

Board of Finance
Public Hearing/Special Meeting Minutes
On FY20/21 Budgets

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Present: Chairman Ronald R. Fedor, Mark Geer, John Sheehan, Kevin Petchark, Glenn Patterson and Tali Maidelis

Absent: None.

Elected: Robert J. Brule, First Selectman

RTM: Thomas Dembek, Moderator

Staff: Kim Allen, Finance Director, Gary Schneider, Public Works Director, Dave Campo Town Clerk, Brian Flaherty, Director Public Works, Paige Walton, Assessor, Abby Piersall, Planning Director, Thomas Girard, Superintendent Board of Education, Craig Powers, Assistant Superintendent Board of Education, Roslyn Rubinstein, Library Director, Chief Brett Mahoney, Police Department, Alan Wilensky, Tax Collector, Joyce Sauchuk, Director of Human Resources, Ed Crane, IT Director, Bruce Miller, Director Fire Services, Steve Singara, Director Emergency Management, and Maryellen McConnell, Secretary.

1. Establishment of a quorum and call to order:
A quorum was established and a call to order was established at 3:01 pm, April 21, 2020.

2. **Public Hearing of all Town budgets for Fiscal Year 2020/2021**
Chairman Fedor requested comments from the public on the budget.

Public Comments: Please see the attached Public Comments from Helen Kwasniewski.

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Tali Maidelis to adjourn the public hearing at 3:09 pm.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

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3. **Motion** for John Sheehan and **seconded** by Mark Geer to hear the appeal of the Waterford East Lyme Shellfish Commission (WELSCO):

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

To accept the **Appeal** of WELSCO (Waterford East Lyme Shellfish Commission) from the Board of Selectmen to increase their request by **\$3,500** deleted from their budget.

Vote: 0-6

Motion: Failed

4. Statement read by First Selectman Robert Brule. Please see attached statement.

5. **Final Budgetary Action:**

Standing Motion: was made by Mark Geer and seconded by Glenn Patterson to approve the budgets as designated by the series sub-totals.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Board of Education (10160) in the amount of \$50,842,315

Vote: 5-1

Abstain: Mark Geer

Motion: Passed

- Board of Selectmen (10101) in the amount of \$201,320

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Registrars of Voters (10102) in the amount of \$74,279

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Board of Finance (10103) in the amount of \$66,000

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Assessor (10104) in the amount of \$283,613

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Board of Assessment Appeals (10105) in the amount of \$1,588

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Tax Collector (10106) in the amount of \$206,156

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Finance Department (10107) in the amount of \$701,270

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Legal Department (10108) in the amount of \$298,000

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Town Clerk (10109) in the amount of \$267,309

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Planning & Zoning Commission (10110) in the amount of \$629,267

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Building Maintenance (10111) in the amount of \$253,045

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Insurance (10112) in the amount of \$4,658,000

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Economic Development Commission (10113) in the amount of \$8,576

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Conservation Commission (10114) in the amount of \$18,250

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Zoning Board of Appeals (10115) in the amount of \$4,310

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Retirement Commission (10116) in the amount of \$6,282,978

Motion by Glenn Patterson for reducing line item #51949 OPEB Trust Fund Contribution from \$1,400,000 to \$1,100,000, seconded by Mark Geer.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by John Sheehan for a new department total of \$5,982,978, seconded by Mark Geer.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Representative Town Meeting (10117) in the amount of \$19,453

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Building Department (1018) in the amount of \$289,423

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Youth Services (10119) in the amount of \$244,743

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Social Service Grants/Misc. (10120) in the amount of \$81,780

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Contingency (10121) in the amount of \$265,000

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Emergency Management (10122) in the amount of \$1,087,258

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Fire Services (10123) in the amount of \$3,101,562

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Police Commission (10129) in the amount of \$6,450,741

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Public Works (10130) in the amount of \$4,689,207

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Conservation of Health (10132) in the amount of \$139,197

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Public Health Nursing Service (10133) in the amount of \$27,820

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Senior Citizens Commission (10135) in the amount of \$548,127

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Waterford Public Library (10136) in the amount of \$1,073,193

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Recreation & Parks Commission (10137) in the amount of \$1,519,608

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Current Year Capital Improvements (10138) in the amount of \$2,216,680

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Debt Service (10139) in the amount of \$7,628,790

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Transfers to Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund (10140) in the amount of \$1,401,280

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Flood & Erosion Control Board (10141) in the amount of \$2,138

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Ethics Commission (10143) in the amount of \$650.00

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Human Resources Department (10145) in the amount of \$266,233

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Community Use of Schools (10146) in the amount of \$86,126

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

- Information Technology (10147) in the amount of \$824,968

Vote: 5-1

Abstain: Mark Geer

Motion: Passed

Motion by Glenn Patterson and **seconded** by Tali Maidelis to approve the **General Fund Total Budget** in the amount of **\$34,371,188**

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Tali Maidelis to approve the **Capital and Debt Service** budgets in the amount of **\$11,246,650**.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Mark Geer to approve the total budget of \$96,460,253 to forward to the RTM.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

7. Chairman Fedor wanted to thank everyone for their patience in this process. Also, John Sheehan wanted everyone to know that even though there is an increase in the Grand List, and a 1.25% increase in the budget there is a 0% tax increase.

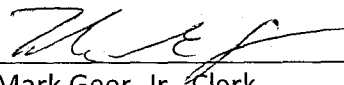
8. **Adjournment:**

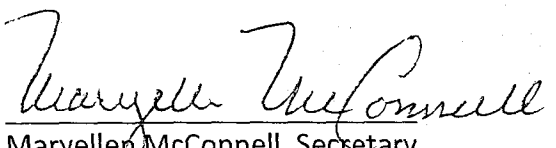
Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Mark Geer to adjourn the Budget Meeting of the Board of Finance at 4:10 p.m.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Geer, Jr., Clerk


Maryellen McConnell, Secretary