

Board of Finance
Budget Hearing

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Waterford Town Hall

Present: Chairman Glenn Patterson, Ronald R. Fedor, John Sheehan, Kevin Petchark, Robert Tuneski, Baird Welch-Collins, Joe Filippetti

Elected: Robert J. Brule, First Selectman; Jody Narzarchyk, Selectwoman; Paul Goldstien, RTM Moderator, Thomas Dembek, RTM.

Staff: Abby Piersall, Planning Director; Maureen Fitzgerald, Environmental Planner; Kimberly Allen, Finance Director; Maryellen McConnell, Secretary

1. Establishment of a quorum and call to order:
A quorum was established and a call to order was established at 7:00 pm, March 9, 2022.
2. Public comment: No public comment was made.
3. **Motion** by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Baird Welch-Collins to remove three budgets Ethics Commission, Conservation of Health and Public Health Nursing from the table and move to a new night if there is no one to answer questions.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

4. **Standing Motion:** was made by Ronald Fedor and seconded by John Sheehan to tentatively approve the budget requests for FY22/23 for the remainder of the budget meet.
5. **Ethics Commission Budget:**

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by Baird Welch-Collins to move to table the Ethics Commission budget since there was no one to answer questions.

Vote: 2-5-0

Motion: Failed

A request was made by the Board of Finance that the First Selectman call the Chair of the Ethics Commission and let him know that the Board of Finance was not happy that he did not attend the meeting.

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Ethics Commission budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$850.

Vote: 6-1-0

Against: Ronald Fedor

Motion: Passed

6. Conservation of Health Budget:

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Conservation of Health budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$148,126.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

7. Public Health & Nursing Budget:

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Public Health & Nursing budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$26,000.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

8. Economic Development Commission Budget:

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Joe Filippetti to reduce line item 10113-52050 Dues, Conference and Education by \$2,470.

Vote: 3-4-0

Motion: Failed

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Economic Development Commission budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$27,471.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

9. Conservation Commission Budget:

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Conservation Commission budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$18,250.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

10. Planning & Zoning Budget:

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Planning & Zoning budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$657,972.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

11. Zoning Board of Appeals Budget:

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$4,310.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

12. Building Department Budget:

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Building Department budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$316,641.

Vote: 6-0-1

Abstain: Ronald Fedor

Motion: Passed

13. Flood & Erosion Control Budget:

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by John Sheehan to approve the Flood & Erosion Control budget request for FY22/23 in the total amount of \$2,138.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

14. Review Projected Revenue:

There is a 15% reduction in State funds, however; the tiered pilot programs now are delivered in on lump sum. Last year we did not have any LoCIP, this year we do have \$115,890 coming in from the state. In Education Grants, we do have a decrease of \$10,000.

15. Adjournment:

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Baird Welch-Collins to adjourn the Budget Meeting of the Board of Finance at 9:33 p.m.

Vote: 7-0-0

Motion: Passed

Respectfully submitted,

John Sheehan, Clerk

Maryellen McConnell, Secretary