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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING

Annual Budget Meeting & Special Meeting
May 2, 4, 9 and 11, 2022

Moderator Paul Goldstein called the Annual Budget Meeting & Special Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order on May 2, 2022, at 7:05 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mary Childs, Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Tim Fioravanti, Steve Garvin, Nick Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Richard Holmes, Jennifer Kohl, Cheryl Larder, Richard F. Muckle, Ted Olynciw, Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue, David Welch

ABSENT: Paul Konstantakis

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson

ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Robert Avena, Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Moderator Goldstein noted that three items were received as follows: a petition in regard to removal of funding for the Civic Triangle upgrade, multiple recommendations for the Senior Citizens' Commission, and a letter proposing an Ad Hoc Committee to research a holistic, long term plan toward increased green energy sustainability. (Correspondence can be obtained from the Town Clerk)

RTM Member Cheryl Larder asked if we could receive the April Financial Reports that were given to the BOF. Finance Director Kim Allen acknowledged that she could provide the report.

RTM Member Driscoll noted that correspondence was received from Assessor Paige Walton to request moving the Assessor and BAA budget hearing to a later date. It was agreed to move both to Monday May 9, 2022.

CALL ITEM 1 - Senior Citizens Commission (Term 04/04/2022 – 04/07/2025)

NOMINATION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, of Jody Nazarchyk, 12 Summer Rest Rd, Waterford, as a member of the Senior Citizens Commission.

NOMINATION by Driscoll, seconded by Gauthier, of Dr. Dan Rissi, 367 Glenwood Ave Ext, Waterford, as a member of the Senior Citizens' Commission.

MOTION by Radin, seconded by Fioravanti, to refer the item for a recommendation to the Education Standing Committee to examine the qualifications of the nominations.

MOTION by Bono, seconded by Condon, to postpone to the May 4, 2022 meeting.

Discussion ensued and MOTION was withdrawn by Bono and Condon.

VOTING IN FAVOR of referring to committee: None

MOTION FAILS 0-23

VOTING IN FAVOR of Nazarchyk: Attanasio, Bono, Bracciale, Childs, Condon, Dembek, Fioravanti, Garvin, Gauthier, Girard, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Healy, Holmes, Kohl, Muckle, Olynciw, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

VOTING AGAINST: Driscoll

ABSTAINED: Larder

NAZARCHYK appointed to the Senior Citizens' Commission. 22-1-1

CALL ITEM 2 – Senior Citizens Commission (04/06/2020 – 04/03/2023)

NOMINATION by Driscoll, seconded by Fioravanti, of Dr. Dan Rissi, 367 Glenwood Ave Ext, Waterford, as a member of the Senior Citizens Commission.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

RISSI appointed to the Senior Citizens' Commission.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Annual Budget Meeting is, in fact, an open meeting called to order on May 2, 2022, to be recessed on May 4, and again on May 9, and May 11, and only to be adjourned after final action on May 11, 2022. Consideration of the budget by department/agency follows the posted schedule.

STANDING MOTION by Majority Leader Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Minority Leader Driscoll, to offer a standing motion to move each proposed budget for consideration in the order specified in the hearing schedules, with approvals at the series subtotal and the department total levels, with the understanding that all totals are considered tentatively approved until final action is taken at the end of our budget hearing.

Discussion ensued.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 3 – Board of Education and General Fund Budget

Consideration and action upon the General Fund Budget, which includes both Board of Education and General Government budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Finance, and as may be modified by the determination of the Representative Town Meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (10160) \$52,109,124

PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Board of Education Pat Fedor, Superintendent of Schools Thomas Giard, BOE Director of Finance Joseph Mancini presented the details of the budget and stood for questions.

Legthy discussion ensued.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

Recess at 9:21 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting was resumed and called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 by Moderator Goldstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mary Childs, Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Tim Fioravanti, Steve Garvin, Nick Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Richard Holmes, Cheryl Larder, Richard F. Muckle, Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue.

ABSENT: Jennifer Kohl, Paul Konstantakis, Ted Olynciw, David Welch

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, and Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson

ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Robert Avena, Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CORRESPONDENCE: Received from Annah Perch, from the New London Homeless Hospitality Center, to have her hearing moved up. The VNA provided some statistical information. Stephen Mansfield from Ledge Light Health District informed the body he would be unable to attend. (Correspondence can be obtained from the Town Clerk)

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Muckle, to move Social Services Grants Review to the first position.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

SOCIAL SERVICES GRANTS/MISC (10120) \$88,194

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

ETHICS COMMISSION (10143) \$850

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Larder against)

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH (10132) \$148,126

VOTING IN FAVOR: 18-0-2 (Steward –Gelinas, Goldstein abstained, Garvin unavailable)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERV (10133) \$26,000

MOTION PASSED: 20-0-1 (Steward-Gelinas abstained)

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (10102) \$78,204

PRESENTATION: Democratic Registrar of Voters Julie Watson Jones, Republican Registrar of Voters Patricia Waters.

