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Minutes

A Legislative Council Administration and Finance Committee special meeting was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance: Committee Members Dan Amaral, Anthony Filiato, Mary Ann Jacob, Ryan Knapp, Paul Lundquist and George Ferguson were present. Others present included: Council Member Dan Wiedemann; Edmond Town Hall Board of Governors members Marie Smith, Jennifer Chaudhary and Anna Wiedemann; Cyrenius Booth Library Chairman Bob Geckle and Executive Director Brenda McKinley. Town Treasurer and Director of Finance Bob Tait was also in attendance as was the Chairman of the Economic Development Commission Wes Thompson.

Voter Comment: There were no voter comments.

Approval of Minutes: Ryan Knapp moved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 10, 2016, seconded by Dan Amaral. Approved 4- 0. Anthony Filiato abstained.

Paul Lundquist arrived at 6:34 p.m. following the approval of minutes.

Communications: George Ferguson noted that there were a number of communications sent and received that have been shared with the Committee and these will be incorporated into these minutes.

Committee Reports: There are no subcommittees.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action:

A. Discussion of the Specific Elements of the Town of Newtown 2016 / 2017 Budget as charged by the Legislative Council.

George Ferguson opened the discussion by outlining a plan of approach. He indicated that he'd asked members of the Edmond Town Hall Board of Governors and the Cyrenius Booth Library leadership to provide additional information and to attend this meeting, as requested by the Committee. He also noted that both groups had graciously responded to our requests for information and that they were well represented this evening. He thanked his fellow citizens, neighbors, and volunteer leaders for their responsiveness and attendance.

Edmond Town Hall (ETH)

Ryan Knapp asked: Why does the ETH Board exist, is it because of the Hawley Trust? This question acknowledged clarifying information provided by Margot Hall that the building and grounds are Town owned property. ETH was conveyed to the Town during Mary Hawley's life, making the commonly referred to estate provision, about defaulting to Yale University, moot. It was acknowledged that the ETH Board was in place to be the recipients of the Mary Hawley Trust and that the group had long played a role in the oversight of this iconic Newtown structure. ETH only receives the interest from the investments of the Mary Hawley Trust, as do three other organizations, the Library, Hawley School and the Congregational Church.

Ryan Knapp also asked: What is the status of the Boiler and underground oil tank project? Bob Tait responded that a new revised resolution will be coming forward to the Legislative Council at its next meeting. The original appropriation was for \$300,000 but the new request is to increase this up to \$500,000. There is an amount remaining in the 2015/16 CIP that will be transferred over to this project. The additional expenditure is needed to take into account higher bids, engineering and remediation of hazardous materials abatement and disposal.

Anna Wiedemann offered insight into the ongoing visioning that the Board was presently engaged in included the desire to have tenants capable of paying market rates for some of the available space in order to offset the costs to the Town, and that in order to do that will require that the Board of Managers work with the Borough to change some regulations. Jennifer Chaudhary explained that the Board had inherited lots of issues and that the group was working well and collaboratively to resolve these issues. Mary Ann Jacob offered that the Borough zoning has to change and that this conversation needs to be elevated. Paul Lundquist offered that he thought that the fee structure of the ETH venue vs. the Ridgefield Playhouse should be reviewed and that perhaps that's a way to attract more business. Dan Amaral offered that ETH revenue has dropped and that there would be a need to get changes on things like zoning and signage past Jim Gaston.

Ryan Knapp asked: Where are the synergies with other groups like seniors? Marie Smith offered that the Board had reached out the Commission on Aging to offer them to use the space but have had only limited success.

Cyrenius Booth Library

Bob Geckle, Chairman of the Library Board, discussed the Library's recent efforts and their partnership with the Economic Development Commission for programming. He cited the CHB Makers program as a popular and productive program that has attracted grant support, and has been instrumental in facilitating the creation of at least one new entrepreneurial venture in Town.

