education commissioner approves, following a review of the proposed reduction, and (2) the town's board of education approves by a vote held at a duly called meeting.

Other MBR Reductions Extended

The act maintains three other types of MBR reductions allowed in FYs 14 and 15 under prior law:

1. A town without a high school that pays tuition to other towns for its resident students to attend there and is paying for fewer students than it did in the previous year can reduce its MBR by the full amount of its lowered tuition payments.
2. A town can reduce its MBR to reflect half of any new and documented savings from (a) increased efficiencies within its school district, as long as the education commissioner approves the savings, or (b) a regional collaboration or cooperative arrangement with at least one other district. This reduction is limited to a maximum of 0.5% of the FY 15 MBR.
3. A town that is permanently closing a school due to declining enrollment at the school in FYs 13 to 16, inclusive, may be granted an MBR reduction for FYs 16 and 17 in an amount to be determined by the education commissioner.

BACKGROUND

DPI

A school district's DPI is its students' weighted performance on the statewide mastery tests in reading, writing, and mathematics given in grades three through eight and 10 or 11 and science in grades five, eight, and 10 or 11. Under PA 15-5, June Special Session, §§ 326-333, SDE is authorized to revise the performance index for measuring academic achievement.

NET CURRENT EXPENDITURES (NCE)

A district's NCEs are its total education expenditures, excluding (1) student transportation, (2) capital costs supported by school construction grants and debt service, (3) adult education, (4) health services for private school students, (5) tuition, (6) income from federally- and state-aided school meal programs, and (7) fees for student activities (CGS § 10-261(a)(3)).

OLR Tracking: JM: RP: PF: cmg

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
SANDY HOOK SPECIAL REVENUE FUND DETAIL
9/24/2015

ACCOUNT DESIGNATION:

UNDESIGNATED						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
	1	50,000	SCHOOL POLICE SECURITY OVERTIME *					
	1a	(50,000)						
	2	8,400	ADD'L TRAINING & STAFF (2) - SUMMER DAY CAMP		5,011	3,389		
	3	36,677	SECURITY - SUMMER DAY CAMP		32,071	4,606		
	4	50,000	EDUCATION IT CONTRACTED SERVICES		50,000			
	5	5,000	NYA FOUNDATION CONTRIBUTION		5,000	-		
	6	34,217	BOE ADDITIONAL VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT		34,217	-		
	7	25,000	INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLE FOR LIBRARY		25,000	-		
	8	774	MEMORIAL PLAYGROUND		774	-		
	9	5,000	LOOK BOOK		4,900	100		
	10	15,000	MARKETING PLAN FOR TICK BORNE DISEASE		481	14,519		
<u>193,900</u>		<u>180,068</u>			<u>157,454</u>	<u>22,614</u>		<u>13,832</u>

SCHOOL PROJECT FACILITATOR / CONSULTANT						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
20,000	1	20,000	NEW SANDY HOOK SCHOOL FACILITATOR		10,082	9,918		-

SANDY HOOK SCHOOL						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
	1	60,000	NEW SANDY HOOK SCHOOL FACILITATOR		60,000	-		
	2	65,000	PRECONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR NEW SCHOOL		51,691	13,309		
	2a	(65,000)	RECLASSED TO CAPITAL PROJECT		(51,691)	(13,309)		
<u>175,385</u>		<u>60,000</u>			<u>60,000</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>115,385</u>

MENTAL HEALTH ADVISOR						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
50,000	1	50,000	MENTAL HEALTH ADVISOR		50,000	-		-

VICTORY GARDEN FENCE						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
9,400	1	9,400	VICTORY GARDEN FENCE		9,400	-		-

SCHOOLS						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
4,465		-			-	-		4,465

CHILDREN						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
2,995		-			-	-		2,995

PARKS						EXPENDED	UNEXPENDED	UNAPPROPRIATED
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>APPROPRIATED</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>					
2,500	1	2,500	DICKINSON PLAYGROUND PROJECT		2,500	-		-

* REIMBURSED BY GRANT



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Road Progress Report – 10/7/2015

There are essentially five sources of funds for road improvements: Road bond at \$1,000,000, Road Improvement line item at \$1,500,000, Highway Contractual Services line item at \$650,000, Highway Drainage Material line item at \$100,000 and Highway Road Patching Materials at \$85,000 for total funds of \$3,335,000. To date we have expended approximately \$2,497,974 leaving \$837,026. Of the remaining \$837,026, approximately \$625,000 is already committed to work in progress. Overall this leaves about \$212,026 in funds to carry us to next June. Those funds will be needed for everything from patch for potholes, emergency drainage repairs for washouts and other expenses that may not yet have been anticipated.

