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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016
NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT**

PRESENT: George Ferguson, Dan Wiedemann, Chris Eide, Neil Chaudhary, Judit DeStefano, Ryan Knapp, Paul Lundquist, Mary Ann Jacob, Dan Amaral, Tony Filiato, Phil Carroll, Dan Honan.

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Director of Finance Bob Tait, Parks & Rec Director Amy Mangold, Park & Rec Commission members Ed Marks and Maureen Owen, Community Center Commission members Andy Clure, John Boccuzzi, Kinga Walsh, Sean Dunn, Brian Leidlein, Bill Buchler, Sheila Torres and Brian Hardgraves, Commission on Aging Chairman Curt Symes, Public Works Director Fred Hurley, 3 public and 2 Press.

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

VOTER COMMENT: Paul Fadas, 5 Sunset Hill Rd, is concerned with the wording for the community center, that we are not sure what the pools are going to cost and we are going to have the architects design them and use the remaining money for the community center, which could be as small as 13,000SF. He does not believe a building that size can adequately serve 28,000 people. We need to build an 18,000SF community center building and design the pools with the remaining money.

Chris Carvalho, 5 Sunset Hill Rd. echoed Mr. Fadas' comments.

MINUTES: MR. CARROLL MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016. SECOND BY MR. FILIATO. Mr. Honan stated under "new discussion" there are answers, but doesn't state the questions and who asked them. He would like the questions included moving forward. MR. HONAN MOTIONED TO TABLE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17 AND HE WILL BRING SOME OF THE QUESTIONS HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE INCLUDED TO THE NEXT MEETING. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Jacob received five emails concerning the community center. Several items regarding the budget: the fuel bid, the BOF minutes with questions, Mrs. Llodra's response to IT storage costs and BOE monthly report.

Board of Education minutes with monthly report:

<http://newtown.schooldesk.net/Portals/Newtown/District/docs/BOARD%20OF%20EDUCATION/Board%20Minutes/Minutes%202015-2016/2-16-16%20minutes.att.pdf>

Rec'd. for Record 3/8 2016
Town Clerk of Newtown @ 8:40
am
Debbie Aurdia Halstead

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COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Knapp reports the ordinance committee met and discussed tax credits for emergency service personnel. They reviewed state statute and our existing ordinances and realized some discrepancies. They will likely bring forward recommendations to correct the ordinance. They took no action on the senior tax abatement. After doing research, regarding circumstances with the budget and how far we are in the budget process and the number of unknowns, they do not have enough information to adjust any numbers in the existing language. He would like to see all money in the budget for the program used and with all the new applications received by the tax office that will likely happen. Without information about changes with people using the program, we should go beyond what is budgeted and go to a pro-rated system to impact the people who need it the most. They are recommending no changes to the ordinance this year but would like to continue looking at prorating and other options and would like to add this to the next agenda. Mr. Lundquist asked about the application and financial worksheets and if they were a burden, complicated and if the information is being captured and can it be looked at. Mr. Knapp stated the worksheet information was not captured. There were a handful of people excluded with the new asset test, but does not know how many people did not reapply because of the test. On income data, they only know how many in each bracket applied. They do not know how many people will age into the program, or who might be leaving the program. There is not enough historical data either as the program is only 2 years old. Mr. Chaudhary is the Council's representative to the Public Safety Committee, which focuses on Garner Correctional Facility. They met with the warden, who gave an update. The prison is 92% staffed. 100% staffed would mean no need for regular overtime. There are 566 inmates, down from about 580 last quarter, 374 are mental health inmates, 190 are general population, and 2 gang members. Mrs. Llodra noted any town which hosts a prison is required by state regulations to have this advisory group.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Mrs. Llodra reports the Legislature is back in session and she spent time there. It is important we stay in tune with what the Legislature is doing. The desperate state of the economy and growing deficit has the Governor taking action almost daily. Mrs. Llodra testifies at times on things that could be harmful or in our best interests. She is also on the MORE (Municipal Opportunities for Regional Efficiencies) commission which is charged with some responsibility for finding ways for municipalities to regionalize to save them and the state money. Regionalizing dispatch was the first bill out of the public safety committee this year. Any town with fewer than 40,000 residents is obligated to partner with other municipalities. Not doing so will be punitive. Language calls for it to be accomplished by 2018. Mr. Chaudhary asked if we still receive the "loophole" funding for the Borough. Mrs. Llodra stated this is probably the last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMUNITY CENTER: MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,550,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER AS AUTHORIZED IN THE (2015-16 to 2019-2020) and (2016-17 to 2020-2021) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS (CALCULATED AS \$14,550,000 MINUS THE \$9,550,000 GRANT FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC AWARDED TO THE TOWN) OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. MR LUNDQUIST MOVED TO WAIVE THE FULL READING OF THE MOTION. SECOND BY MR. FEGUSON. ALL IN FAVOR OF WAIVING THE READING.

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Ms. Jacob reviewed the charter mandated appropriation process. The appropriation is over \$10,000,000 and therefore required to go to referendum. The language in the resolution is written by a bond counsel and is very specific and has to be approved as is. If the language is not approved, it would go back to the bond counsel and would have to go back to the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and Council. The full resolution contains details of how the money can be spent. (Att) Ms. DeStefano asked what would happen if the proposal fails. Mrs. Llodra stated it would go back to the beginning. She would first meet with GE, do an assessment of the cause of the failure and craft another proposal to better meet the needs of the community. Ms. Jacob noted this question is for authorization to spend the money; part of which is the gift and part of which is bonded. Mrs. Llodra reminded the council the money for Sandy Hook School had to be approved even though the entire amount was a grant.

Mr. Clure, Mr. Hartgraves, Mr. Dunn and Mr. Leidlein presented the executive summary of the Community Center Commission. (Att) Mr. Hartgraves stated they received a lot of feedback from the town. They held eight public forums.

Mrs. Llodra explained GERALYN HOERAUF, from Caldwell & Walsh, is the owner's rep and has been working on the details of the financials for the community center.

Mr. Leidlein stated the projections on revenues are conservative but aggressive on the expenses.

Mr. Chaudhary asked for a breakdown of the revenue. Mr. Leidlein stated memberships, programming, and events. They did not include any revenue from grants or donations.

Mr. Honan asked if there is a cost for people to gather at the center. Mr. Clure said they would not be recommending it. Ridgefield did try it and it did not work.

Mr. Eide asked how they arrived at the number for expense synergies. Mr. Leidlein stated estimates were for a standalone community center and aquatic center. The savings are realized when the 2 buildings are together and services are shared.

Mr. Knapp asked how the proposed center would line up with the site. Mr. Clure stated it would sit in the area right of NYA and Canaan house. Canaan house is currently being demolished. Mr. Knapp asked if the \$450,000 of the 10 million that was previously appropriated is still available.

Mrs. Llodra stated some of the money was used for schematics and by the commission, but most of it is still available.

Mr. Carroll asked if the community center would be large enough for the middle & high school graduation with and without the pool project. They do not think it will be large enough.

Mr. Wiedemann is hearing concerns the pool is priority and therefore the community center would not be 18,000sf. He believes more people would be happy if the center is 18,000sf and the pools built with remaining money. It was explained their priority is to have 18,000sf. There is one million in contingency which may give them "wiggle room". They are trying to achieve the center not being a burden on the community in the future. The multi-purpose area does not generate a lot of revenue. The size of the pool was to generate revenue.

Mr. Lundquist asked if they know how long the GE \$5 million will last. Mr. Leidlein said based on the estimates it would last 300 years.

Ms. DeStefano asked how they calculated programming revenue and if there was overlap with existing Parks & Rec programs. Mr. Leidlein stated they worked with Parks & Rec who suggested additional programs that would not compete with them.

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Mr. Knapp noted this is a burden to the taxpayers for \$5 million of debt service. He supports the resolution based on the funds available for operations.

Ms. Jacob stated the debt service in year 1 is 400,000 and gradually decreases each year after.

Mr. Clure added there will be expanded use for people. For example, the high school pool has very limited availability. The larger pool allows for many programs during longer time periods.

Ms. DeStefano asked about out of town people using the facility at an increased rate. Mr. Dunn said there is estimated \$26,000 for non-resident membership and \$125,000 for 4 swim events a year; 90% is resident revenue. Non-resident fees would be higher.

Mr. Chaudhary asked if any estimated revenue is being taken from other organization or facility in town. The revenue for the pool is creating more use.

Mr. Lundquist expanded with an example of Parks & Rec moving a program from a school building to the community center; it would not be new revenue. Mr. Leidlein stated most of the info they were provided was for additional services they cannot currently provide or is very limited.

Ms. Jacob noted the 2.5 million in year 2 of the CIP will not be available next year.

Mr. Eide asked about bids. Mrs. Llodra explained they put out a notice seeking interested bidders. Those interested will attend a meeting. The message is maximizing as much programmable space as possible, including the pools, site work, and parking for \$15 million. Bidders come back with their best approach. There will be a committee working with Public Building & Site to stay on the path of priorities. Mr. Knapp asked if this would be a collaborative project like Sandy Hook School. Mrs. Llodra stated most likely. Geralyn Hoerauf will be the owner's rep and will follow her guidance.

Mr. Filiato asked if this would be a union project and if that was taken into account in the estimate.

Mrs. Llodra stated yes it is union and is included in the square foot price.

Mr. Honan asked who will do maintenance on the pool. Mrs. Llodra's thinking is the community center would have a governing body similar to the Library and Edmond Town Hall who would have the responsibility to develop policy. The resourcing and operational costs should be separate from town funds. This type of project will likely require people with more expertise in this area.

Ms. Jacob, as a survivor of the Sandy Hook shooting, spoke on behalf of those most affected by the tragedy. Many people think the community center is absolutely the most important component, because it has to be for and about the community. It has been difficult for many listening to the process infused with "we need this, we need that". It was difficult when discussing the CIP, listening to a member of the public saying how dare you talk about this without thinking of the tragedy. The tragedy has been her first and foremost thought about the community center. She is supporting this project because she hopes the governance body Mrs. Llodra mentioned will be made up of people whose mission is healing and the community.