MOTION PASSED: 20-0-1 (Larder abstained)

TAX COLLECTOR (10106) \$210,139

PRESENTATION: Tax Collector Alan Wilensky

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES BUREAU (10119) \$272,160

PRESENTATION: Director of Waterford Youth and Family Services Dani Gorman, Chair of the Youth and Family Advisory Bureau Mike Buscetto.

MOTION PASSED: 20-0-1 (Bracciale abstained)

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION (10137) \$1,452,431

PRESENTATION: Director of Recreation and Parks Brian Flaherty,

MOTION PASSED: 19-1-0 (Larder against, Steward-Gelinas was unavailable)

CONTINGENCY (10121) \$265,000

PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (10139) \$7,197,640

PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

INSURANCE (10112) \$4,728,672

PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

TOWN CLERK (10109) \$275,739

PRESENTATION: Town Clerk David L. Campo, CCTC

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING (10117) \$18,903

PRESENTATION: Town Clerk David L. Campo, CCTC

MOTION by Gauthier, seconded by Larder to reduce the Line Item #10117-52050 Dues, Conference, Educ line from \$12,852 to \$0.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Condon to move the question to reduce.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bono, Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Larder.

MOTION TO MOVE PASSED: 14-7-0

MOTION TO REDUCE FAILED: 1-20-0 (Gauthier in favor)

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Gauthier against)

Recess at 9:15 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 9, 2022, with the call to order by Moderator Goldstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Jennifer Bracciale, Mary Childs, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steve Garvin, Nick Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Richard Holmes, Jennifer Kohl, Cheryl Larder, Richard F. Muckle, Ted Olynciw, Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue, David Welch

ABSENT: Michael Bono, Tim Condon, Tim Fioravanti, Paul Konstantakis

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk, Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson

ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Robert Avena, Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Letter for public comment received from Waterford Resident Helen Kwasniewski.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter was received from the Economic Development Commission. A petition from concerned residents in regard to affordable housing. (Correspondence can be obtained from the Town Clerk)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (10115) \$4,310

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (10113) \$27,471

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall, EDC Chair Dan Radin

MOTION PASSED: 20-0-1 (Radin Abstained)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (10114) \$18,250

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall, Environmental Planner Maureen Fitzgerald

MOTION PASSED: 20-0-1 (Muckle Abstained)

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (10110) \$657,972

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Larder Against)

FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD (10141) \$2,138

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (10118) \$316,641

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (10111) \$842,389

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider

MOTION PASSED: 17-4-0. (Larder, Gauthier, Radin, Attanasio)

FIRE SERVICES (10123) \$3,408,420

PRESENTATION: Director of Fire Services Michael Howley

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Attanasio)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (10101) \$207,605

PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Larder)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (10130) \$4,709,563

PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (10105) \$1,620

PRESENTATION: Assessor Paige Walton

MOTION PASSED: 18-1-0 (Driscoll Against, Garvin & Welch were unavailable)

ASSESSOR (10104) \$259,344

PRESENTATION: Assessor Paige Walton

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Driscoll, to reduce Line Item #10105-51110 by \$8,295 for a new total of \$161,000.

Discussion ensued

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Childs, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Kohl, Larder, Olynciw

VOTING AGAINST: Bracciale, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Radin, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch

MOTION FAILED: 8-13-0

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Larder)

Recess at 10:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 7:12 P.M. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, with the call to order by Paul Goldstein.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, Mary Childs, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steve Garvin, Nick Gauthier, Kevin Girard, Paul S. Goldstein, Kristin Gonzalez, Ryan Healy, Richard Holmes, Jennifer Kohl, Cheryl Larder, Richard F. Muckle, Ted Olynciw, Dan Radin, Michael Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, David Sugrue, David Welch

ABSENT: Greg Attanasio, Tim Condon, Tim Fioravanti, Paul Konstantakis

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule, Board of Education Chair Pat Fedor, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk, Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Town Attorney Robert Avena, Town Clerk David L. Campo, and Director of Finance Kim Allen.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair of the Board of Finance, Glenn Patterson, spoke in regard to the need for a capital plan.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