Now we know where we are at. The next question is what have we accomplished. The following are the various projects that have been completed. However, because a road name is mentioned doesn't mean that entire road is finished as will become obvious when we list work in progress, what we didn't get done and the carry over to next year.

Completed Work Items:

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------|--------|----------------|
| 1. | Jeremiah | drainage | paving | |
| 2. | Bennetts Bridge | | paving | |
| 3. | Lakeview Terrace | drainage | paving | |
| 4. | Flat Swamp | drainage | paving | |
| 5. | Poverty Hollow | drainage | paving | |
| 6. | Key Rock | | paving | speed tables |
| 7. | Hanover | | paving | |
| 8. | Hattertown | drainage | paving | |
| 9. | Great Hill | | paving | |
| 10. | Bonnie Brae | drainage | | |
| 11. | Brassie | drainage | | |
| 12. | Brushy Hill | drainage | | |
| 13. | Birch Hill | drainage | | |
| 14. | Meadowbrook | drainage | | |
| 15. | Riverside | drainage | | |
| 16. | School House | | paving | |
| 17. | Tamarack | drainage | | |
| 18. | Swamp Road | drainage | | |
| 19. | Platts Hill | drainage | | |
| 20. | Boulder Creek | | | retaining wall |

- | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 21. | Gelding Hill | | retaining wall |
| 22. | Hundred Acres | drainage | |
| 23. | Sandy Hook Gas Line | trenching | patching |

Work In Progress:

- | | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. | Platts Hill | | paving |
| 2. | Hundred Acres | | paving |
| 3. | Queen Street | | paving |
| 4. | Parmalee Hill | bank stabilization | speed tables |
| 5. | Pond Brook | bank stabilization | |
| 6. | Edgewood | | paving |
| 7. | Bonnie Brae | | winterizing |
| 8. | Brassie | | winterizing |
| 9. | Birch Hill | | winterizing |
| 10. | Brushy Hill | | winterizing |
| 11. | Riverside | | winterizing |
| 12. | Keatings Farm | | utility conduit |
| 13. | Middlegate School Gas Line | trenching | |

Work Not Completed In This Budget: First In Next Year's Queue

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------|--|--------|
| 1. | Bonnie | | paving |
| 2. | Brassie | | paving |
| 3. | Brushy Hill | | paving |
| 4. | Birch Hill | | paving |
| 5. | Riverside | | paving |
| 6. | Swamp Road | | paving |
| 7. | Sandy Hook Gas Line | | paving |

Some Next Year Previews: In addition to the projects already identified for next year's queue are the following areas we know we will be going to.

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|----|---------------------|----------|--------|
| 1. | Hundred Acres | drainage | paving |
| 2. | Hanover/Dinglebrook | drainage | paving |
| 3. | New Lebbon | drainage | paving |
| 4. | Mt. Nebo | drainage | paving |
| 5. | Phyllis Lane | drainage | paving |
| 6. | Lakeview Terrace | drainage | paving |
| 7. | Mile Hill South | drainage | paving |
| 8. | Newberry/Pheasant | drainage | paving |
| 9. | Johnny Appleseed | drainage | paving |

There are a number of other roads that will also be evaluated for this group.



