



Town of **North Stonington**
Connecticut



**Draft Meeting Minutes of
Town of North Stonington
Annual Finance Public Hearing
Monday May 23rd, 2016
North Stonington Elementary School
Multipurpose Room @ 7:00pm
North Stonington, CT**

Call to Order; Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

BOF Members in Attendance; (Including any alternates seated)

In attendance; Chairman Tim Main, Vice Chairman Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland, Emile Pavlovics, Mustapha Ratib, Alternate Bob Testa. Carolyn Howell not present. Alternate Chris Hundt

1. First Selectman Shawn Murphy explained the town portion of the budget to the public. He noted that the State Budget was finalized and North Stonington lost \$81,000 from the State this year. Also noted that a 2% increase in wages for Highway Dept. and Town Hall Employees(both union and non-union) for a 3-year contract. Other items include work to be done on the Hewitt Property, as well as (2) Troopers and items for EMS.
2. BOE Chairman, Bob Carlson said they requesting a 1.97% budget increase. Noting that in the last two budgets, there has been a zero increase. Resident asked Superintendent Nero why there was an increase in Teachers with a declining student population. Mr. Nero said there is no decrease in students.
Resident asked about of town students coming here. The tuition per student is \$12,500 per year. The ones that come for no cost are staff member students and it is a Board Policy that they are allowed to do so at the discretion of the Superintendent.

3. EMS spoke about the need for a new car and new truck as they feel both are recommended.

Question from residents were taken. Also people voiced their support and displeasure with the budget.

The BOF had asked for a 50% reduction and a budget will be finalized in two weeks.

4. **Adjournment;** Emile motioned to adjourn, Charlie seconded.
Approved 6-0-0. Adjourned 9:33pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