RETIREMENT COMMISSION (10116) \$6,333,067

PRESENTATION: Chair of the Retirement Commission Susan Driscoll

MOTION PASSED: *Unanimous.*

WATERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (10136) \$999,475

PRESENTATION: Library Director Christine Johnson, President of The Waterford Public Library Board of Trustees Aaron Rosenberg

MOTION PASSED: *Unanimous*

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION (10135) \$494,493

PRESENTATION: Director of Human Services Dani Gorman, Chair of the Senior Citizens' Commission Carol Sanders, Senior Citizens' Commission Member Joyce Vlaun, Senior Services Assistant Donna Payne, Senior Services Technician Meaghan Lineburg, Human Service Coordinator Heidi McSwain.

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Driscoll, to reduce Line Item #10135-51110 by \$89,346 for a new total of \$70,428.

Discussion ensued

MOTION to amend the motion by Larder, seconded by Driscoll, to decrease the reduction to \$44,674 for a new total of \$115,100.

Discussion ensued

MOTION WITHDRAWN

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Garvin to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bono, Dembek, Garvin, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti.

VOTING AGAINST: Childs, Driscoll, Gauthier, Girard, Goldstein, Gonzalez, Kohl, Larder, Olynciw, Radin, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch

ABSTAINED: Bracciale

MOTION FAILED: 7-12-1

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED: 18-1-2. (Larder against, Gauthier & Bracciale abstained)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (10107) \$703,709

Director of Finance Kim Allen

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Larder)

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (10145) \$259,856

PRESENTATION: Director of Human Resources Christine Walters

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

BOARD OF FINANCE (10103) \$66,673

PRESENTATION: Chair of the Board of Finance Glenn Patterson

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT (10108) \$295,000

PRESENTATION: Town Attorney Robert Avena

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (10122) \$1,068,486

PRESENTATION: Director of Emergency Management Stephen Sinagra

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

POLICE COMMISSION (10129) \$6,488,214

PRESENTATION: Chief of Police Marc Balestracci

MOTION PASSED: 20-0-1 (Steward-Gelinas)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (10147) \$1,160,391

PRESENTATION: Information Technology Manager Jeff Robillard

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10138) \$2,946,130

PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Childs, to reduce Line Item #10138-57857 by \$79,329 for a new total of \$166,880.

Discussion ensued

MOTION WITHDRAWN by Larder and Childs.

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Radin, to reduce Line Item #10138 NEW UST Replacement (Library & Public Safety) by \$140,000 for a new total of \$280,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Childs, Driscoll, Gauthier, Gonzalez, Kohl, Larder, Olynciw, Radin

VOTING AGAINST: Bono, Bracciale, Dembek, Garvin, Girard, Goldstein, Healy, Holmes, Muckle, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Sugrue, Welch.

MOTION FAILED: 8-13-0

ORIGINAL MOTION PASSED: 19-2-0 (Childs and Larder Against)

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE (10140) \$1,238,824

MOTION by Larder, seconded by Radin, to Transfer \$300,000 from NEW Mago Point Improvements to NEW Gardiners Wood Rd.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION WITHDRAWN by Larder and Radin

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Larder)

FINAL ACTION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS \$35,889,505

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Sugrue, to approve the General Government Operations Budget in the amount of \$35,889,505.

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-1 (Larder Against)

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10138) \$2,946,130

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve the Current Year Capital Improvements Budget in the amount of \$2,946,130.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE (10140) \$1,238,824

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Rocchetti, to approve the Transfer to Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,238,824

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0. (Larder Against)

DEBT SERVICE (10139) \$7,197,640

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Braccialei, to approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$7,197,640

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: 10160 \$52,109,124

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$52,109,124

MOTION PASSED: 18-0-3 (Gonzalez, Bono & Childs Abstained)

TOTAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2023 \$99,381,223

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Bracciale, to approve a Total Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 in the amount of \$99,381,223

MOTION PASSED: 20-1-0 (Larder Against)

CALL ITEM 3 – Tax Payment Schedule. (See Attachment)

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Healy, to approve the tax payment schedule for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023, as recommended by the Tax Collector Alan Wilensky.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Sugrue, to adjourn at 10:01 P.M.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David L. Campo", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk

RTM Budget Meeting

May 9, 2022

Helen Kwasniewski

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David D. Cayer
TOWN CLERK

Being a resident of Quaker Hill all my life as well as family ties of approximately 231 years to Quaker Hill these are my concerns and/or issues.

When the moderator/chairperson announces that there is openings on "Committees" these are my concerns: people that sign-up for these "Committees" should be checked out to see if they are qualified.

I know of someone that is on the "Building Committee" and the "Fire Review Committee" just to mention a few which I believe it not qualified.

For example remodel home with no permit (where required) and burned illegal several time.

Salaries: Salaries are extremely high as well out of proportion which in due time is going to bankrupt the town.

As a senior citizen concerns: Taxes are high for us, we have to make the choice of 1. Paying rent/mortgage, 2. Paying for medication(s), 3. Paying for food, 4. Paying for heat, 5. Paying for utilities. I propose that ALL taxes for senior citizens should be frozen for our lifetime period. Frozen means that taxes don't go up, like other town(s) in Connecticut.

Quaker Hill: Quaker Hill IS part of the Town of Waterford. It has an awful lot of history. The Quaker Hill resident needs ASAP a "Kiosk" so that we know what is happening at the elite side of town. I propose that 2 "traffic counter" be place in Quaker Hill 1. On Bloomingdale Road near the Quaker Hill School, 2. On Old Norwich Road near the Quaker Hill Green. Whoever has the highest "traffic count" that is where the "Kiosk" be period. Also public works can and should be able to assist with this install to save the town money.

It is now the time to consolidate some departments as well as re-organize some departments. We do not need heavy personnel load in some departments.

Department Heads/Directors should NOT be in the union like in the private sector. The union is going to bankrupt the town along with the high salaries.

Since taxpayers of the town pay their salaries ALL town workers should live in the town. In essence they work for us and we should be able "fire" where we the taxpayers see fit.

BULLYING: In the last few years there has been too many town resident who are bully, especially senior citizens by town employees and BOARD MEMBER(S). This has fallen on DEAF EARS by department heads/directors period. I propose that ALL department heads/directors have "ANNUAL" meeting along with a sign in sheet with all of their people about BULLYING, which should be "ZERO TOLERANCE" or you will be "fire on the spot" period.

We have to get out of this mode that Waterford is rich and they can pay. News flash Waterford is NOT rich. We do not have Millstone and the Crystal Mall footed the bill.

Inclusion:

Waterford is extremely top heavy in salaries as well as personnel. Some of the departments have too many personnel that need to be assess. I have notice that jobs/positions have been created where some of these jobs/task can and should be added to current personnel in the departments.

Waterford has to take a stand to keep the taxes LOW. We have about 65% of the resident that are SENIOR CITIZENS.

If we don't start to take serious control of the Town Budget we WILL be bankrupt cause by greedy departments as well as the UNION period. I for one have a life style that is not making millionaires on my dime.

As John Sheenan (board member) has stated "keep in mind that we are spending the taxpayers money". Let this year be the year for the taxpayers.

Yes, I know "hope all I want"!

PLEASE PLEASE keep ALL of the residents and concerns in mind when reviewing these budgets.

Please do not vote unanimously. Please do not be afraid to send back department budget. Please vote individual NOT by party affiliate.

The goal is for a ZERO INCREASE!

FIRE SERVICE

WOW! Where to I begin!

Since March 1, 2015 has been poor to sub-standard to the Quaker Hill residents. We were told that if this change does not work out we will go back to what is was. We were lied to.

Never had concerns until last year.

For about 45 years always had a brush pile, which I got a "burn permit" then contacted the Quaker Hill Fire Department to burn my brush pile. This is the only way for me to get rid of it. I am a senior citizen who needs the assistance from the fire department. No problem until we got a new Fire Service Director as well as new Fire Inspector.

I was told by the Quaker Hill Fire Chief that they will get to it. I was lied to. Shame on you. Note that this chief has burn the brush pile in the past himself. Quaker Hill Fire house is definitely not community kind.

I was told by the new Fire Inspector that if the permit expires that he would renew it. I was lied to. Shame on you.

The new Fire Service Director stated to me "we didn't issue burn permits in Middletown. New bulletin this is Waterford and we do.

There are other resident(s) who burn without permits. I absolutely take "burning" VERY SERIOUS". Just because you own property does not mean you can do anything you want on your property.

Also was told that if the smoke from people who burn wood as well as smoke from barbequing that they can be shut down. I would like to see that happen.

Oswegatchie Fire House was deemed unsafe and still is. The town spent \$250,000 on a survey nothing has been done to this date. A pole in the ladies room is holding up the roof. WOW.