He briefly discussed the Strategic Planning Process that is now underway. He reminded the Committee of recent capital improvement in the building including the HVAC, sprinkler systems, and alarms. He discussed the need for roof repairs and window in the front of the building that are slated for 2016/17 and would provide energy savings. Bob said they are trying to balance continuity and change. The Library's income comes from three sources, the Town, Fund Raising, and Investment Income. Brenda McKinley noted that while the Town is the largest source of income, the Friends of the Library annually contributes \$100,000 in revenue for new materials and equipment, that the allocation of those funds is determined by the Friends Board, and that those funds are accounted for separately and not included in revenue. In addition, Bob and Brenda discussed the overall fundraising efforts of the Library indicating its focusing its efforts this year in building up the successful "Turkey Trot" road race fund raiser. Brenda and Bob indicated that the expense side of the budget was being driven by Wages and Benefits and that the Library has to implement the Municipal Wage Schema. From an impact standpoint the Library has begun using an algorithm-based assessment developed by the American Library Association to demonstrate value to the community. It takes into account a variety of metrics and provides a valuable framework

Committee Questions and Answers

The Chair briefly reviewed with the group the series of clarifying questions and answers that had been posed and where many of the answers had been forwarded back to the Committee. He also clarified several of the questions based upon his conversation with the First Selectman over the past weekend, acknowledging her willingness to discuss these during her time off.

Sandy Hook Sidewalks

The Chair explained that in his conversation with the First Selectman that it was his understanding that these sidewalks were put in as an economic development capital expenditure that was partially offset by reimbursement of State grants. This is a Town owned facility on public and or private property where the ongoing maintenance has been deemed a Town responsibility, and where it has been expedient to provide grant funds to the Sandy Hook Organization for Prosperity, to maintain these facilities. Individual property owners and or shopkeepers have been responsible for snow removal

Parent Connection / Kevin's Community Center

The Chair and First Selectman also discussed these allocations of resources to important community base non-profits providing valuable services to Newtown residents. The increase allocation recognizes the important work being done to help Newtown residents with the widespread opioid epidemic affecting Newtown and the nation including a tragedy that hit home this week and a U.S. Centers for Disease Control Advisory advising physicians not to prescribe opioids for chronic pain as the risks outweigh the benefits. Kevin's Community Center continues to provide valuable services to Newtown's citizens.

Tax Collection Rates

Paul Lundquist asked Bob Tait if it would be a risk to raise the proposed Tax Collection rate from 99.0% to 99.1%. Mr. Tait responded that 3 times in the last 8 budget cycles the Tax Collection rate came in at 99.0% and that he felt it was not a prudent to overestimate expected revenues. There was general consensus not to move to make such a change.

Change in Pension Fund Manager

Ryan Knapp asked Bob Tait to discuss the recently reported change to the Town's pension fund advisor and its estimated savings of \$200,000, with an eye toward determining if there was a budget adjustment that could be made base on the information. Bob indicated that this was a change on the expense side of the pension fund account and would be reflected potentially in better performance within the pension fund and that only time would tell but that there was nothing tangible that could realistically flow through to the operating budget at this time.

Motions:

MaryAnn Jacob moved to reduce the Fairfield Hill Authority budget line to \$0. Second by Ryan Knapp.. Motion approved 6 -0.

Discussion on above: In speaking to the motion Ms. Jacob indicated that there is \$200,000 in the FFH account that has been generated through the FFH common charges and that it was not fair to ask the taxpayers to pay operating expenses when that revenue is there. Bob Tait indicated that in the past those funds have been set aside by the FFH Commission for capital expenditures

George Ferguson moved to recommend to the Legislative Council look more closely at the various capital expenditures proposed in the Information Technology budget, by inviting the IT director to the LC, in order to more fully understand these expenditures some of which are from different departments and some of which are within IT itself. Second by Ryan Knapp. Motion approved 6-0.

Ryan Knapp moved to reduce the Edmond Town Hall budget allocation by \$10,000. Second for discussion by Paul Lundquist. Motion failed 1 to 5. Ryan Knapp voting yea.

Discussion on above: Ryan expressed concern that the conversation this year sounded similar to the prior years and that the proposed reduction might send a message that there is a need to see progress. Mary Ann Jacob responded that as it is a Town owned property if there is a shortfall it will just need to be absorbed through Contingency, which is much lower this year than last.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Committee will be on March 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Old Business - None
Voter Comment- none
Announcements - none

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. on a Motion by Paul Lundquist and second by Ryan Knapp.

George Ferguson
Chair

Attachments and Related Correspondence Follows:

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Legislative Council Finance and Administration Committee Additional Questions following March 10, 2016 Meeting

To: Pat Llodra and Bob Tait
From: LC Finance & Administration
Re: Budget Questions
Date: March 12, 2016

The Committee is seeking answers or additional information on the questions appearing below.

In addition, the Committee asked the Chair to invite the leadership of Edmond Town Hall and the Cyrenius Booth Library to our meeting on March 16 and they have graciously indicated they will attend.

Revenue

In Pat's response document "Questions 2 final" the reference "attached budget summary sheets" were either not attached or we are unable to locate them. Can you please forward the summary sheets?