MOTION APPROVED. 11 YES, 1 NO (Mr. Ferguson)

REFERENDUM: MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO INSTRUCT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SET A DATE OF THE REFERENDUM FOR APRIL 5TH. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. Mrs. Llodra explained this is a very important question and they want a clear action oriented response to the question and not mixed up with the budget. It is a standalone question. MR. CHAUDHARY MADE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE DATE FROM THE MOTION. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. ALL IN FAVOR.

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WATER RATE INCREASE AND PUBLIC HEARING DATE: MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS THE NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS THE AUTHORITY UNDER ITS OWN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, REJECT OR MODIFY THE WATER RATE INCREASES REQUESTED BY THE NEWTOWN WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY (WSA), FOR THE FAIRFIELD HILLS WATER SYSTEM, AND

WHEREAS THE WSA FOLLOWS THE SAME PROCEDURES OF PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE REQUEST OF WATER RATE INCREASES AS THOSE PROSCRIBED IN THE CT STATE GENERAL STATUTES FOR SEWER RATE INCREASES:

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SET THE DATE OF MARCH 23RD FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE MARCH 2, 2016 FAIRFIELD HILLS WATER SYSTEM RATE INCREASE PROPOSAL OF THE NEWTOWN WSA.

SAID MEETING DATE SHALL BE PUBLICALLY POSTED, PUBLISHED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND ALL SYSTEM USERS NOTIFIED BY MAIL, NO LESS THAN 10 DAYS IN ADVANCE OF THE APPROVED PUBLIC HEARING DATE.

SUBSEQUENT TO THAT PUBLIC HEARING, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHALL AT A PUBLICLY NOTICED MEETING, MODIFY, APPROVE OR REJECT THE PENDING PROPOSAL. IT SHALL THEN PUBLICLY POST THE RESULTS OF SUCH DECISION AS WELL AS ADVERTISE THE OUTCOME IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER. IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION, THE WSA WILL NOTIFY ALL SYSTEM USERS OF THE DIRECT IMPACT OF THE DECISION AND CONFIRM SUCH NOTIFICATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON.

Ms. Jacob stated this was discussed previously but never followed through.

Mr. Knapp stated the council received the original letter on September 12, 2014. On September 17, 2014 the council referred the matter to the Ordinance Committee for public hearing. The Ordinance Committee held a public hearing on October 15, 2014. The Council approved the rate increase at the October 15, 2014 meeting.

Ms. Jacob stated current users need to be notified there is a request for a rate increase.

Mr. Hurley noted the added language in the resolution clarifies who is responsible for what and when. He noted the state is not clear on public notice process regarding our situation. The standard here clearly meets any standard of public notice. There is a slight increase to make up for the lost time.

Ms. Jacob stated the notice will be in the Bee on the 11th and the public hearing on March 23rd.

At the following meeting they will discuss the rates.

Mr. Chaudhary asked who will be affected by the increase. Mr. Hurley said Garner prison is 85% usage, the town (Reed, NYA, and Municipal Center) and about 5 residents. ALL IN FAVOR.

PARK AND REC SURCHARGE FUND: Mr. Marks discussed the history and use of surcharges. The scale of most projects does not meet the criteria for the CIP. Therefore the source of funding is either the surcharge or the operating budget, which contains between \$200,000 and \$250,000 for capital improvements and equipment. The Parks & Rec Commission approves the spending of funds from the surcharges. The artificial turf at Treadwell is replaced using surcharges.

Mr. Tait discussed various town funds. Fund 145 is the surcharge fund. Surcharges are a fee on a fee and can only be used for capital items. These items are paid by the users of the fields.

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Mrs. Mangold stated the surcharges are decided with the P&R commission. They created tiers based on user groups. Some groups will be paying for use by the hour. Schools do not pay, but all other groups do. Groups who use the facilities have to be approved by the Commission. Mr. Marks explained they receive rosters from groups, they verify residency, and is the basis for deciding the fees. They tier fees to favor teams with all Newtown residents.

Mr. Tait shared details of credits and debits the surcharge fund for the last couple years.

Mr. Honan asked how scholarships are handled. Mr. Marks stated recreational organizations handle scholarships themselves. Parks & Rec still gets the surcharge fee.

Mr. Tait noted all funds are in the financials and are audited. (Att)

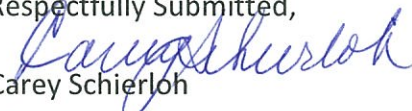
VOTER COMMENT: Curt Symes, 36 Lake Road, stated seniors involved in the tax abatement program are happy with it, but it is small portion of the senior population. The larger group is not seeing progress on what they are interested in, programs and activities they are seeing in surrounding towns. Most spend money in surrounding senior centers. He applauds the work of the Community Center. They can utilize the shared space in the Community Center for programs, but would like a replacement senior center adjacent to it with a senior entrance.

Mrs. Llodra stated after establishing the community center footprint, the next stop is to develop additional space attached to the community center for the seniors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Carey Schierloh
Clerk

Attachments: Correspondence, Oil & Diesel Bid, Community Center Summary and Resolution, Water Rate Increase, Surcharges

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.

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Good morning council members,

Please take extra time to review the written Q&A included in the BOF minutes as part of your budget prep work. Use the information here to aid in your own inquiry process without asking for duplicate information.

[http://newtown-](http://newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_FinanceMin/10543A693.0/BOF%20special%20meeting%20mins%202-18-16.pdf)

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Thank you,
Mary Ann

> On Feb 18, 2016, at 12:27 PM, Paul Parvis wrote:

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> February 18, 2016

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> Greetings Ms. Llodra, et. al.

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> My wife and I plan to attend tonight's budget hearing, however in order save some time and perhaps embarrassment, writing to you in advance seemed prudent.

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> The community center: According to the Bee, additional millions are sought above the \$15mm for a more expanded vision of the facility. Given that it is highly unlikely that my wife and I will use the center, it seems this sort of effort would only benefit a few, especially if a membership fee is involved. I do know that two world-class rinks will be built in the Watertown area, in addition to the two that are used by the community and rinks are very expensive to operate.

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> Once the community center is built, who will pay to operate the facility? Everyone should know the answer to this question or can a portion of the 15mm gift be used for endowment to cover some or all of the operating costs.

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> Imagine what \$10mm could do to improve roads with \$5mm as a sinking perpetual fund to take care of the town's roads? I know the 15mm is a restricted gift—just "dreaming." However, the effort in seeking additional millions is totally baffling--the energy should be focused on the roads. Siphoning potential funding away the, in many cases, dire road situation in Newtown defies logic especially when we keep "hearing" that roads are a priority. I truly do not think, nor do others, that the current budget allocation for road replacement is sufficient to address the rapid deterioration of the roads.

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> I apologize for the "Johnny-one-note" drone and certainly appreciate all you do and must accommodate.

> Best regards.

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> Thank you.

> Paul Parvis

> 18 Leopard Drive

> Sandy Hook, Connecticut

Thank you for your email Paul. The council will be voting on the resolution regarding the community center on Wednesday, March 2nd if you'd like to speak or listen at that meeting. I will include your email in our correspondence. We will begin with a public hearing on the budget at our March 18th meeting if you'd like to speak about roads or other budget related items.

Mary Ann Jacob
Legislative Council Chairman

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From: "Keith Alexander" <alexanderk_boe@newtown.k12.ct.us>
Subject: FW: Fuel & Diesel Bid results
Date: February 27, 2016 at 10:33:17 AM EST
To: <okjt@aol.com>
Cc: "Mary Ann Jacob" <mjacob4404@charter.net>, "Pat Llodra" <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov>, "Joe Erardi" <erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us>, "Ron Bienkowski" <bienkowskir@newtown.k12.ct.us>
Reply-To: <alexanderk_boe@newtown.k12.ct.us>

Hello Jim (and Chairs),

Good news for fuel budget. We got our bid in and your Board should be able to adjust our budget with a fuel oil savings of \$37,750 for 2016-2017. See attached bid document showing the adjustment (thanks Ron).

Please distribute to your Boards. Thank you--
--Keith

On Feb 22, 2016, at 9:50 AM, Pat Llodra <pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov> wrote:

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> Good morning.
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> I am following up with more information on the increased costs in the BoS budget for 'video storage'. I was asked, informally, if the increased need is related to school safety protocols. Vis a vis the on-going discussion about shared costs, it is important for me to let you know that the additional storage requirements are not for school purposes. The storage needs have been increased due to video cameras for police work, at the animal control facility, and at other municipal locations.
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> Pat

Good Morning Paul and Chris, and thank you for your email. The actual resolution that will be voted on by the council tomorrow evening can be found here at this link:

http://www.newtown-ct.gov/Public_Documents/NewtownCT_Calendar/S05451199.0/LC%20agenda%203-2.pdf

While I understand your concerns, they are not reflected in this legal resolution that will guide the process going forward. Perhaps asking questions about how the design phase will be guided so you can continue to speak out and influence that process.

I will ask our clerk to include your comments in our meeting minutes as correspondence and please feel free to come share your concerns at our meeting as well.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Jacob

On Mar 1, 2016, at 10:00 AM, Paul Fadus & Cris Carvalho wrote:
Dear Newtown Legislative Council,

The town of Newtown is a very different community than it was 10 years ago, 5 years ago and even 3 years ago. Even so, the decade old Community Center plans were taken off a shelf, dusted off and presented to the Newtown community as if nothing had happened in the interim.

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The Newtown Community Center Commission is proposing that we build a 32,000 square foot Aquatics Center with a flexible space Community Center component of 13,000 square feet. The flexible space may be larger, if there is space left over after the Aquatics center is designed. Please consider that many homes in Newtown are 4,000 square feet for a family of 4; the 13,000 square feet will serve a family of 20,000. The seniors alone estimate that they will need 8,000 square feet.

The Aquatics Center is needed, the NCCC will tell you, because we need a revenue producing option. Yet no programming that is town sponsored is revenue producing. And we do have \$5 million to run the center. With expenditures of \$300,000 per year, this \$5 million will last for 16 years, an inconvenient truth for the pool and hockey proponents. It appears that we are designing the cornerstone of a larger, yet to be sports complex at Fairfield Hills. Not a true community center, for the community.

I am keenly aware of the tax burden of Newtown homeowners. The debt service to build the Aquatics Center will be \$300,000 per year for the next 25 years. How is this being fiscally responsible? The pools will never create enough revenue to pay the mortgage!

