

Town of East Hampton  
Tri Board Meeting  
Monday, November 21, 2022  
Town Hall Community Room #108 and via Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Town Council:** Chairman Mark Philhower, Pete Brown, Brandon Goff, Kevin Reich and Alison Walck

**Board of Education:** Chairperson Christina Tammaro-Dzagan, Augie Arndt, Michael Buck, Nancy Kohler, Nancy Oakley and Sal Nucifora

**Board of Finance:** Chairperson Alannah Coshov (via Zoom), Vice Chairperson Bridget McLennan, Matt Bennington, Russell Bonaccorso, Richard Brown, Deborah Cunningham, and Ted Turner

**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 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Community Room and via Zoom.

**Town Council Budget Policy Statement**

Chairman Philhower confirmed that everyone received the Budget Policy Statement and there were no questions.

**Review of 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Assumptions and Current Situation**

- a. End of Year Information for FY2022-2023
- b. Initial Assumptions and Plans FY 2023-2024
- c. Review of Current Debt and Debt Repayment Schedules

Mr. Jylkka provided an overview of the General Fund Revenues and Expenditures, the Fund Balance Projection, Town Hall Overtime, a schedule of debt service and a full-time employee report. All reports will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Superintendent of Schools Paul Smith provided an explanation of the projected 2022-2023 Board of Education budget deficit. The memo and schedule will be included with the minutes filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

Chairman Philhower asked the Superintendent for a Board of Education full-time employee bar graph similar to the graph provided by the Town.

Mr. Cox provided an overview of electricity for the Town and Board of Education referencing the solar array savings from Citrine. He also reviewed police staffing information for East Hampton compared to other towns.

### **Discussion of Council and Board Member Questions, Goals and Considerations for FY2024 and Beyond**

Alannah Coshaw asked that this year's Board of Education budget book be organized similar to the Town budget book.

Pete Brown commented on the Police Department, stressing that the quality of life for the residents should be considered, not just the money. He also congratulated Chief Woessner on the CAPPS award that was received recently.

Bridget McLennan would like the departments to try to find cost savings and suggested looking at outsourcing where possible to save money.

Augie Arndt asked how to plan for future students and not being accused of putting "fluff" in the budget.

Christina Tamarro-Dzagan commented on the increasing issue of unfunded mandates. That causes a challenge when budgeting.

Mike Buck would like to see more Tri-Board meetings with good transparent communications.

Mark Philhower feels the need to be concerned with the prices of things going up. The town needs a reasonable budget. Keep in mind needs not wants.

### **Timing of Budget Meetings/Dates of Importance**

The Capital Committee meeting will be held in early December. The Board of Finance budget calendar will be similar to prior years.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Sirois  
Recording Clerk