"For the past 3 years, what have been the top sources of budget surplus? (I'm picturing a table with \$Surplus, and 3-5+ items adding to the total, including an "other" to capture any small miscellaneous items). What would you say is the reason/driver for each?

[See attached budget summary sheets from financial statements](#)"

Fairfield Hill Authority:

Why we are increasing the Fairfield Hill Authorities operating funding when they are generating revenue through common charges and have \$200,000 in the bank?

Does the Town Hall pay a common charge to FFH?

Sandy Hook Organization for Prosperity (SHOP)

Why increased funding going towards the Sandy Hook Organization for Prosperity (SHOP)? Stated concern about the processes here. What did the Town spend on sidewalks in 15/16? What did SHOP and or adjacent landowners spend in 15/16 on sidewalks? What is the proposed chart of work and budget allocations for 16/17 for SHOP and the Town?

Revenue / Tax Question

If we wanted to increase the tax collection rate from 99.0% to 99.1%, how much more revenue would that generate?

Budget Book / Excel Spreadsheet

Would it be possible to have the actual excel spreadsheet that appears on page 49 of the budget book?

Contributions - Kevin's Community Center / Parent Connection

Can you please send along the requests and back up information received from these two entities? The Committee wants to understand better the dynamics better around the decrease in funding to Kevin's Community Center and increase to the Parent Connection.

Contingency

Page 262. Please explain the Contingency Account. The \$350,000 budget number from earlier this year is understood. What is less clear are the amended and estimated numbers and what they represent.

Thank you

George Ferguson
Chair

From George Ferguson to Committee

From Brenda McKinley to George Ferguson

George,

I am sending over a few documents in answer to the questions from the Legislative Council budget subcommittee regarding the library's FY16-17 budget proposal. The full budget request with budget highlights and library measures and indicators are of course in the full town budget, these documents were prepared to supply additional information.

Both Bob Geckle and I will attend the subcommittee's 3/15 meeting to be available to answer any additional questions that may arise.

Thank you,

Brenda

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Contents of Municipal Questions.doc received by George Ferguson and forwarded to the Committee

BOB: these questions are among the many being put forth by the Legislative Council subcommittee as they review budget proposal. Please provide responses (fully justified and expansive) for my report back to the subcommittee early next week. I will need your responses by Tuesday a.m.

Note: page number refers to location in the BoS budget book.

Thank you.

Pat

1. P 254 Why the significant decrease in library funding and Hawley trust? What efforts are being made to replace that revenue stream?

The annual revenue from the Hawley Trust is based upon a formula applied by the trustee, J.P. Morgan. More specifically, the trustee applies a factor to the prior year-end balance which is then further discounted to arrive at the annual revenue figure. Refer to the e-mail correspondence pasted below between Bill McCarthy, Board Treasurer of the Library, and Carter Haynes, Relationship Manager for J.P. Morgan.

Bill,
I am following up on our conversation regarding the letter that I sent to Brenda on November 20. I informed you that we are distributing 70% of the annual, required minimum distribution and that is how we arrived at the \$3,124.87 in the letter. After the private foundation tax return is prepared, we may find that we did not distribute enough and there may be an additional distribution required. If that is the case, I will notify the library of the additional payment that will have to be made before October 31, 2016.
As an exception, our management has agreed to increase the distribution percentage to 75% for this fiscal year. My letter indicated the December 15, 2015 payment will be \$3,124.87, but at 75%, the amount will be \$3,379.87. Again, the reason why we don't do 100% of the calculated RMD is because we don't want to distribute too much and erode the purchasing value of the trust. We went over what was required during the last fiscal year by a small amount and we don't want to continue that practice.
I would be happy to discuss this with you if you find there are more questions from your board. Please call or email me directly.
Carter

From: William McCarthy
Sent: Monday, December 07, 2015 4:15 PM
To: Haynes, Carter
Cc: Bob Geckle; Brenda McKinley
Subject: Follow-Up Question to our Earlier Discussion Today re C.H. Booth Library

Carter-
The annual revenue shortfall due to the lower distribution payments is approximately \$21K. What we would like to further explore is the \$3,125 monthly distribution figure mentioned in your 11-20-15 letter to the Library Director, Brenda McKinley. Can this monthly distribution amount be increased to make up for the shortfall? I know you said you should be able to get a quick answer from management. We are required to submit our annual budget to the Town of Newtown by the end of the week and we would like to factor this distribution question into our analysis. Please let me know.
Thanks,
Bill

In terms of other fund raising revenue sources, you will note a drop for the "Fund Raising Other" line. For the 2015/2016 budget, a spring fund raising event was anticipated with a projected gross revenue of \$17,500. The Library Board is afraid of donor fatigue and asking for contributions from the same local businesses and individuals too many times in the same calendar year. Thus, the 2016/2017 budget does not include a spring fund raising event. Having said that, significant increases are budgeted for both the annual fund drive and annual Turkey Trot road race which more than offset any drop-off by not having a spring fund raising event. In addition the Development subcommittee of the Board is evaluating additional fundraising activities for the fall.

2. P 254 Library increase of 70,195 or 5.83% why?

As noted in the budget highlights and attached Cover Letter and Power Point presentation, \$26.7K (47%) of the net increase of \$56K in total expenses relates to advised 2% increase in salaries and benefits and other state mandated wage increases. The remainder supports basic library functions along with modest support for new initiatives.

Goal is to provide the growth needed for the library's continued focus on community needs in materials and programs, emerging technologies, economic development support programs, strategic planning initiatives, and archival preservation to protect our heritage, all to strengthen the library's mission to inform and enrich our community.

Continue to fund new programs initiated in FY15-16

- a. Focus on Multi Generational Programs
- b. Focus on Emerging Technologies
- c. Focus on Economic Development Programs
- d. Focus on Strategic Planning Initiatives
- e. Focus on Archival Preservation to Protect our Heritage

From George Ferguson to Committee

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brenda McKinley

Subject: C.H. Booth Library - FW: LC BUDGET QUESTIONS

Date: March 11, 2016 at 4:48:02 PM EST

To:

Cc: "Robert Geckle" >

George,

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From George Ferguson to Committee

FYI - Response from Bob Tait ... RE: Contingency Account

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Tait

Subject: Re: LC Finance and Administration - Clarifying questions.

Date: March 14, 2016 at 9:47:14 AM EDT

To: George Ferguson

No expenditures in the contingency account. Only transfers out to other accounts. So the amended amount represents what is in the contingency account at that point in time. Original budget = 350,000; over time, lets say 250,000 has been transferred to other accounts. The amended amount of 100,000 represents the appropriation or budget amount still left (available to be transferred). So unlike other (normal) accounts you cant really compare the budget request to the prior year amended amount. Need to compare to the original amount.

On Sat, Mar 12, 2016 at 11:17 AM, George Ferguson wrote:
Pat and Bob,

LC Finance and Administration has some clarifying questions?

Out next meeting is Wednesday March 16, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Thank you for your efforts.

George

From George Ferguson to Committee

FYI Response from Bob Tait ... RE: Tax Collection Rate Change

Begin forwarded message:

From: Robert Tait

Subject: Re: LC Finance and Administration - Clarifying questions.

Date: March 14, 2016 at 9:14:06 AM EDT

To: George Ferguson

Hello George,

Here are the attachments regarding the surplus (column on the right gives you the surplus amount for each line item). Making the tax collection rate 99.1 will reduce the tax levy by 100,000.

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Thank you for your efforts.

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From George Ferguson to Committee

FYI 2 Edmond Town Hall - reps will be in attendance Wednesday.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Margot Hall

Subject: Fw: Re: Responses to Legislative Council Questions

Date: March 13, 2016 at 9:36:12 PM EDT

To: George Ferguson >

Reply-To: Robert >

Dear George:

As promised, the questions by the LC and the answers given by the Managers through Sheila to Pat are forwarded in this transmission.

Margot

-----Forwarded Message-----

From: Pat Llodra

Sent: Mar 7, 2016 7:48 PM

To: ETH Manager

Cc: Robert , "Juliano, Jim" , Mary Fellows , James Smith , "Jennifer Chaudhary (ETH)" , Anna Wiedemann . "Tait. Bob"

Subject: Re: Responses to Legislative Council Questions

Excellent responses Sheila. Thank you sincerely.

On Mon, Mar 7, 2016 at 6:10 PM, ETH Manager wrote:

Attached and pasted below are the responses to the questions from the Legislative Council. Please let me know if this meets your needs.

ETH Responses to Legislative Council Questions

1. ETH has continually been thwarted at attracting new business because of the Borough ordinance saying they can't have for profit businesses...which eliminates things like lawyers etc....how can they possibly ever get to the point where they are supporting more of their expenses with that model? 70K more? Perhaps the borough should contribute:)

We agree wholeheartedly that we are constrained by Borough zoning regulations. We plan to explore what can be done to allow uses which are not objectionable, but which can generate additional revenue.

