

Town of East Hampton
Town Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
Town Hall Meeting Room

MINUTES

Present: Chairperson Melissa Engel, Vice Chairman Mark Philhower, Council Members Pete Brown, Tim Feegel, Dean Markham, Josh Piteo and Kevin Reich and Town Manager Michael Maniscalco.

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Engel called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

Discussion & Possible Action on 2018/2019 Town Government Budget – 4th Referendum

A motion was made by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Feegel, to approve and send to referendum the annual town budget in the amount of \$14,946,208 with the following modifications to the capital reserve fund:

- Eliminating the capital funding of \$25,000 for Board of Education Asbestos abatement;
- Eliminating the capital funding of \$20,000 for Board of Education safety sinking fund;
- Reduce the capital funding for Board of Education HVAC by \$5,000 leaving \$25,000;
- Reduce the capital funding for Chrome books and laptops by \$90,000 leaving \$27,500 to be divided among both projects.

Voted (4-3) Ms. Engel, Mr. Feegel, Mr. Piteo and Mr. Brown in favor; Mr. Philhower, Mr. Reich and Mr. Markham against.

Discussion & Possible Recommendation for Transfer of \$140,000 to the Board of Education Operating Budget from the Town Operations Capital Reserve Account to be approved at Referendum

A motion was made by Mr. Feegel, seconded by Mr. Brown, If the general government budget passes, to transfer \$140,000 from the capital reserve account to the Board of Education Operating budget for the funding of two teachers to be voted on for approval at referendum. Voted (6-1) Mr. Philhower against.

Discussion & Possible Approval of Third Question on Referendum – Is the budget: Too High/Too Low/Just Right

A motion was made by Ms. Engel, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to add two questions to the ballot to say:

- Is the General Government budget of \$14,946,208: Too high; Too low; Just right
- Is the Board of Education budget of \$30,499,668: Too high; Too low; Just right

Voted (7-0)

Set Town Meeting Date & Referendum Date

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to set the Town Meeting date of Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:30pm in the Middle School Library and the Referendum date of Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Middle School Gymnasium. Voted (7-0)

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Reich, seconded by Mr. Philhower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05p.m. Voted (7-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk