

Town of East Hampton
Tri Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Town Hall Community Room #108 and via Zoom

MINUTES

Town Council: Chairman Mark Philhower, Vice Chairman Tim Feegel, Pete Brown, Brandon Goff, Eric Peterson (via Zoom), Kevin Reich and Alison Walck

Board of Education: Chairman Jim Radavich, Vice Chairperson Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, Michael Buck, Nancy Kohler and Nancy Oakley

Board of Finance: Chairperson Alannah Coshow, Vice Chairperson Bridget McLennan, Russell Bonaccorso, Richard Brown and Deborah Cunningham

Also present: Town Manager David Cox, Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith and Finance Director Jeff Jylkka

Call to order & Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Philhower called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Town Hall Community Room and via Zoom.

Town Council Budget Policy Statement

Mr. Cox provided an overview of the Budget Policy Statement that was adopted by the Town Council on November 23, 2021. The document will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Review of 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Assumptions and Current Situation

- a. End of Year Information for FY2021-2022
- b. Initial Assumptions and Plans FY 2022-2023
- c. COVID Impacts

Review of Current Debts and Debt Repayment Schedule

Historic Perspective and Future Planning: FY 2023 and Beyond

Mr. Jylkka covered the items listed above with review of the schedules provided to members. The schedules will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Questions from Council and Board Members

Ms. Walck asked what is included in the lease category. Mr. Jylkka responded these are mostly fire trucks and Public Works vehicles. Dr. Brown noted that the CT Conference of Municipalities recommends a fund balance of 14-15% but we only project 8-10%. He also asked if the Middle School Roof will be bonded. Mr. Jylkka responded that it will most likely be bonded and we will be responsible for about 52% and the rest is reimbursable by the State. Mr. Philhower asked if the portion we are responsible for could be paid for out of the ARP funds. Mr. Jylkka indicated it

could probably come out of the lost revenue category. Ms. Coshow asked Mr. Jylkka to explain the lost revenue category in the ARP funds. He noted that it is a formula the Treasury Department uses – it is not a true loss number.

Timing of Budget Meetings/Dates of Importance

Mr. Cox noted that the Capital Committee will be meeting soon. The Board of Finance will hold their usual meetings in March and April. By April 15 the Board of Finance passes a budget on to Town Council. Last year the schedule was modified for the Town Meeting which can now be after the 1st Monday in May and not later than the 2nd Tuesday in June.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois
Recording Clerk