2. P 254 Why the significant decrease in funding FROM Hawley trust? What efforts are being made to replace that revenue stream?

The Hawley Trust fund is managed by JP Morgan and the income received varies based on market conditions. Given that these are public funds, they are invested conservatively, but we cannot force the Trustee to change its investment philosophy. The Board of Managers has embarked on a visioning process and development of a business plan to help us generate additional revenue.

3. P 268 Town Hall Board of Managers projected increase of \$45k. What are we doing to support their quest for outside revenue? I understand the borough zoning will not allow them to rent space to businesses that are for profit. How can they ever support themselves in that scenario?

We agree that it is difficult for the Board of Managers to generate additional revenue under current regulations. We hope to be able to work to address these constraints in a way that is not objectionable.

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Sheila E. Torres, Operations Manager

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From George Ferguson to Committee

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: Margot Hall

Subject: Edmond Town Hall Answers to Questions

Date: March 13, 2016 at 9:32:00 PM EDT

To: George Ferguson

Reply-To: Margot Hall

Dear George:

Attached is a copy of my responses to the 7 questions posed by the LC subcommittee. If you want something more please call me (203) 426-9101. I am going to send you some answers the Managers gave to the LC via Pat Llodra as a forward in a minute or so.

Margot

Edmond Town Hall:

The Committee has questions about the additional spending of \$40,000 bringing the total to \$75,000.

The Committee asked the Chair to invite the Chair of Edmond Town Hall Board of Managers to come to our next meeting to learn more about what's driving the increase from \$35,000 to \$75,000.

- 1. What kind of efforts are planned to increase revenue? and**
- 2. What efforts are being made to change Borough Zoning to enable ETH to generate more revenue from commercial tenants?**

The ETH Board of Managers plans to confer with the Borough Zoning Commission, and if it is receptive, to request a change in the Borough Zoning Regulations applicable to ETH which would permit appropriate commercial tenants at a higher rent. There was, some time ago, a private effort to create a fund which is designed for specific purposes, namely restoration of the theater. The Board of Managers welcomes continued efforts in that regard. We believe it is unwise to count on any income from that source.

See also the answer to question 7 below.

- 3. What do the financials look like?**

Income is received from movies and events in the theater plus the concession stand, rental of the Alexandria Room, the gym, various modest-sized meeting spaces (located in the lower level), and 5 tenants, plus the Borough and the Town Historian occupying former office spaces. Expenses for utilities/heat/water exceed \$68,000 per year. The Town also generously pays the benefits for the employees from its own funds.

- 4. What's the relationship between the Town Hall and the Hawley Trust?**

The Town is the beneficiary of the trust held by J P Morgan Chase as trustee. The trust agreement calls for the income to be used for repairs and maintenance of the Edmond Town Hall and its grounds. The principal of the trust is currently approx. \$900,000. Income to the Town varies based on the earnings of the trust and the extent to which the trustees exercise their discretion to distribute a small amount of principal under a statute which authorizes that invasion, regardless of what the trust says. Income expected for calendar 2016 is \$35,790.

- 5. What would happen if ETH were to revert to Yale?**

It is a misconception that the property could ever revert to Yale. The Yale reference is in Mary Hawley's will, but she conveyed the property to the town during her lifetime so it did not pass through her will. The land and building cannot revert to anyone.

As far as the trust fund is concerned, the trust agreement includes several criteria which would, at least theoretically, invoke the trust termination (Yale) provision. The closest one is failure to use it "for the public purposes for which it is designed." I believe that it was designed for several public purposes, not just governmental purposes.

- 6. What's the status of the Boiler and underground Oil Tank removal projects?**

On March 1, 2016, the Public Building and Site Commission awarded the bid. Oil tank removal is included. The project will be funded from CIP and a supplemental appropriation.

- 7. What are the plans for the future?**

I would suggest that the Managers explore what can be done to allow uses which are not objectionable, but which can generate additional income – for example, I believe the former Selectman’s offices would be a desirable rental space.

On a historical Note: The Selectman’s wing (north side) has its own door to the outside because the original plan included space for the U.S. Post Office which used that space from the time ETH was built until the “My Place” building was built on Queen Street.

I am also going to suggest that the Managers examine the current fee and rate schedules, including the admission to the movies.

The Board of Managers is currently involved in a visioning process which anticipates the development and updating/upgrading of our current business activities. The above suggestions will be considered in the Visioning Sessions.