I propose that Jordan and Oswegatchie Fire Houses be combine and re-assign some of the fire personnel so that Quaker Hill and Goshen have better coverage.

The Fire Services budget should be decrease due to the fact the Quaker Hill and Goshen coverage is not what is equal to the other fire house in town.

The resident of Quaker Hill and Goshen should be getting a refund on their taxes NO DISCUSSION ABOUT IT PERIOD.

PUBLIC WORKS

This department needs to be "Pro Active" in Quaker Hill. Quaker Hill is part of the town located in the northern part of town.

They need to clean ALL culverts/drains. We had a new resident who moved to Quaker Hill that clear/clean a culvert/drain that is located in from of their house. Shame on Public Works.

I have contacted the director of Public Works about cutting down/trimming some trees, which is on the town side for about a 3+ years so that it doesn't obstruct my view of oncoming traffic (which is a speedway) when existing our driveways. I guess that I have to do their work and then charge them. If the trees land on wires that are across the street, oh well. Shame on Public Works.

I brought to the attention of the Public Works Director that some of these culverts as well as Hunts Brook need guard rails not guard post. I was told that is too expensive. I guess ALL LIVES does not matter to him. Shame on Public Works.

Several years ago there was an accident that left Public Works was notify about it and to this date debris is still has not been cleaned up. I was told this would be done. I was lied to. Shame on Public Works.

Public Works director was notify that one of his employees bully a senior citizen. Nothing was done about it. Shame on you.

In conclusion the director Public Works does not care about Quaker Hill, shame on you.

The employees as well as the director gets a very good salaries. When a resident brings concerns as well as issues should not have to wait 3 plus years. The budget should be decrease.

Thank you!

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To: Paul Goldstein, RTM Moderator
David Campo, Town Clerk

From: Alan Wilensky, CCMC
Tax Collector

Date: April 15, 2022

Subject: Tax Payment Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023
For the RTM meeting agenda of May 11, 2022

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David H. Campo
TOWN CLERK

I have the following recommendations for the schedule of tax payments for Fiscal Year 2022– 2023:

- Retain the two-payment system for Real Estate tax bills, providing for collections in July and January.
- Real Estate tax bills over \$100.00 would be collected in two equal installments, due July 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023.
- Real Estate tax bills of \$100.00 or less would be due in full July 1, 2022.
- Personal Property and Motor Vehicle tax bills would be due in full July 1, 2022.
- Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax bills would be due in full January 1, 2023. These bills are for vehicles registered after the assessment date of October 1, 2021, but before August 1, 2022.

This collection schedule is recommended in order to keep the Town in compliance with Connecticut General Statutes 12-142, 12-144, and 12-144a.

Sec. 12-142. Installments; due date. The legislative body of each municipality, upon approving any budget calling for the laying of a tax on property, shall determine whether such tax shall be due and payable in a single installment or in two semiannual installments or in four quarterly installments and shall, unless otherwise provided by law, designate the date or dates on which such installment or installments shall be due and payable, subject to the provisions of section 7-383, in any municipality in compliance with requirements concerning the uniform fiscal year under chapter 110; provided the last installment of any such tax shall be due and payable not later than forty-five days before the end of the fiscal year in which the first installment thereof is due and payable, and provided any special tax shall be due and payable in a single installment. In case of failure of the legislative body to determine when such tax shall be due and payable or whenever the date on which such tax shall be due and payable has been determined, however, (1) the preparation and mailing of rate bills for such tax is delayed until after the date such tax is due or (2) such tax is not applicable to certain property until after the date such tax is due, such tax shall be due and payable, with respect to all property or property which becomes subject to tax after the date such tax is due, whichever is applicable, not later than thirty days following the date on which rate bills for such tax are mailed or handed to persons liable therefor. Except as otherwise provided by law, the several installments of a tax due in two or four installments shall be equal, but any taxpayer may pay two or more of such installments when the first is due.

Sec. 12-144. Payment of taxes of not more than one hundred dollars. Any property tax due in any municipality of this state in an amount not in excess of one hundred dollars shall be due and payable in a single payment when so determined by the appropriating body of such municipality.

Sec. 12-144a. Payment of tax on motor vehicles. Irrespective of the provisions of sections 12-142 and 12-144, the appropriating body of each municipality, upon approving any budget calling for the laying of a tax on property, shall determine whether such tax as it applies to motor vehicles shall be due and payable in a single installment.



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