What is even more disturbing is that those in our community that really need a community center, elderly, teens, mental health needs, addiction were never thought of. And the arts, were completely ignored. The NCCC will tell you that is programming that will take place in the 13,000 square foot flexible space. The 13,000 better be elastic to serve all the needs that are envisioned and needed!

I think we can do better. Build a true community center with a zero entry pool that everyone can use. And with what's left over, build that 50 meter pool and sports complex. Be inclusive, not exclusive. We waited a long time. Let's get it right.

Let's make this more about people, less about pools.

Cris Carvalho
5 Sunset Hill Rd
Newtown, CT

PS: I spoke this morning to the Finance Director for the Town of Ridgefield CT, Kevin Redman, Here's the financial facts about their Recreational Center, which our NCCC used as an example:

- 1) The Recreation Center, the pools are part of it and not figured in separately, brings in \$ 2.5 million in revenue per year
- 2) The Expenses are \$2.6 million per year, plus health benefits, salaries, and other benefits. He that is a considerable expense.
- 3) The only town sponsored activity/program that actually makes money/ supports itself is the Golf Course.

Thank you for your time.

Thank you for your email. I will ask our clerk to submit it for the record and attach to our minutes. We will be debating the resolution and possibly voting on it this evening at our 7:30pm meeting. There will be an opportunity for the public to speak if you are interested.

Mary Ann Jacob,
Chairman

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> On Mar 2, 2016, at 2:43 PM, Sushil Gupta <skg4307@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Dear members of the Legislative Council:

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> I am writing to you concerning the recommendations of the community center commission. I do not understand why we should not use the GE gift for a stand alone community center and not combine it with pools/ice-rink facility.

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> 1. The GE gift of \$10 million will certainly support building of a large community center (of at least 25,000 sq. ft or more) for use by many Newtown resident and organizations. Rest of the grant money (\$5 million), along with some volunteer help, will be sufficient to run this facility for a long time, perhaps over 20 years.

> 2. My suggestion is that we should not use the CIP money as add-on to GE gift. The CIP money can be put to use for other pressing needs like building of new police station, or roads, or side walks, or building a senior center etc.

> 3. After all, CIP money has to be borrowed and paid for which adds to tax payer burden which is already quite high.

> 4. If the preferred way is to use the CIP money for additions to GE gifted money for community center needs, then it should be a separate question that should be asked in the referendum and let the voters decide whether it would be wise to spend that much money for use of 5% of the population.

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> Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

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> Sushil Gupta

> 7 Lincoln Road, Newtown

Thank you for your reply.

I am of course concerned that BOS and BOF have already accepted the proposal as submitted by Community Center Commission. It seems to be a done deal already.

I wonder if there is any opportunity at all for a yes or no vote on this at the referendum (I mean, to vote on a separate question for using CIP funds as add-on to GE gift).

In any case, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sushil Gupta

Green Light For White Elephants

The legislative Council has given the green light for the eventual purchase of three more white elephants to add to the ménage know as Fairfield Hills. In a nearly unanimous vote, the Legislate Council has moved forward a proposal to pave the way for the purchase of a 50 meter swimming pool, a hockey rink, and the Newtown Youth Academy.

In declining to challenge the "Voodoo Economics" as presented by the Newtown Community Center Commission, the Legislative Council has put the taxpayers of Newtown at risk of footing the bill for what ultimately will become a \$20 million sports complex packaged as our Community Center.

Paul Fadus

5 Sunset Hill Rd

Newtown, CT 06470

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From: Mary Ann Jacob <mjacob4404@charter.net>
Date: February 20, 2016 at 8:04:19 PM EST
To: CurtSymes@aol.com
Cc: okjt@aol.com, Carey and Ed Schierloh <cschierloh@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Ntn. Education & Ntn. Seniors/Taxpayers

Thanks you for your email Curt. Please let interested parties know when the council will be reviewing budgets and having public comment. As always, we welcome all points of view. I will ask our clerk to make your email part of the public record for our next meeting.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann

On Feb 20, 2016, at 6:19 PM, CurtSymes@aol.com wrote:
FYI,

Although I directed this email previously to Dr.E and the BOS, it is very relevant to yourselves on the LC & BOF and it should come as no surprise, based on our respective conversations over past months around the Newtown Community Center escapade.

The Seniors of Newtown and many of your Commissioners have broken the code and now fully understand the dilemma ahead, regarding expectations for the New Sr. Ctr. that has been in the (CIP) works for 10+ yrs.

See you soon,
Curt

From: CurtSymes@aol.com
To: erardij@newtown.k12.ct.us
CC: pat.llodra@newtown-ct.gov, sugrbrk@aol.com, hcrosenthal@aol.com
Sent: 2/20/2016 6:03:24 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Re: Ntn. Education & Ntn. Seniors/Taxpayers

Although I singled out the Gupta's who I recently met at the Sr. Ctr. and have talked to at each of the final four NCCC Forums, I could have named another dozen who have expressed similar feelings - the Bakers, the Kus, the Hanlons, the Dwyers, RoseW, DottieD, JeanK, M.I., J.A., A.R., C.T., GaryF & JimM and even the Symes.

With the current attention to the New CC Proposal and past demise of the Previous CC Proposal that included/highlighted a New Sr. Ctr. Space, the Seniors of Newtown are now waking up and saying that they are being thrown under the proverbial bus (again) or at the very least being pushed to the very back of the bus and maybe even out the Emergency Door.

So, as we all go forward in our respective roles, I am trying to ensure that we all share a common message to the Seniors of Newtown which, I believe, we can craft over the next 30 days. I'll synch up with Kathy on Mon. and will be attending the BOS Mtgs. after my COA Mtg. wraps at 6:15pm.

Together, we can have a viable message to share with the Seniors of Newtown. The key is consistent and credible delivery from all corners. At this point the Seniors & Boomers are pervasive in Newtown (based on volunteer, etc. activs.) and from my own professional work here --> they now realize that they are becoming Seniors and what is not waiting for them here in Newtown.

As the now 4th year Chair of the Ntn. COA, I really want to be able to say --> Newtown is a Senior-Friendly Town and I have 3 Generations of Symes' here since 1969 !

Thx,
Curt

Oil & Diesel Bid 2/25/2016

	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Budget \$</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>2/25 bid #</u>	<u>Bid cost</u>	<u>Savings</u>
Diesel Buses	105,400	2.15	\$226,610	1.4365	\$151,407	\$75,203
Diesel Maint	1,189	2.15	\$2,556	1.4365	\$1,708	\$848
Total	106,589	2.15	\$229,166	1.4365	\$153,115	\$76,051
Fuel Oil	168,000	1.65	\$277,200	1.4253	\$239,450	\$37,750
Total Budget reduction potential						\$113,801

Community Center Commission Charge *– from the Commission Workbook*

- **The Board of Selectman charges the Community Center Commission to develop a proposal for construction and operation of a facility that meets these standards:**
- **Aligned with the conditions established by the donor (GE)**
 - Creates a location that does not exist today;
 - Acts as an anchor for the people of Newtown to come together
 - Serves the needs of the entire community (as best as possible)
 - Does not duplicate existing programs/services
 - Only be used for a new “build”
 - Is based on \$10M to build; supported by a \$1M annual grant over 5 years
- **Consistent with the long-term development plan of the community of Newtown**
 - Consider the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
 - Consider the Fairfield Hills Master Plan, the Newtown Plan of Conservation & Development, and the Strategic Plan for Municipal Facilities (work in progress)
- **Reach out to the community to understand broad-based needs**
- **Center to be built on FFH campus on open lot next to NYA**



Executive Summary



Executive
Summary

Key Feedback

- Provide opportunities for residents to heal
- Create a vibrant and inclusive multi-generational hub
- Focus on a “Core” Center of ~18,000sf
- Give Newtown residents “priority access” over non-residents
- Design large common areas with free access to residents
- Offer competitive programming fees (sliding scales to those with financial needs)
- Hire an outside seasoned director focused on long term viability (financial/programs)
- Build an energy efficient center capable of serving as an emergency shelter
- Consider pools and/or ice arena as part of the “core center”
 - Features serve as “income engines” to offset operating costs
 - Pool satisfies larger demographic needs
- Provide multi-purpose space for multiple town groups who expressed need

Final Proposal

A Core Community Center with Indoor Pools

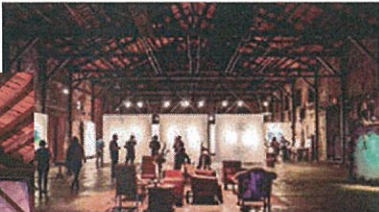
- Main building/”hub” of ~18,000 sf to include:
 - Large entry/common area
 - Modular/multi-purpose rooms
 - A large “great room” for events, arts, and gatherings
- Dedicated space for the Legacy Foundations
- 50 meter, 8 lane pool with one bulkhead
- Zero-entry activity pool
- Standard features: storage, locker rooms, family restrooms, spectator seating

Per Newtown Recovery & Resiliency Team:
 “Many people heal in different ways, but most heal when they are together with others”.

The Commission’s vision is a true hub for coming together based on a broad range of interests.