We believe ETH is a symbol of Newtown, somewhat like the Flagpole. It gives Main Street the aura of an old New England town, as does the General store, the newly renovated Chase building, (now known as the “Liberty Pole” building), the Meeting House and Trinity Church. The ETH Board of Managers is committed to keeping it that way, without ETH being a burden to the Town.

From George Ferguson to Committee

Hi,

Tonight several of our fellow volunteer community leaders will be with us from Edmond Town Hall and Cyrenius Booth Library.

We are time constrained (90 minutes)) so I have asked these groups to limit their presentation to 15 or 20 minutes each, including q&a.

We will then briefly cover the second round of clarifying questions as quickly as we can.

I’d like to then entertain motions (omnibus or line item) leading to recommendations to help guide the full council in its upcoming deliberations.

We have a half hour meeting scheduled for next Wednesday at 6:30 prior to the 7 p.m. public hearing.

Ideally I’d like to finish tonight if we can.

Bob Tait will be joining us.

Lets see if we can get this done in 90 minutes.

Thanks

George

Cyrenius H. Booth Library

2016/2017 Budget Review

January 5, 2016



Cyrenius H. Booth Library

Our Mission & Heritage

A Transformative Force for Over 83 Years

- An Educational Partner
- A Source of Discovery
- A Personal Refuge
- A Social Leveler
- A Place to Inform, Entertain, and Enrich
- A Place to Connect
- An Economic Development Engine
- A Place to Discover Newtown's Past

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GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE WITH FINAL BUDGET
				\$250K reserved for senior tax credit
PROPERTY TAXES:				
Collections - current year.....	\$ 98,807,176	\$ 98,807,176	\$ 99,143,397	\$ 336,221
Collections - prior years.....	400,000	400,000	485,296	85,296
Interest and lien fees.....	425,000	425,000	423,482	(1,518)
Motor vehicle supplement list.....	875,000	875,000	898,411	23,411
Telecommunications property tax.....	85,346	85,346	62,986	(22,360)
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES.....	100,592,522	100,592,522	101,013,572	421,050
INTERGOVERNMENTAL:				
Veterans additional exemptions.....	17,306	17,306	15,993	(1,313)
Elderly tax relief - circuit breaker.....	156,866	156,866	149,044	(7,822)
In lieu of taxes.....	780,660	946,060	946,060	-
Totally disabled.....	2,143	2,143	1,931	(212)
Town aid for roads.....	470,723	470,723	469,220	(1,503)
Mashantucket Pequot fund grant.....	820,018	952,649	952,649	-
Connecticut school building grants.....	555,936	555,936	555,937	1
Equalized cost-sharing grant.....	4,424,083	4,424,083	4,398,056	(26,027)
Public school transportation aid.....	85,333	85,333	79,452	(5,881)
Non-public school transportation aid.....	20,820	20,820	28,718	7,898
Health services - St. Rose.....	18,621	18,621	23,609	4,988
Miscellaneous grants.....	354,380	354,380	342,033	(12,347)
LOCIP grant.....	208,139	208,139	206,062	(2,077)
State revenue sharing.....	221,366	221,366	221,366	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL.....	8,136,394	8,434,425	8,390,130	(44,295)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:				
Town clerk - conveyance tax.....	400,000	400,000	445,248	45,248
Town clerk - other.....	255,000	255,000	227,345	(27,655)
Parks and recreation.....	190,000	190,000	199,957	9,957
Tuition.....	6,400	6,400	44,000	37,600
School generated fees.....	114,288	114,288	113,216	(1,072)
Building.....	425,000	425,000	450,219	25,219
Permit fees.....	1,250	1,250	2,025	775
Transfer Station permits.....	425,000	425,000	361,562	(63,438)
WPCA.....	120,000	120,000	120,000	-
Senior center membership fees.....	4,000	4,000	6,251	2,251
Land use.....	45,000	45,000	81,168	36,168
TOTAL CHARGES FOR SERVICES.....	1,985,938	1,985,938	2,050,991	65,053
INVESTMENT INCOME.....	125,000	125,000	164,812	39,812
OTHER REVENUES:				
Miscellaneous revenue - police.....	3,000	3,000	18,303	15,303
Miscellaneous revenue - board of education.....	1,350	1,350	2,310	960
Miscellaneous revenue - selectmen.....	100,000	100,000	29,401	(70,599)
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES.....	104,350	104,350	50,014	(54,336)
TOTAL REVENUES.....	110,944,204	111,242,235	111,669,519	427,284

(Continued)