

**TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON**  
**EAST HAMPTON, CT 06424**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**Public Hearing**  
Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
Town Hall – Room 201 & Via Zoom

**Minutes**

**Present:** Matthew Bennington, Wes Jenks (via Zoom), Ted Turner, Bob Hein (via Zoom), Alannah Coshow, Eric Peterson and Richard Brown

**Other attendee(s):** Jeffery Jylkka - Director of Finance, David Cox - Town Manager and Paul Smith – Superintendent of Schools

**1-2. The meeting was called to order, by Chairman Bennington, at 6:34 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Public Remarks:**

None

**4. Discuss & possible recommendation on the 21/22 Budget for Town Council**

Mr. Turner began the discussion with a motion:

***Motion:*** Mr. Turner made a motion to recommend a Budget, as amended by Proposal #1, to the Town Council as the 2021-2022 Budget (Town, BOE and Capital). The motion was seconded by Mr. Hein.

Proposal #1 (on file) was then distributed to all members. Chairman Bennington presented the adjustments contained in the proposal. Discussion followed.

After some clarification on the outlined transfers/adjustments as related to Park and Recreation, Fire House (Co. 1) renovations and possible HVAC replacement options, a motion to amend the motion on the table was made.

***Motion:*** Mr. Hein made a motion to amend the open motion as follows:  
*In addition to the proposal to "use currently available funds (\$67,000) in the Fire Department's sinking fund to start the design process on the Fire House Renovations and eliminate \$350,000-line item" currently in the proposed Capital budget, **it is proposed that the residual project balance be increased by \$35,000.** The motion was seconded by Mr. Turner.*  
***Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed.***

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***Motion:*** Dr. Brown made a motion to reduce the BOE budget by an additional \$4,700 (referencing the Pre-K phonics program and other digital curriculum being prosed which he feels could be funded by the ESSR2 grant) The motion was seconded by Ms. Coshow.

***Vote: 3-4 (Bennington, Jenks, Turner & Hein). Motion Failed.***

***Chairman Bennington then asked for a vote on the amended Proposal #1 Motion.***

***Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed.***

Based on the above, the 2021-2022 Budget being recommended by the Board of Finance to the Town Council totals \$49,780,628.00.

**5. Adjournment:**

*The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Turner and was seconded by Ms. Coshow.*

***Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.***

Respectfully submitted,

Renée Bafumi  
Recording Secretary