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sandy Hook School Natural Gas Line Cost/Savings Analysis – 2015

The installation of a main/lateral natural gas supply line to the new Sandy Hook School was comprised of 3,200' of trenching on Crestwood, Washington Avenue, State Route 34 and Oakview Road. The original cost estimate from Eversource (Yankee Gas) for the installation of this line was approximately \$680,000 at a unit cost per foot of just over \$212 per linear foot. Because the Public Works Department was able to step up to the plate and provide the trenching and restoration the charge from Eversource was dropped to zero. This did not mean there was no expense or just avoided cost. The following analysis provides a look at what the true value savings are after we adjust for our direct and indirect cost.

Eversource Project Cost Estimate -		\$680,000
Town Labor (straight-time, over-time, taxes and all fringes)	(\$120,000)	
Town Equipment (figured at FEMA hourly reimbursement rates)	(\$90,000)	
Other Direct (engineering, materials, survey etc.)	(\$65,000)	
Final State Road Restoration (if required)	(\$25,000)	
	Cost Subtotal	(\$300,000)

Net Savings / Avoided Cost		\$380,000

Submitted: 10/7/2015

Chapter 20. Commissions and Committees

Article VIII. Sustainable Energy Commission

[Adopted by the Legislative Council 10-7-2009 (Ord. No. 93)]

§ 20-43. Establishment; membership.

A Sustainable Energy Commission is hereby established for the Town of Newtown. Said Commission shall consist of nine members appointed by the First Selectman, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. The term of office shall be three years, which shall expire at regularly staggered annual intervals. The Charter provisions on minority representation shall be observed.

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§ 20-44. Powers and duties.

The Sustainable Energy Commission shall have the following powers and duties:

A.

To identify, implement and support renewable energy use, energy efficiency and energy conservation programs in which the Town's residents, businesses, organizations and Town agencies can participate and that may result in cost savings to the Town or school district.

B.

To disseminate information relating to cost-effective and environmentally conscious renewable energy use, energy efficiency, and energy conservation programs.

C.

To support the efforts of Town officials and employees to identify and implement renewable energy use, energy efficiency and energy conservation programs.

D.

To make recommendations to and receive recommendations from appropriate local, regional, state and federal officials and agencies, boards and commissions regarding action to improve the Town's energy efficiency, energy conservation, and renewable energy use.

E.

To advertise and maintain a website and prepare, print and distribute books, charts and materials, and the Commission may collect, compile and disseminate information relative to the promotion of energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy use.

F.

To support, develop and organize such other programs or innovations as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

§ 20-45. Meetings and reports; rules and regulations.

A.

The Commission shall meet monthly, at least 10 times per year, and at such other times as the Commission may determine. A Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary shall be chosen, and the Commission is empowered to adopt rules and regulations for putting into effect the provisions of this article, which rules and regulations shall not be inconsistent with the provisions thereof. Such rules and regulations shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

B.

The Commission shall annually prepare and transmit to the Legislative Council and to the Board of Selectmen a report of its activities and of its recommendations for energy efficiency, energy conservation and renewable energy. Such report shall be due on the first day of October in each year. Other reports may be requested from time to time by the Board of Selectmen or by the Legislative Council.

§ 20-46. Receipt and disbursement of funds.

A.

All funds received by the Sustainable Energy Commission from any source other than a specific gift or bequest shall be placed in the custody of the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown to be held, administered and disbursed by the Financial Director as part of and through the General Fund of the Town of Newtown, subject to any limitations on the use of the funds. The Sustainable Energy Commission shall authorize the disbursement of all funds appropriated by the Town for the purposes of energy efficiency, energy conservation and the use of renewable energy.

B.

All funds received by the Sustainable Energy Commission from a specific gift or from a specific bequest shall be placed in the custody of the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown and shall be kept by the Financial Director in an account that shall be known as the "Sustainable Energy Commission Gift Fund," which account shall be separate and distinct from all other Town accounts. Disbursements from the Sustainable Energy Commission Gift Fund shall be made on order of the Sustainable Energy Commission only, in accordance with the terms of the specific gifts or bequests which make up the fund. With proper documentation, all checks drawn on the Gift Fund shall be signed by the First Selectman and the Financial Director of the Town of Newtown. The funds referred to herein are for the exclusive use of the Sustainable Energy Commission and shall not be used for any purpose other than as authorized by the Commission.