See slide 31-32 for additional recommendations and observations

*Reference Images



***Goat’s Farm Arts Center
Atlanta GA**

- Large 5,000 SF open space venue
- High ceiling with grid for lighting
- Flexible walls for arts exhibits & theatre backings
- Flat staging area
- Flexible seating



Reference Images



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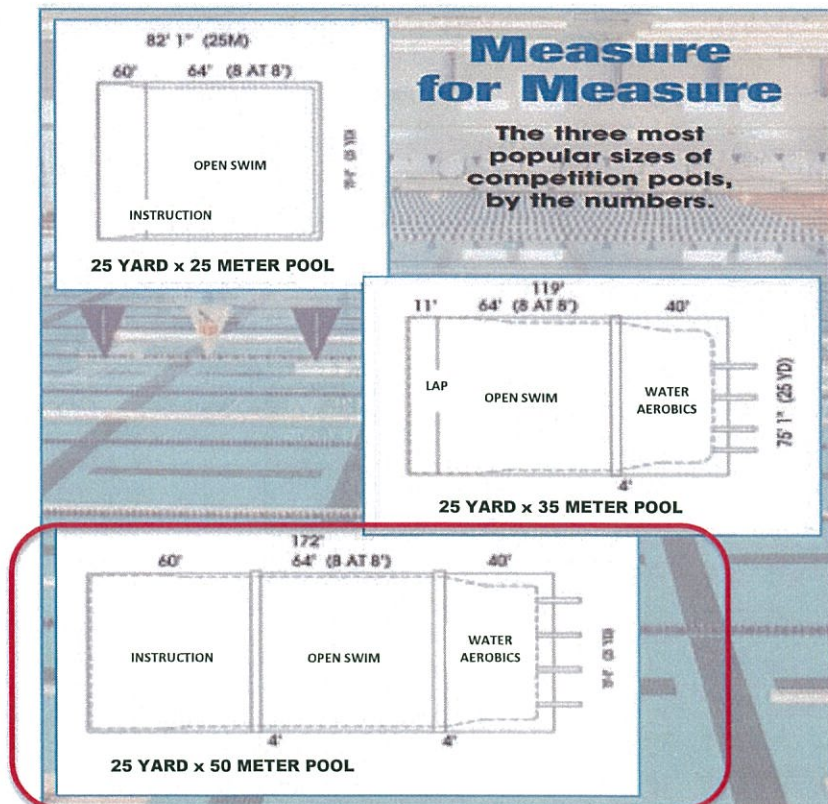


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This graphic provides a nice visual of how a 50 meter pool (versus a 25 yard pool) can be segmented to provide multiple activities at the same time via the use of bulkheads. More space, provides more options for residents.



Project Cost Estimates

Diversified Project Management Company

Town of Newtown, CT
 Newtown Community Center
 Construction Estimate
 February 13, 2016

Community Center, 50 Meter Pool

	Square Footage	Cost per SF	Construction Estimate	Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	Project Costs
Community Center	16,500 sf @	\$215 /sf =	\$3,547,500	\$300,000	
Aquatic Center - 50 Meter Pool & Activity Pool	32,000 sf @	\$250 /sf =	\$8,000,000	\$100,000	
Parking Area -- 250 Vehicles			\$562,500		
Site Development Costs			\$461,900		
Subtotals			\$12,571,900	\$400,000	\$12,971,900
Owners Consultants & Fees					\$1,297,190
Project Contingency at 5%					\$713,455
Total Cost Estimate					\$14,982,545



Financial Projections

Community Center			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Revenue*	666,908	795,415	809,429
Expense	992,792	1,012,048	1,031,689
Net Gain / (Loss)	(325,884)	(216,633)	(222,260)
Aquatic Center			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Revenue*	807,395	984,321	1,039,897
Expense	905,908	918,476	931,281
Net Gain / (Loss)	(98,513)	65,845	108,616
Expense Synergies	100,000	100,000	100,000
Total Net Gain / (Loss)	(324,397)	(50,788)	(13,644)
GE Operating Funds Used	324,397	50,788	13,644
Total	-	-	-
GE Operating Funds Received	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
GE Operating Funds Remaining**	675,604	1,624,816	2,611,171

* Note: No grants or fundraising was included in revenues

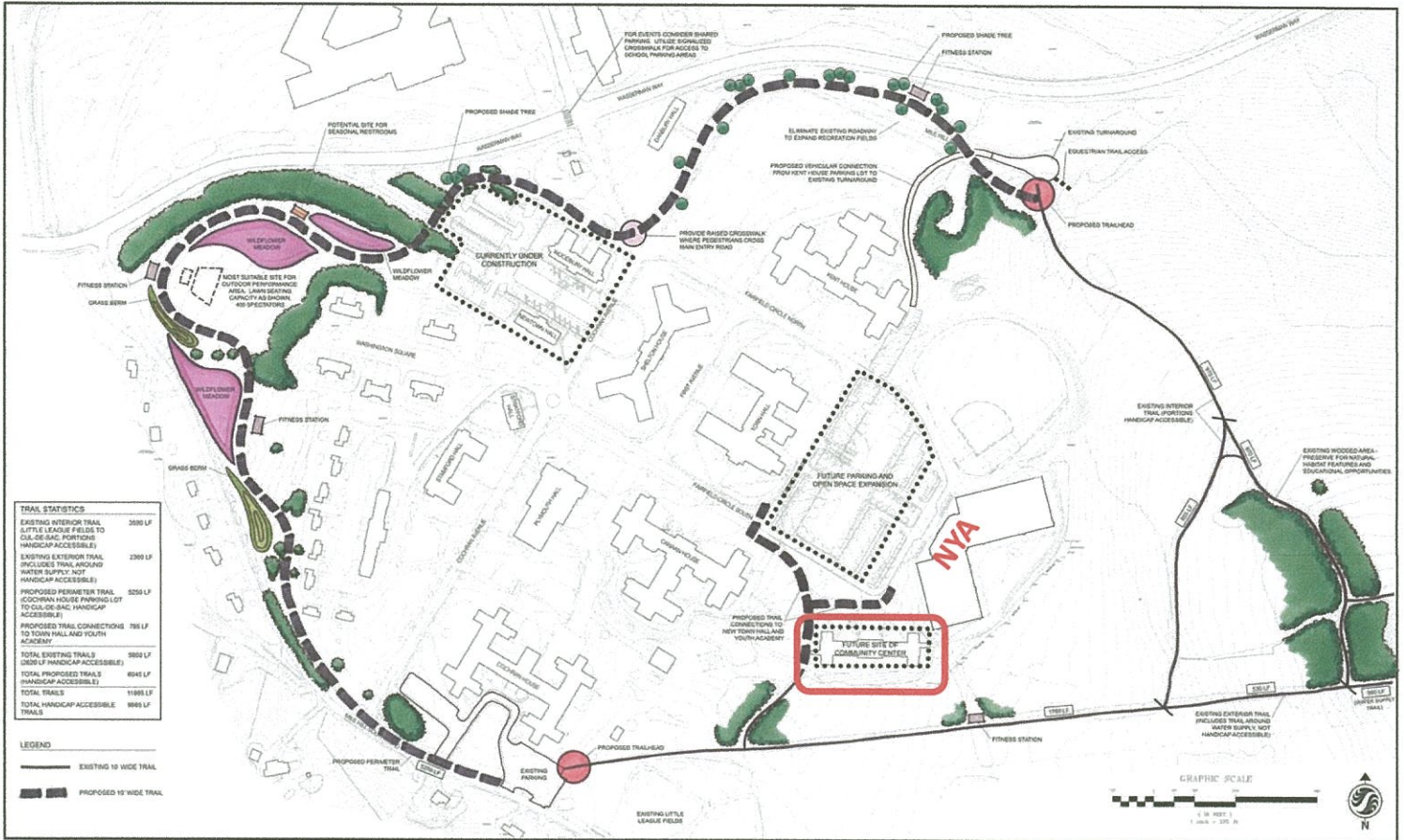
** Additional \$2M in operating funds to be received from GE over Years 4 & 5



Strategic Recommendations to the Town

- Create a Steering Committee comprised of residents to collaborate with Town PB&SC and provide input throughout planning and construction of the Center
- Establish a strategic plan that outlines the future community use of Town land/buildings (FFH, Edmond Town Hall, etc.) and the construction of a Senior Center, Park & Rec Offices, Cultural Arts Center, Teen Center, and permanent Resiliency Center
- Prepare land/ability to connect for the potential future construction of an ice rink, senior center or other addition
 - Include potential additions in all upfront site and building studies
- Reserve expansion ability through commitment of \$2.5M “place holder” funds in 2017–2018 CIP
- Hire an outside seasoned Community Center Director focused on long term viability of the center (financial/programs) and tasked with enhancing the income neutral business model to further ease tax payer burden
 - Continually investigate grants, fundraising or additional gift opportunities
- Continue working with local groups on funding opportunities via private means or through the Town for Community Center “add-ons” (ice arena, seniors, etc.)
- Leverage results from “*The Sports Facility Advisory/The Sports Facility Management*” feasibility and demographic study to further validate/improve financial models

Proposed Location at Fairfield Hills



FAIRFIELD HILLS' TRAILS
NEWTOWN, CT

CONCEPT PLAN
MAY 12, 2009





TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To: Legislative Council
From: Fred Hurley, Public Works Director
Re: Water System Rate Request
Date: 3/2/16

The Newtown Water & Sewer Authority (WSA) is requesting a 9% rate increase for all elements within the system for each of the next three (3). This revised request from 8% a year ago is due to the elapsed time in implementing a rate increase and additional financial constraints on the system.

The assumptions contained in the original 12/12/14 rate request document (Attachment A) have proved accurate. But, it also indicates that the financial position is precarious. By way of validation, Attachment B are the 2014-2015 revenue and expense statements. If you take the "revenue" item for the year of \$323,481 and escalate it by 8% the total is \$349,359. The operating expense for that same time period, less depreciation and interest, is \$329,291. Not enough to repay the existing capital loan from the Sewer Fund but at least generating enough to cover direct operating expenses.

If we escalate the increase to 9%, after the third year the operating revenues would reach \$418,917 annually. At that level operating expenses of \$365,091 would be covered, loan interest of \$38,445 would be covered and there would be \$15,381 available for a principal payment. A long way from \$1.4 Million but headed in the right direction.

Current Revenue	\$323,481	Current Expense	\$329,291
1 st Year (+9%)	\$352,594	1 st Year (+3.5%)	\$340,816
2 nd Year (+9%)	\$384,327	2 nd Year (+3.5%)	\$352,745
3 rd Year (+9%)	\$418,917	3 rd Year (+3.5%)	\$365,091

Consumption unit charges per 1,000 gallons:

Current	\$7.30
1 st Year	\$7.96
2 nd Year	\$8.67
3 rd Year	\$9.45



TOWN OF NEWTOWN
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Date: September 12, 2014

To: Mary Ann Jacob, LC Chairman

From: Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works

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

RE: Water Rates

The Proposal: The Water & Sewer Authority at its July 10, 2014 regular meeting passed a resolution to request that the Legislative Council consider and approve an 8% rate hike for the users of the Fairfield Hills water system, for each of the next three (3) years. The Legislative Council (LC) is being requested to take this action because the ordinance changing the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) to the WSA kept the authority to raise water usage rates with the LC. **This would be the first rate hike in over six (6) years.**

The Need: During the subsequent years from the last rate hike, the WSA has had to undertake \$1.4 Million in upgrades and improvements to the water system required by the CT State Department of Health, OSHA and general operating necessity. These projects have ranged from pipe and hydrant replacements to complete overhauls of the storage bunkers, wells and central pump house and addition of an emergency backup generator.

