

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON
EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
Thursday, April 11, 2019
EHMS Library**

Unapproved Minutes

Present: Richard Brown, Janine Jiantonio, Alannah Coshow, Bridget McLennan, Eric Peterson, Barbara Moore and Ted Turner

Other attendee(s): Jeffery Jylkka: Director of Finance, Michael Maniscalco: Town Manager, Paul Smith: Superintendent of Schools, Jeremy Hall: Parks & Recreation Director, Ellen Paul: Library Director, Chief Woessner: Chief of Police

1-2. Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public Remarks

Bob Yenknor- 83 Spellman Point Rd.: Representing a group of residents that formed to "Save the Lake", Mr. Yenknor outlined the insufficient funding being put towards Lake preservation and stated that this group plans to get very visibly involved in their cause and seeks the support of the rest of the attendees.

Christopher Goff – 32 Daly Rd.: As BOE Chairman, Mr. Goff addressed the discussion from the April 2 meeting in which Chairman Brown mentioned the "compromise discussed by the 2 Chairs. Mr. Goff confirmed that the BOE would like the BOF to consider the following 3 options for the BOE Budget:

1. Approve the BOE Budget as presented with no amendments
2. Approve a BOE Budget that reflects a 2% increase plus a contingency of ~\$151,000 for any Teacher's Pension costs shifted by the State.
3. Approve a BOE Budget that reflects a 2% increase with no contingency (the Town to cover the contingency of ~\$151,000 for any Teacher's Pension costs shifted by the State.)

George Coshow – 26 Shipyard Rd.: Stated that he has confidence that the Board will put forward a reasonable budget given the needs of the Town and encouraged attendees to reach out to state government in order to get involved in the Toll discussions that will impact us all.

4. Discussion on 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Plan

Acknowledging the actions taken at the April 2 Special Meeting in regard to the Capital Improvement Plan, Chairman Brown opened the floor for any further discussion. A brief discussion in regard to Private Roads was initiated by Ms. Coshow.

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5. Discussion and possible recommendation on the 2019-2020 Budget for Town Council

a) Board of Education Budget

In following with the discussions had at the April 2 meeting and the comments made by Chairman Goff during the Public Remarks portion of this meeting, Chairman Brown opened the discussion with a motion.

Motion: Chairman Brown made a motion to recommend an Education Budget increase of 2% (rather than the originally proposed 2.5% increase over the 2018-2019 Budget) with the Town incurring any Teacher's Pension costs shifted by the State (estimated to be ~\$151,000). The motion was seconded by Ms. McLennan.

After a brief discussion which included clarification on a few specific budget line items (Electricity costs for HS, STEM Coordinator position and uses for the current BOE Administration building after the move to the New Town Hall). The motion went to a vote.

Vote: 6-1 (Coshow). Motion Passed.

Based on the above, the 2019-2020 Board of Education Budget being recommended by the Board of Finance totals \$31,253,693.

b) General Government Budget

i) Town Operations Budget

Ms. Coshow began the discussion by distributing a handout with specific items she wished to discuss making changes to (see attached for detail). The Board discussed each item seeking input from Department Heads as needed and informally made decisions on which items a majority of members would be interested in changing. Ms. Jiantonio also proposed the addition of a second half-year police officer which was also followed with discussion and input from Chief Woessner and Mr. Maniscalco.

ii) Capital Improvement Plan

Motion: Ms. Coshow made a motion to rescind the motion previously adopted at the April 2, 2019 meeting that increased Water Quality Infrastructure Improvements by \$25,000. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Peterson.

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Chairman Brown then clarified that information provided to the Board after the meeting on April 2 around \$253,000 in Grant money that was awarded for Lake improvements and has yet to be expended being the reason for this rescind.

Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed.

Motion: Ms. Coshow made a motion to amend the motion previously adopted at the April 2, 2019 meeting to now read:

Motion to Adopt the Capital Plan as approved by the Board of Finance on April 2, 2019 with the following modification:

- Reduce the Water Quality Infrastructure Improvements project by \$25,000.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Jiantonio.

Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed.

Motion: Mr. Peterson made a motion to recommend a Total General Government Budget (Town Operations, Debt and Capital), as amended below, be recommended to the Town Council as the General Government portion of the 2019-2020 Budget:

- Reduce Emergency Management by \$10,000
- Reduce Registrar by \$3,500
- Increase Contingency by \$151,185 (Teachers' Pension)
- Increase Police Salaries by \$41,310 (½ year Officer)
- Increase Insurance and Employee Benefits by \$11,250 (½ year Officer)
- Transfer \$21,500 to the Capital Reserve Fund

The motion was seconded by Ms. McLennan.

Vote: 6-1 (Coshow). Motion Passed.

Based on the above, the 2019-2020 General Government Budget being recommended by the Board of Finance totals \$15,894,239.

6. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn made by Ms. Moore was seconded by Mr. Peterson.

Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Bafumi
Recording Secretary

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Motion Suggestions 2019 Town Operation Budget

Page	Item #	Description	Reduction	Budgeted
Town Manager				
P.22	5319	Meetings/Conf	-2,000	2,000
P.22	5611	Supplies	-2,000	3,000
Town Hall				
P. 27-28	5810	Refuse	-1,000	3,200
Emergency Mgt				
P. 67	5530	Commun..	-4,000	0
P. 67	5690	Supplies	-6,000	0
Registrar				
P. 40	5319	Meetings	-1,000	1,165
P. 40	5590	OPS	-3,000	7,000
Public Works				
P. 106	5319	Meetings	-4,000	1,650
Parks and Rec.				
P. 116	5431	Grounds	-5,000	26,000
Library				
P.130	5642	Books	5,000	58,850