§ 20-47. Member compensation; expenses.

Members of the Commission shall serve without pay. Necessary expenses of members incurred in the performance of their duties may be paid from funds appropriated for such purpose, if any.

**An Ordinance Expanding the Additional Tax-Exemption
Available for Totally Disabled Veterans**

WHEREAS Public Act 13-224 authorized municipalities to implement an additional tax exemption for veterans who are 100% disabled and who meet certain income eligibility requirements; and

WHEREAS, C.G.S. § 12-81g(e) provides that, pursuant to the terms of that section, the State shall reimburse each town to the extent of the revenue loss represented by the additional exemptions provided for in C.G.S. § 12-81g(b); and

WHEREAS the implementation of this exemption will further recognize the Town of Newtown's veterans who are most in need of tax relief.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN THAT sections 208-16, 208-17, and 208-19 of the Town of Newtown Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

§ 208-16 Amount of Exemption; income limits

A. Any veteran entitled to an exemption from property tax in accordance with Subdivision 19 of § 12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be entitled to an additional exemption, provided such veteran's qualifying income does not exceed \$41,200 for a single veteran or \$45,000 for a married veteran. The exemption, in the greater amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the assessed value of the property, shall be applied to the assessed value of an eligible veteran's property.

B. Effective for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015 and each assessment year thereafter, the additional exemption from property tax permitted by Connecticut General Statutes § 12-81g(b) for veterans and their spouses pursuant to the provisions of Subdivision 20 of Connecticut General Statutes § 12-81 is hereby authorized for those persons who meet the eligibility requirements of said sections.

§ 208-17 Exemption for surviving spouses

Any veteran's surviving spouse entitled to an exemption from property tax, in accordance with Subdivision 22 of § 12-81, shall be entitled to an additional exemption, provided such surviving spouse's qualifying income does not exceed \$41,200. The exemption, in the greater amount of \$10,000 or 10% of the assessed value of the property, shall be applied to the assessed value of an eligible surviving spouse's property.

§ 208-18 Administration

The Assessor of the Town of Newtown shall administer the veteran's tax exempt program as set forth in C.G.S. § 12-81(f) as amended by Public Act 03-44 and C.G.S. § 12-81g as amended by Public Act 13-224.

- A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,540 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE SANDY HOOK SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR A N.H.S. BAND TRUCK TO BE OPERATED BY THE NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL BAND PARENTS CORPORATION(NHSBPC).
 - Undesignated Account 1-133-11-000-5800-4014 for \$17,540.
 - \$13,832 is unappropriated funds
 - \$ 3,708 is available from funds appropriated for summer camp security. This activity was paid out of a grant (thus available).

The Newtown High School Band Parents Corporation (NHSBPC) is a 501(c)(3) organization incorporated in 1977 to support the various Band and Color Guard programs at Newtown High School. This includes performances at venues throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and involves support activities such as chaperoning, transportation, truck rentals, event coordination, equipment loading, delivery, setup, and breakdown for all competitions, and designing and building props for indoor and field shows. Activities run year-round in support of Fall Marching Band and Guard, Winter Guard, and Winter Percussion programs, in which approximately 150 Newtown students participate annually.

The NHSBPC raises funds annually to support these programs, through participation fees and a variety of fundraising activities. Annual expenditures are in excess of \$150,000, of which approximately \$10,000 annually is for transportation expenses. Balancing the costs necessary to enable extremely high caliber programs with the financial impact on students and their families is a major focus of the NHSBPC. As a result, acquisition of a truck instead of regular rentals has been a long-standing goal of the organization, providing many advantages to the parents and students in the Band and Color Guard programs at Newtown High School. These advantages include:

- Reduction of annual operating costs, allowing student participation fees to be held as low as possible.
- Ability to permanently fit out the loading compartment to speed the loading and unloading process.
- Easier pickup and late-night drop-off for parent volunteer drivers.
- Ability to proudly showcase Newtown High School through custom logos on the truck.

Vehicle will be a Town vehicle; insured by the Town; administered by the Town; operated by the (NHSBPC).