The system could not have been sustained without these repairs and improvements to serve its critical clients, which include Garner Correctional Facility, Nunawauk Meadows Senior Housing, Reed School, Newtown Municipal Center, Governor's Horseguard, Newtown Sports Academy, Federal Dog Training Facility, CONNDOT Garage, Newtown Animal Control Facility, Newtown Dog Park, five residences and the new Ambulance Facility.

The funding was provided by the reserves of the WSA from the sewer side of the Authority. However, the water users are required to pay back this advance. Over the next twenty (20) years, it is anticipated that an additional \$2 Million must be raised both for capital improvements and to establish an adequate cash reserve fund balance.

What is the Current Budget Situation: The current budget produces approximately \$316,000 in revenue. Of this total, \$193,000 is for direct operating expenses. The remaining \$123,000 is available for annual capital items and the repayment of the \$1.4 Million advanced by the Sewer Fund. However, after the \$123,000 is reduced by \$44,000 covering interest on the \$1.4 Million and \$50,000 for additional annual capital items, only \$29,000 remains for a principle payment.

The Problem: At this revenue level, the Water Fund will never be able to pay back the entire \$1.4 Million; it will never have continuing adequate funds for annual capital needs and it will never establish an appropriate fund balance. Inflation alone will continually drive up direct operating costs. After the third year, inflation of 3.5% will eliminate any available funds for a principle payment at the current water rates.

The Solution: Adding 8% water rate increases to revenue each of the next three years and adjusting for inflation would produce the following results-

	Base	8% Rate Increase	(3.5%) Inflation	Net Available	Total
Current Budget	\$316,000	-	-	\$29,000	
First Year	\$316,000	\$25,280	(\$6,755)	+\$18,525	\$47,525
Second Year	\$341,280	\$27,302	(\$6,755)	+\$20,547	\$68,072
Third Year	\$368,582	\$29,487	(\$6,755)	+\$22,732	\$90,804

The "Total Addition Column" indicates what would be available to repay the existing capital debt. The net total of \$90,804 added to the current interest payment of \$44,000 would provide a total of \$134,804 to cover an annual amortized payment of \$90,102 and begin to build a reserve fund balance for future capital project requirements. Future rate increases will be necessary to balance future inflation. But, this proposal will start the Water Fund on a secure self-funded basis.

Who's Impacted:	Water Usage
State of CT Facilities –	83.0%
Nunawauk Meadows* -	9.4%
Town	6.9%
Residences	.7%

*Subsidized Rate is approximately half the residential/commercial rate.

Rate(s) Changes:

Current	\$7.30 per 1,000 gallons
1 st Year	\$7.88 " "
2 nd Year	\$8.51 " "
3 rd Year	\$9.19 " "

These rates are in line with similar size small water systems.

SEWER & WATER REVENUES

Newtown

03/02/2016
Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Note: AcctBalance Includes AcntInvoiced Balance

	Orig Revenue	Adj Revenue	Ytd Revenue	Unrealized	% Recvd
2-191-02-800-4280-0000 STATE GRANTS - WATER FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	--
2-191-02-800-4290-0000 FEDERAL GRANTS - WATER FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	--
2-191-03-800-4300-0000 CHARGES FOR SRVS - WATER FD	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$323,325.31)	\$323,325.31	--
2-191-03-800-4335-0000 OTHER FEES - WATER FUND	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$156.11)	\$156.11	--
Fund 191 WATER ENTERPRISE	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$323,481.42)	\$323,481.42	--
Grand Total for Report	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$323,481.42)	\$323,481.42	--

Attachment B

SEWER & WATER FUND BUDGET

Newtown

	Orig Budget	Transfers	Adj Approp	Encumbered	Ytd Expended	Balance	%Exp
1-191-13-800-5301-0000 FEES & PROF SERVICES	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,532.63	(\$532.63)	110.65%
1-191-13-800-5310-0000 PROF SVS - TOWN SVS	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	100.00%
1-191-13-800-5350-0000 PROF SVS - LEGAL	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
1-191-13-800-5505-0000 CONTRACTUAL SVS - O&M/POOT	\$86,000.00	\$0.00	\$86,000.00	\$0.00	\$149,832.89	(\$63,832.89)	174.22%
1-191-13-800-5506-0000 CONT SVS - REIMBURSABLES O&M	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00	\$107.95	\$119,902.93	(\$70,010.88)	240.02%
1-191-13-800-5622-0000 ENERGY - ELECTRICITY	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$45,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,022.45	\$977.55	97.83%
1-191-13-800-5749-0000 CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$100,000.00	\$353,715.72	\$0.00	(\$253,715.72)	353.72%
1-191-13-800-5863-0000 LOAN INTEREST	\$44,000.00	\$0.00	\$44,000.00	\$0.00	\$36,445.00	\$7,555.00	82.83%
1-191-13-800-5880-0000 DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$111,954.00	(\$111,954.00)	0.00%
Fund 191 WATER ENTERPRISE	\$343,000.00	\$0.00	\$343,000.00	\$353,823.67	\$479,699.90	(\$490,523.57)	243.01%

Grand Total for Report

\$343,000.00 \$0.00 \$343,000.00 \$353,823.67 \$479,699.90 (\$490,523.57) 243.01%

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

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT SELECTMAN

PROJECT: NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 14,550,000

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING	\$	5,000,000
GRANT	\$	9,550,000
OTHER		
	\$	14,550,000

ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (GENERAL FUND):

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

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:	**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN BEFORE NUMBER**	(POSITIVE IMPACT) / NEGATIVE IMPACT	Attachment #
SALARIES & BENEFITS			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
UTILITIES			
OTHER			
DEBT SERVICE (1st year)		\$ 400,000	
TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES		\$ 400,000	

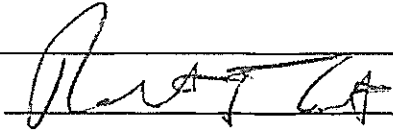
REVENUE CATEGORY:		POSITIVE IMPACT / (NEGATIVE IMPACT)	Attachment #
PROPERTY TAXES			
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (FEES)			
OTHER			
TOTAL IMPACT ON REVENUES		\$ -	

TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET \$ 400,000

EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT 0.1301 mills
(using current year's information)

COMMENTS:

The operating expenses for the Newtown Community Center will be funded over five years by a General Electric grant, awarded to the Town, of \$5,000,000. \$5,000,000 will most likely cover more than five years of operating expenses. This period will be extended due to the collection of user fees.

PREPARED BY:  DATE: 2/24/16

3 PRIMROSE STREET, MUNICIPAL CTR
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT 06470
TEL. (203) 270-4223
www.newtown-ct.gov



ROBERT G.
FINANCE DIRECTOR

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
OFFICE OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

February 24, 2016

Mr. James Gaston, Chair
Board of Finance

Dear James,

I'm requesting special appropriations totaling \$14,550,000 for the planning, design and construction of a Newtown Community Center as authorized in the (2015-16 to 2019-20) and (2016-17 to 2020-21) Capital Improvement Plans. This special appropriation is to be financed by issuing bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 and a \$9,550,000 grant from General Electric awarded to the Town.

The proposed Newtown Community Center includes, but not limited to, approximately 13,000 square feet of flexible programmable space and an aquatics center with two pools, including a zero-entry pool and an approximate 50 meters pool.

I'm asking the Board of Finance to include this action on its February 29, 2016 agenda. I will be providing an impact statement (per Town Charter 6-100).

Sincerely,

Robert G. Tait
Finance Director

Cc: Board of Selectmen
Legislative Council

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$14,550,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER AS AUTHORIZED IN THE (2015-16 to 2019-2020) and (2016-17 to 2020-2021) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 BONDS (CALCULATED AS \$14,550,000 MINUS THE \$9,550,000 GRANT FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC AWARDED TO THE TOWN) OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$14,550,000 is a special appropriation made pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) and (c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Newtown (the "Town") for the planning, design, and construction of a Newtown Community Center, including, but not limited to, approximately 13,000 square feet of flexible programmable space and an aquatics center with two pools, including a zero-entry pool and an approximate 50 meters pool, as authorized in the (2015-16 to 2019-2020) and (2016-17 to 2020-2021) Capital Improvement Plans and for architect and engineer's fees, administrative, financing, legal and costs of issuance related thereto (collectively, the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State, Federal, or other grants-in-aid thereof, including, but not limited to a \$9,550,000 portion of a grant awarded by and received from General Electric and/or its affiliates.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation, \$5,000,000 bonds of the Town, or so much thereof as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued, maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended from time to time (the "Connecticut General Statutes"). The bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the Financial Director, and the amount of bonds of each series to be issued shall be fixed by the Financial Director, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of State and Federal grants-in-aid of the Project, or the actual amount thereof if this be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of the bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signatures of the First Selectman and the Financial Director, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds including approval of the rate or rates of interest shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Financial Director, in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Section 3. Said bonds shall be sold by the First Selectman and the Financial Director in a competitive offering and the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. To the extent required by the Charter of the Town of Newtown, bids shall be solicited from at least three lending institutions. A notice of sale or a summary thereof

describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds.

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

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

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

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

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

Section 9. This resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Town electors and persons qualified to vote at a duly warned referendum pursuant to Section 6-30 of the Town Charter.

**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
FUND 145 - PARKS & RECREATION SURCHARGE FUND**

03/02/2016 R.T.

Parks & Recreation Surcharge history:

November 21, 1995 minutes:

Surcharge for all Sports Organizations:

Tabled until the December meeting. Director Kasbarian meets in February with all the sports organizations. Chairman Haskell will take action in having everything ready for the surcharge to be discussed with the commission in December.

Surcharge Outline

Parks and Recreation Department

December 12, 1995

1. Definition and Purpose

An additional charge to be paid by participants in Park and Recreation programs. The surcharge fee will be placed into an account maintained by the Parks and Recreation Commission and will be used for enhancing and creating park and recreation facilities in Newtown.

2. Why

Our annual budget barely allows us enough funds to sustain the infrastructure that we currently have within our parks and other recreation facilities. The surcharge will allow us to expand our overcrowded facilities and provide recreational excellence in Newtown.

3. Who

The surcharge is to be applied to all participants in programs sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Commission will determine the amount of the surcharge and the projects that it will be applied to.

4. How

The Parks and Recreation Commission will set up a list of projects to be addressed by this fund. A priority will be assigned along with the feasibility of accomplishing it. Once sufficient funds are available we will begin the project.

5. When

The surcharge is to be implemented beginning in early 1996.

December 12, 1995

The surcharge was again discussed and the groups determined to be charged. Director Kasbarian suggested making a list of projects that the Commission would like to see done with the surcharge money for the finance Director. Another thought was to get a group of people called the Friends of Recreation and these people would do fund raising for special projects. Chairman Haskel asked commission members if anyone was interested in heading that group to think about it for the next meeting. Comm. Borchetta made motion that a \$5.00 surcharge be applied to all Parks and Recreation sponsored activities effective January 1st, 1996. 2nd by Comm. Craven, unanimous agreed. Director Kasbarian will contact the organizations so they are aware before the February 13, 1996 Sports meeting.

On December 19, 1995 a letter from Lawrence Haskel the Chairman of the parks and Recreation Commission was sent to all the Newtown Sports Organizations... discussing the surcharge fee and how it would be implemented. "These funds would be placed in a special account in the Park Gift Fund and earmarked for specific projects; i.e., an addition to the pavilion at Treadwell Park, playground equipment, the purchase of property for additional playing fields, upgrading existing fields, etc. We realize this cannot be accomplished in one year, but it gives us a base from which to start."

In 2010 surcharge fees were reevaluated by the Parks and Recreation Commission and new funds were set

7. All organizations requesting use of town facilities, which require mowing, grooming, lining and/or other maintenance operations, are required to pay a per player, per season surcharge, as set by the Newtown Parks and Recreation Commission. This surcharge, including rosters, must be received in the Parks and Recreation office within three weeks of the start of the season. *Failure to adhere to this policy will result in loss of fields until surcharge is paid and a \$250.00 fine, at the discretion of Parks and Recreation.*

The surcharge fee for the year 2010, as set by the Parks and Recreation Commission, is \$20.00 per player Newtown Resident and \$40.00 per player non-resident.

The surcharge policy is still in place and projects are voted upon by the Parks and Recreation Commission to decide on what funds are spent and when.

Recent projects that we have used surcharge funds for, have been to pay for a shared cost of lights for Newtown Youth Football for practice at the Newtown Middle School \$3,000. A shade structure for Treadwell Pool, \$5,000. Portable basketball hoops for the Newtown Youth Basketball Association, \$10,000. The Parks & Recreation has also committed to the use of surcharge funds to replace the artificial turf surfaces at Treadwell Park as necessary (one field surface approximately every six or seven years). \$47,900 for the Oakview multi-use field for the 2012 budget along with \$15,000 to go offset the cost of field renovations to the Pee-Wee field #1 behind Reed Intermediate School., also in the 2013 Capital Budget for \$15,000 for a total cost of \$30,000.

Account Number	Account Description	Begin Balance	Debits	Credits	Balance
A-145-11-000-1032-0000	CASH-P&R SURCHARGE	\$0.00	\$10,955.00		\$10,955.00
A-145-16-000-1050-0000	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	\$295.00		\$295.00	\$0.00
A-145-17-000-1080-0000	DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$0.00			\$0.00
	Assets.....	\$295.00	\$10,955.00	\$295.00	\$10,955.00
L-145-21-000-2000-0000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$11,476.76	\$11,476.76		\$0.00
L-145-25-000-2030-0000	DUE TO/FROM GENERAL FUND	(\$189,375.93)	\$62,663.38	\$19,599.77	(\$232,439.54)
	Liabilities.....	(\$177,899.17)	\$74,140.14	\$19,599.77	(\$232,439.54)
E-145-31-000-3020-0000	FUND BALANCE - COMMITTED	\$178,194.17			\$178,194.17
R-145-31-000-3060-0000	REVENUE CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$6,623.01	\$73,323.38	\$66,700.37
X-145-31-000-3061-0000	EXPENDITURE CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$1,500.00		(\$1,500.00)
	Equities.....	\$178,194.17	\$8,123.01	\$73,323.38	\$243,394.54
	Total Liabilities And Equities	\$295.00	\$82,263.15	\$92,923.15	\$10,955.00
145	PARK & REC - SURCHARGE FUND - Memo Only	\$590.00	\$93,218.15	\$93,218.15	\$21,910.00

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Transfers	Adj Approp	Encumbered	Ytd Expended	Balance	%Exp
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$1,500.00)	0.00%

1-145-17-550-5749-0000 CAPITAL OUTLAY

Transactions

Vendor Name	PO / Line	Invoice Number	Inv Date	C/R/J #	Date	Description	Batch	Status	Cd	Tran	Type	Credits	Debits
CLASSIC TURF COMPANY, LLC	0	001	8/24/2015	20825	10/29/2015	2-PICKLEBALL LINES-	TKPS102915	S	N	24245	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
												\$0.00	\$1,500.00

Account Number	Account Description	Begin Balance	Debits	Credits	Balance
A-145-16-000-1050-0000	ACCOUNTS RECIEVABLE	\$530.00	\$295.00	\$530.00	\$295.00
A-145-17-000-1080-0000	DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$0.00			\$0.00
	Assets.....	\$530.00	\$295.00	\$530.00	\$295.00
L-145-21-000-2000-0000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$0.00		\$11,476.76	\$11,476.76
L-145-25-000-2030-0000	DUE TO/FROM GENERAL FUND	(\$80,359.44)	\$131,777.46	\$22,760.97	(\$189,375.93)
	Liabilities.....	(\$80,359.44)	\$131,777.46	\$34,237.73	(\$177,899.17)
E-145-31-000-3020-0000	FUND BALANCE - COMMITTED	\$80,889.44			\$80,889.44
R-145-31-000-3060-0000	REVENUE CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	\$119,770.70	\$110,270.70
X-145-31-000-3061-0000	EXPENDITURE CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$12,965.97		(\$12,965.97)
	Equities.....	\$80,889.44	\$22,465.97	\$119,770.70	\$178,194.17
	Fund balance >>>>>				
	Total Liabilities And Equities	\$530.00	\$154,243.43	\$154,008.43	\$295.00
145	PARK & REC - SURCHARGE FUND - Memo Only	\$1,060.00	\$154,538.43	\$154,538.43	\$590.00

Vendor Name	PO / Line	Invoice Number	Inv Date	C/R/IJ #	Date	Description	Batch	Status	Cd	Tran	Type	Credits	Debits
1-145-17-550-5749-0000 CAPITAL OUTLAY													
			Orig Budget										
			\$0.00										
			Transfers										
			\$0.00										
			Adj Approp										
			\$0.00										
			Encumbered										
			\$0.00										
			Ytd Expended										
			\$12,965.97										
			Balance										
			(\$12,965.97)										
			%Exp										
			0.00%										
<u>Transactions</u>													
CHELSEA COHEN FITNESS ACADEMY	0	159370	8/14/2014	15132	8/21/2014	REFUND CANCELED	TLL082114/1	V	N	8716	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$200.00
WINTERBERRY IRRIGATION-DESIGN-	0	159371	6/18/2014	15572	9/4/2014	IRRIGATION REPAIR	TLL090414/1	S	N	10520	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$3,070.39
	0	159535	6/18/2014	15572	9/4/2014	IRRIGATION REPAIR	TLL090414/1	S	N	10521	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,559.24
NAGEL ELECTRIC	0	9380	7/3/2014	15572	9/4/2014	IRRIGATION REPAIR	TLL090414/1	S	N	10523	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,860.00
CHELSEA COHEN FITNESS ACADEMY	0		9/9/2014	16359	10/30/2014	INSTALL AMP SERVICE	TLL103014	S	N	20381	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
	0		8/4/2014	45132	42/48/2014	REFUND-CANCELLED	TYDCKDEC1	S	N	30964	Expenditure	\$0.00	(\$200.00)
	0		8/4/2014	47019	42/23/2014	REFUND-CANCELLED	TLL122314	S	N	30986	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$200.00
CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY	0	1028284-00	5/4/2014		4/1/2015	PARK & REC	TLL040215	S	N	45742	Expenditure	\$0.00	(\$2,616.20)
	0	4028284-00	5/4/2014		4/2/2015	PARK & REC	TLL040215	D	N	45725	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$2,616.20
	0	1028281-00	5/12/2014	18141	4/2/2015	PARK & REC	TLL040215	S	N	45743	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$2,445.84
CENTRAL IRRIGATION SUPPLY	0	1122840-00	8/1/2014	18140	4/2/2015	PARK & REC	TLL040215	S	N	45724	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$253.74
TURF PRODUCTS CORP.	0	1225524-00	6/30/2015	19961	8/28/2015	TORO T7 1" ROTOR	TAPKPS082	S	N	63057	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,976.76
												\$0.00	\$12,965.97

Account Number	Account Description	Begin Balance	Debits	Credits	Balance
Assets					
A-145-16-000-1050-0000	ACCOUNTS RECIEVABLE	\$0.00	\$530.00		\$530.00
A-145-17-000-1080-0000	DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS	\$0.00	\$10,689.26	\$10,689.26	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$11,219.26	\$10,689.26	\$530.00
Liabilities					
L-145-21-000-2000-0000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$27,863.05	\$312,453.26	\$284,590.21	\$0.00
L-145-25-000-2030-0000	DUE TO/FROM GENERAL FUND	(\$713,116.46)	\$142,632.00	\$775,389.02	(\$80,359.44)
		(\$685,253.41)	\$455,085.26	\$1,059,979.23	(\$80,359.44)
Equities					
E-145-31-000-3020-0000	FUND BALANCE - COMMITTED	\$685,253.41		\$138,327.00	\$685,253.41
R-145-31-000-3060-0000	REVENUE CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$0.00		\$138,327.00	\$138,327.00
X-145-31-000-3061-0000	EXPENDITURE CONTROL ACCOUNT	\$0.00	\$742,690.97		(\$742,690.97)
		\$685,253.41	\$742,690.97	\$138,327.00	\$80,889.44
Fund balance >>>>					
		\$0.00	\$1,197,776.23	\$1,198,306.23	\$530.00
Total Liabilities And Equities					
145	PARK & REC - SURCHARGE FUND - Memo Only	\$0.00	\$1,208,995.49	\$1,208,995.49	\$1,060.00

Expenditures

1-145-17-550-5749-0000 CAPITAL OUTLAY

Vendor Name	PO / Line	Invoice Number	Inv Date	C/R/J #	Date	Description	Batch	Status	Cd	Tran	Type	Credits	Debits	Balance	%Exp
FIELDTURF USA, INC.	0	001	7/31/2013	10393	8/22/2013	TREADWELL	TLL082213	S	N	6956	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$278,013.90		
O & G INDUSTRIES INC.	0	1-171682	7/15/2013	10450	8/22/2013	BASE MIX	TLL082213	S	N	7065	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$2,814.31		
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.	0	710498	8/1/2013	10485	8/22/2013	FFH MASTER PLAN	TLL082213	S	N	7697	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$3,762.00		
CT CLEARING DESK	0	1B321012	7/25/2013	10575	9/5/2013	NHS LIGHTING PROJECT	TLL090513	V	N	9280	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$765.96		
MUSCO LIGHTING	0	250413	8/7/2013	10653	9/5/2013	NHS LIGHTS	TLL090513	S	N	9269	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$142,982.00		
YANKOCY WHOLESALE BLDG.	0	230102	8/8/2013	10746	9/5/2013	ORANGE SAFETY	TLL090513	S	N	9281	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$181.32		
CT CLEARING DESK	0	1B321012	7/25/2013	10575	9/17/2013	NHS LIGHTING PROJECT	TVDAP0913	S	N	12570	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$3,220.00		
ATHLETIC FIELD SERVICES, LLC	0	639	8/13/2013	11164	10/17/2013	SOD TREADWELL	TLL101713	S	N	17129	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$7,893.29		
CENTRAL TURF & IRRIGATION SUPPLY	0	1024398-00	8/27/2013	11178	10/17/2013	OAKVIEW IRRIGATION	TLL101713	S	N	17193	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$4,494.20		
FRANKSON FENCE COMPANY	0	9302	9/23/2013	11207	10/17/2013	FENCE FOR PEE WEE	TLL101713	S	N	17127	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$3,159.00		
PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO.	0	INV488189	8/16/2013	11271	10/17/2013	POLE PADS/SHIPPING	TLL101713	S	N	17131	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,980.00		
STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.	0	727528	9/26/2013	11298	10/17/2013	FFH MASTER PLAN	TLL101713	S	N	16169	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$3,565.00		
THE NETWORK SUPPORT CO.	0	92516	7/31/2013	11252	10/17/2013	TREADWELL PARK	TLL101713	S	N	17130	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$104,757.00		
MUSCO LIGHTING	0	252440	9/30/2013	11457	10/31/2013	LIGHTING PORJECT	TLL103113	S	N	18999	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$3,500.00		
ACE SURFACES NORTH AMERICA, INC.	0	1168	10/18/2013	11539	11/14/2013	6 BACKBORADS	TLL111413	S	N	21232	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,250.00		
ATHLETIC FIELD SERVICES, LLC	0	652	7/15/2013	11549	11/14/2013	IRRIGATION TRENCH	TLL111413	S	N	21222	Expenditure	\$0.00	(\$20,311.85)		
FIELDTURF USA, INC.	0	3	10/31/2013	12169	12/19/2013	TREADWELL TURF	TLL122613	S	N	28295	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$20,311.85		
	0	003	10/31/2013	12169	12/20/2013	TREADWELL TURF	TLL122613	S	N	28297	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$20,311.85		
	0	3	10/31/2013	12390	12/26/2013	TREADWELL TURF	TLL122613	D	N	28183	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$107,911.30		
	0	002	8/31/2013	12814	1/9/2014	TURF FIELD	TLL010914	S	N	29898	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$789.00		
PIONEER MANUFACTURING CO.	0	INV502925	12/30/2013	12814	2/6/2014	ACCT NO. NE9563	TLL020614	S	N	33466	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$1,956.80		
FRANKSON FENCE COMPANY	0	9497	4/23/2014	14098	5/29/2014	FENCING AT GLANDER	TLL052914	S	N	50387	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$150.00		
LORRAINE SANTORE	0	0	6/5/2014	14283	6/12/2014	REFUND CANCELLED	TLL061214	S	N	52605	Expenditure	\$0.00	\$692,690.97		

Transactions

Ytd Expended \$692,690.97

Encumbered \$0.00

Adj Approp \$0.00

* Lights at H.S. back field

** Treadwell artificial turf

AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2013/2014 – 2017/2018, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE, and to waive the reading of the full bonding resolution, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated June 21, 2013 from Elizabeth Stocker, AICP, Director of Economic and Community Development, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter. Motion seconded and upon roll call vote was unanimously carried: YES – Capeci, Jacob, Ferguson, Chaudhary, Lundquist, Girgasky, Amaral, Wiedemann, Carroll, Honan.

Resolution – Ms. Jacob moved to approve the resolution providing for a special appropriation in the amount of \$300,000 for installation of lights at the High School Back Field, as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2013-2014 to 2018-2019, inclusive) and authorizing the use of the Parks & Recreation Surcharge Fund to finance the appropriation. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

The resolution for a special appropriation for artificial turf replacement at Treadwell Field was not taken up as the Board of Finance has not yet taken action.

VOTER PARTICIPATION: Barbara O'Connor stated that she is a senior citizen and understood the ballot advisory questions and voted the way she meant.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Jan Andras
Recording Secretary

Attachments

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.

**Town of Newtown Legislative Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2013
Newtown Municipal Center, Newtown, CT**

PRESENT: Jeff Capeci, Mary Ann Jacob, George Ferguson, Paul Lundquist, Bob Merola, Daniel Honan, Neil Chaudhary (via phone), Dan Amaral, Dan Wiedemann, Phil Carroll
ABSENT: Joe Girgasky

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Finance Director Robert Tait, one member of media, Jan Andras (Clerk)

Chairman Capeci called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VOTER COMMENT: None present

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution

Ms. Jacob moved to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon the resolution entitled "Resolution providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount of \$750,000 For The Planning and Design Of A New Elementary School In Sandy Hook". Said special appropriation is to be funded by a grant in aid from the State of Connecticut. Said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated June 27, 2013 from Robert G. Tait, Financial Director, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30(a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

Resolution

Ms. Jacob moved to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon the resolution entitled "Resolution Providing For a Special Appropriation In The Amount of \$500,000 for Artificial Turf Replacement At Treadwell Field As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2013-2014 To 2018-2019, Inclusive)" and Authorizing The Use Of The Parks & Recreation Surcharge Fund to Finance This Appropriation." Said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated June 21, 2013 from Amy E. W. Mangold, Parks and Recreation Director, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter. Motion seconded and unanimously carried.

First Selectman Llodra advised that the Special Town Meeting will be set for July 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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To: John Kortze

Date: June 21, 2013

From: Amy Mangold

RE: Resolution for Special Appropriation for Treadwell artificial turf replacement and High School back field lights

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 FOR ARTIFICIAL TURF REPLACEMENT AT TREADWELL FIELD AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-2014 TO 2018-2019, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PARKS & RECREATION SURCHARGE FUND TO FINANCE THIS APPROPRIATION.

-The artificial turf field was installed in 2005. This turf surface has an 8 year lifespan and warranty. This field is utilized more than any athletic field in town and it has begun to show wear and tear. This project will be funded from the surcharge fund collected for such expenses through the sports groups that use the fields. **There will be no impact on the budget.**

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 FOR INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT HIGH SCHOOL BACK FIELD AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-2014 TO 2018-2019, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE PARKS & RECREATION SURCHARGE FUND TO FINANCE THIS APPROPRIATION.

-Newtown Youth Football and cheer currently utilizes Taylor field at Hawley School for practices. The practices run from August to November and run into the evening. Lights are required for these practices. The lights that are currently at Taylor field are only temporary and are rented. Permanent lights at Taylor field do not make sense as the parking and availability of that field is very limited. Hawley School is also in the borough and there are many homes in that area that field lights would disturb. The back high school field is a great fit for NYF practices. The sleds and football equipment is already in place, there is ample parking and it is not a neighborhood setting. Due to the size of the field other groups including the High school would benefit from the larger use time that the lights at this field would provide. Field time is always required by many groups and we do not always have enough. The addition of lights would provide more use and a better practice location for NYF & Cheer. The BOE already approved this project. Lights will be on a separate meter and the users of the lights would pay for that energy time required. **This project will not have an impact on the regular budget.**

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Fund #	Fund Name	Description	Type	Owner	Fiscal Year 2014 - 2015		Combined on Financials
					Receipts	Y.E. BALANCE	
004	S.H. INSURANCE PROCEEDS	S.H. insurance proceeds for S.H. school move etc.	SR	TOWN	-	242,241	
007	BOE PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES	Open purchase order amounts carried forward to next year	GF	BOE	-	-	
101	GENERAL FUND	Major fund used to account for most Town operations	GF	BOS/BOE	111,911,092	10,885,080	
102	BOS PRIOR YEAR ENCUMBRANCES	Open purchase order amounts carried forward to next year	GF	BOS	-	-	
103	DEBT SERVICE FUND	Left over bond funds used for future bond payments	DS	BOS	5,061	65,891	
108	NEWTOWN FLAGPOLE FUND	For maintenance of flag pole	PF	BOS	83	16,205	
110	CEMETERY FUNDS	For maintenance of cemeteries (3)	SR	BOS	-	9,453	
114	HAWLEY SCHOOL MAINT	Income from Hawley Trust for Hawley school maintenance	SR	BOS	19,222	66,306	Hawley School
000	HAWLEY SCHOOL TRUST	Trust fund. Income used for Hawley school maintenance	PF	BOS	5,086	392,638	Trust
116	V.G.HAIR & FRANCES E HAIR FD	Annual amount used to fund animal control operations	PF	BOS	14,248	1,280,040	
117	CONSERVATION BONDS	Performance bonds held then released	AF	BOS	-	-	Performance Bonds
118	NEWTOWN DRIVEWAY BONDS	Performance bonds held then released	AF	BOS	178,402	-	
119	SUBDIV./P&Z BONDS	Performance bonds held then released	AF	BOS	-	-	
120	BOUCHARD ANIMAL FUND	To be used for animal control purposes (13,512 left)	SR	BOS	-	13,512	
122	COMMUNITY RESOURCE LIAISON	"Victims" grant	SR	BOS	553,546	116,535	
127	TOWN CLERK - HISTORIC DOCUMENTS	Fees collected for historic document preservation (State)	SR	BOS	19,636	21,055	
133	SANDY HOOK SPECIAL REVENUE FD	S.H. donations for public purpose	SR	BOS	134,418	364,661	
134	SANDY HOOK PRIVATE PURPOSE TR	S.H. donations for families and scholarships	PP	BOS	20	310	
136	BOE CAPITAL & NONRECURRING	BOE capital and non-recurring for capital & non-recurring items	CF	BOS	12,909	55,294	
138	GIFT FUND	Donations for a public purpose	SR	BOS	57,707	192,039	
144	CAPITAL NONRECURRING FUND	BOS capital and non-recurring for capital & non-recurring items	CF	BOS	150,794	379,692	Capital &
145	PARK & REC - SURCHARGE FUND	Surcharge on user fees for capital items	CF	BOS	110,270	178,194	Nonrecurring
155	CAPITAL PROJECTS - BONDED PROJECTS	Capital projects funded by bonds	CF	BOS	11,623,401	(526,469)	
156	GRANTS	Accounts for most grants	SR	BOS	1,121,120	133,233	
157	SMALL CITIES CDBG GRANT	State small cities grant	SR	BOS	3,828	22,297	
158	OPEN SPACE LAND ACQUISITION	Capital & non-recurring for open space (bonding and fees)	CF	BOS	33,125	(17,379)	
159	NEWTOWN CULTURAL ARTS	Special revenue fund for Newtown cultural arts	SR	BOS	58,417	193,594	
166	TOWN DOG FUND	To be used for animal control purposes (dog tag fees per state)	SR	BOS	26,667	16,475	
168	EICHLER'S COVE MARINA	Eichler's Cove Marina user fees for capital and other items	SR	BOS	116,507	371,431	
169	POLICE PRIVATE DUTY	Outside duty fees to cover associated payroll	SR	BOS	580,786	-	
170	FHA SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	Fairfield Hills Authority user fees and common charges	SR	BOS	74,646	216,443	
172	SENIOR CENTER SPEC REV	Collections for senior trips used to pay for trips	SR	BOS	24,911	3,575	Town
173	NEWTOWN TEEN CENTER	User fees to pay for events (bands etc)	SR	BOS	8,680	40,654	Recreation Fund
175	PARK & REC SPEC REVENUE	User fees to pay for program costs	SR	BOS	618,239	-	
176	EDMOND TOWN HALL	Users fees to pay for building operating and maintenance costs	SR	BOS	645,264	214,698	
177	SEPTAGE MANAGEMENT	User fees for insurance purposes (per Newtown Code)	SR	BOS	2,577	104,740	
182	POLICE STATE GRANTS	To account for police state grants	SR	BOS	120,632	-	Law
183	POLICE FED ASSET FORF	To account for police federal grants	SR	BOS	25,139	77,457	Enforcement Fund
184	POLICE ST ASSET FORF	State asset forfeiture funds to be used for police purposes	SR	BOS	2,395	8,892	

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					Receipts	Y.E. BALANCE	
190	SEWER ENTERPRISE	To account for the operations of the sewer plant	EF	BOS	916,492	28,281,043	
191	WATER ENTERPRISE	To account for the operations of the water plant	EF	BOS	323,481	1,547,516	
194	MEDICAL SELF INSURANCE	To account for employee medical self-insurance funds	IS	BOS/BOE	14,455,084	3,143,967	
195	PENSION TRUST FUND	Pension trust fund	TF	BOS/BOE	2,792,009	35,641,996	
196	OTHER POST EMPL BENEFITS	Retiree medical benefits trust fund (retired police & teachers)	TF	BOS/BOE	622,827	1,433,726	
210	TITLE I REG. (CY)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	132,202	-	Education Grants
211	TITLE I REG. (CO)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	635	-	
213	SANDY HOOK GRANT		SR	BOE	12,190	-	
214	DEPT. OF JUSTICE GRANT	"Victims" grant	SR	BOE	803,921	-	
215	DEPT. OF JUSTICE - PHASE III	"Victims" grant	SR	BOE	128,941	-	
218	SERV GRANT (2)	School Emergency Response to Violence grant	SR	BOE	319,446	-	
220	SERV GRANT 3	School Emergency Response to Violence grant	SR	BOE	1,427,807	-	
223	TITLE II PART A (CY)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	63,451	-	
224	TITLE II PART A (CO)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	7,854	-	
227	DESPP SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT	Incomplete	SR	BOE	205,930	-	
229	CCS PROF. LEARNING MINI-		SR	BOE	2,500	-	
230	TITLE III ENGLISH LANG. ACQ. (CY)		SR	BOE	2,496	-	
231	TITLE III ENGLISH LANG. ACQ. (CO)		SR	BOE	-	-	
233	IDEA PART B SEC 619 (CY)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	51	-	
234	IDEA PART B SEC 619 (CO)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	26,573	-	
236	IDEA PART B SEC 611 (CY)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	806,943	-	
237	IDEA PART B SEC 611 (CO)	Special education grant	SR	BOE	17,448	-	
240	CARL PERKINS VO ED (CY)	Incomplete	SR	BOE	29,120	-	
241	CARL PERKINS VO ED (PY)		SR	BOE	-	-	
243	PERKINS INNOVATION - LASER		SR	BOE	-	-	
244	PERKINS INNOVATION - 3-D		SR	BOE	-	-	
245	PERKINS NAUG. VALLEY		SR	BOE	1,331	-	
246	CREC STUDENT SUCCESS PLAN		SR	BOE	-	-	
248	NORTHWEST REGIONAL		SR	BOE	16,576	-	
249	ARTS IN EDUCATION GRANT		SR	BOE	37,961	-	
250	ESSC GRANT - ED. CONNECTION		SR	BOE	7,976	-	
253	LOCAL PREVENTION COUNCIL		SR	BOE	8,880	-	
254	PARENT EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING		SR	BOE	-	-	
257	N.P.C. YEAR 11		SR	BOE	50,867	-	
258	N.P.C. YEAR 10		SR	BOE	77,439	-	
259	ADULT ED. COOP.		SR	BOE	4,048	-	
261	SPRINT CHARACTER ED		SR	BOE	1,158	-	
262	AMERICAN BRANDS		SR	BOE	271	-	
263	NAESP FOUNDATION		SR	BOE	50	-	

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					Receipts	Y.E. BALANCE	
265	H.S. NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN	Incomplete	SR	BOE	10	-	Education Grants Continued
266	MIX IT UP GRANT		SR	BOE	500	-	
267	H.S. EDUCATIONAL BROADCASTIN		SR	BOE	3	-	
268	CHARTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE		SR	BOE	20	-	
275	EXCESS COST/AGENCY	State grant for special education excess costs for out placement	SR	BOE	1,338,377	-	
292	MAGNET SCH. TRANS.	State grant for magnet school transportation	SR	BOE	66,300	-	
339	MEDICAID FUNDS	Medicaid reimbursements for special education expenditures	SR	BOE	31,720	132,832	
375	STARR TUITION REVENUE	Fee based education program	SR	BOE	99,554	-	
376	PRESCHOOL TUITION REVENUE	Fee based education program	SR	BOE	40,964	-	
400	DONATIONS - DISTRICT	BOE donations	SR	BOE	3,500	55,021	
410	DONATIONS - HAWLEY	BOE donations	SR	BOE	347	1,009	
420	DONATIONS - SANDY HOOK	BOE donations	SR	BOE	16,486	57,786	
430	DONATIONS - MIDDLE GATE	BOE donations	SR	BOE	2,484	6,811	
440	DONATIONS - HEAD O MEADOW	BOE donations	SR	BOE	-	104	
445	DONATIONS - REED	BOE donations	SR	BOE	17,821	750	
450	DONATIONS - MIDDLE SCHOOL	BOE donations	SR	BOE	-	84	
460	DONATIONS - HIGH SCHOOL	BOE donations	SR	BOE	1,150	3,733	
475	DONATIONS - SPECIAL ED.	BOE donations	SR	BOE	-	1,468	
477	DONATIONS - HEALTH & MEDICAL	BOE donations	SR	BOE	731	855	
480	DONATIONS - CURRICULUM &	BOE donations	SR	BOE	-	235	
481	DONATIONS - TECHNOLOGY	BOE donations	SR	BOE	-	0	
485	DONATIONS - SECURITY	BOE donations	SR	BOE	-	20,470	
490	DONATIONS - B. & G.	BOE donations	SR	BOE	-	2,848	
500	CAFETERIA FUND	Special revenue fund to account for food services	SR	BOE	1,960,077	165,572	
550	CUSTODIAL FUND	User fees for custodial overtime	SR	BOE	9,849	77,473	
594	CONTINUING ED.	Continuing education	SR	BOE	143,329	87,699	
000	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS - HAWLEY	Student activity funds	AF/SR	BOE	14,125	5,360	Student Activities
000	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS - SANDY HOOK	Student activity funds	AF/SR	BOE	25,376	15,177	
000	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS - MIDDLE GATE	Student activity funds	AF/SR	BOE	12,688	7,374	
000	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS - HEAD O MEADOW	Student activity funds	AF/SR	BOE	9,084	826	
000	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS - REED	Student activity funds	AF/SR	BOE	125,874	40,086	
000	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS - MIDDLE SCHOOL	Student activity funds	AF/SR	BOE	399,478	86,358	
000	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS - HIGH SCHOOL	Student activity funds	AF/SR	BOE	1,138,913	464,626	
000	EDMOND TOWN HALL TRUST	Edmond Town Hall Trust fund. Interest is used for operations	PF	BOS	16,685	1,028,757	
000	POLICE BENEVOLENT	Held for the police benevolent fund	AF	BOS	250	6,660	
000	BOE FLEX PLAN	Employee benefits	AF	BOE	174,588	15,638	
000	DAYCARE PROGRAM	State pass thru grant passed thru to the Children's Adventure Ctr	SR	BOS	226,901	-	
		000 = off the main Town accounting system. Student activity funds are accounted for in quickbooks.					

