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REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING
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Special Annual Budget Meeting
May 11, 12, 13 and 14, 2020

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THOMAS J. DEMBEK

Moderator Thomas J. Dembek called the Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting to order on May 11, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, April Cairns, Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steve Elci, Tim Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gauthier, Paul S. Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Morgan, Richard F. Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Ted Olynciw, Sally Ritchie, Michael E. Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Robert Swansen (7:00 P.M.), Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT: None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule Jr, Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk, Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor, Board of Education Chair Craig Merriman.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Moderator Dembek acknowledged the receipt of four items for comment from the following: Helen Kwasniewski, Marcus Brucoli, Jason Kohl, Adam Blinderman. All comments are available for view at www.waterfordct.org or upon request of the Town Clerk.

AGENDA ITEM D – April 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve the April 20, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Annual Budget Meeting is, in fact, an open meeting called to order on May 11, 2020, to be recessed on May 11, and again on May 12, and May 13, and only to be adjourned after final action on May 14, 2020. Consideration of the budget by department/agency follows the posted schedule.

*MEETING ACCESS ADDED TO HEADING AND BOE FINAL ACTION VOTE CORRECTED

STANDING MOTION by Majority Leader Muckle, 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.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 1 – Board of Education and General Fund Budgets.

Consideration and action upon the General Fund Budget, which includes both Board of Education and General Government budgets for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Board of Finance, and as may be modified by the determination of the Representative Town Meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION (10160) \$50,842,315

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

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Driscoll, to reduce Line Item 10160-59901 Education by \$470,000, from \$50,842,315 to \$50,372,315.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Rocchetti, seconded by Steward Gelinas, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bracciale, Cairns, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Lersch, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Welch-Collins

Abstained: Bono, Metivier.

MOTION to move passed: 15-7-2

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Lersch, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Elci, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Welch-Collins.

Abstained: Bono, Cairns, Fioravanti, Metivier.

APPROVAL of 10160-59901 series new subtotal of \$50,372,315.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Lersch, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Elci, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Welch-Collins.

Abstained: Bono, Cairns, Fioravanti, Metivier.

AMENDED TOTAL: \$50,372,315

Recess at 8:31 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

*MEETING ACCESS ADDED TO HEADING AND BOE FINAL ACTION VOTE CORRECTED

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio (6:15 P.M.), Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale (6:15 P.M.), April Cairns (6:15 P.M.), Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steve Elci, Tim Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gauthier, Paul S. Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Morgan, Richard F. Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Ted Olynciw, Sally Ritchie, Michael E. Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Robert Swansen, Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT: None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule Jr, Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk, Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor, Board of Education Chair Craig Merriman.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

ETHICS COMMISSION (10143) \$650

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH (10132) \$139,197

PRESENTATION: Director of Ledge Light Health District Stephen Mansfield

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERV (10133) \$27,820

PRESENTATION: Director of the Visiting Nurses Association of Southeastern CT Mary Lenzini

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

SOCIAL SERVICES GRANTS/MISC (10120) \$81,780

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (10102) \$74,279

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

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

TAX COLLECTOR (10106) \$206,156

PRESENTATION: Tax Collector Alan Wilensky

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES BUREAU (10119) \$244,743

PRESENTATION: Director of Waterford Youth and Family Services Dani Gorman.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS (10105) \$1,588

PRESENTATION: Assessor Paige Walton

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VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

ASSESSOR (10104) \$283,613

PRESENTATION: Assessor Paige Walton

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CONTINGENCY (10121) \$265,000

PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (10139) \$7,628,790

PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous..

INSURANCE (10112) \$4,658,000

PRESENTATION: Director of Human Resources Joyce Sauchuk

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOWN CLERK (10109) \$267,309

PRESENTATION: Town Clerk David L. Campo

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETING (10117) \$19,453

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to reduce Line Item 10117-552010 Advertising by \$500, from \$6,500 to \$6,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member against. (Fioravanti)

AMENDED TOTAL: \$18,953

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member against. (Muckle)

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Clerk David Campo acknowledged receipt of two items for public comment and that they were forwarded to members and posted to the town's website from the following: Colleen Lineburgh, Maggie Sullivan. All comments are available for view at www.waterfordct.org or upon request of the Town Clerk.

Recess at 7:19 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

*MEETING ACCESS ADDED TO HEADING AND BOE FINAL ACTION VOTE CORRECTED

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jennifer Bracciale, April Cairns, Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steve Elci, Tim Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gathier, Paul S. Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Morgan, Richard F. Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Ted Olynciw, Sally Ritchie, Michael E. Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT: Robert Swansen

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule Jr, Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk, Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor, Board of Education Chair Craig Merriman.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

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

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (10113) \$8,576

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (10114) \$18,250

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with two members abstaining. (Lersch, Muckle)

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (10110) \$629,267

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

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

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (10118) \$289,423

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

BUILDING MAINTENANCE (10111) \$253,045

PRESENTATION: Director of Planning Abby Piersall

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION (10137) \$1,519,608

PRESENTATION: Director of Recreation and Parks Brian Flaherty, Assistant Director Ryan McNamara, Program Coordinator Kerry Sullivan

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Driscoll, to reduce **Line Item 10137-52420 Maintenance of Property** by \$5,050, from \$150,133 to \$145,083.

Discussion ensued.

RTM Member Mike Bono recommended to reduce the reduction by \$2,440, from \$5,050 to \$2,610.

*MEETING ACCESS ADDED TO HEADING AND BOE FINAL ACTION VOTE CORRECTED

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT by Welch-Collins, seconded by Driscoll, to amend the motion to reduce Line Item 10137-52420 Maintenance of Property by \$2,610, instead of \$5,050, from \$150,133 to \$147,523
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member against (Bracciale) and one member abstaining.
(Dembek)
MOTION PASSED: 22-1-1

MOTION by Furey-Wagner, seconded by Welch-Collins, to reduce Line Item **10137-51810 Overtime** by \$5,000, from \$25,478 to \$20,478.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Bono, Cairns, Condon, Driscoll, Furey-Wagner, Goldstein, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Welch-Collins.
VOTING AGAINST: Bracciale, Elci, Fioravanti, Gauthier, Kohl, Ritchie.
ABSTAINED: Dembek
MOTION PASSED: 16-6-1

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Steward-Gelinas to reduce Line Item **10137-51920 FICA** by \$383, from \$81,029 to \$80,646.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Dembek)

AMENDED TOTAL Recreation & Parks: \$1,511,615
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Dembek)

COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOLS (10146) \$86,126
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

FIRE SERVICES (10123) \$3,101,562
PRESENTATION: Director of Fire Services Bruce Miller
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (10101) \$201,320
PRESENTATION: First Selectman Robert Brule
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT (10130) \$4,689,207
PRESENTATION: Director of Public Works Gary Schneider
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Clerk David Campo acknowledged receipt of eight items for public comment and that they were forwarded to members and posted to the town's website from the following: Linda Brailey, Carol Batch, Erika Bassett, Laura McCue, E.J. McCue, Tammy Hullivan, Cheryl Morosky, Susan Podeswa. All comments are available for view at www.waterfordct.org or upon request of the Town Clerk.

Recess at 8:59 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Representative Town Meeting resumed at 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 14, 2019, with the call to order by Moderator Dembek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Greg Attanasio, Michael Bono, Jenifer Bracciale, April Cairns, Tim Condon, Thomas J. Dembek, Susan Driscoll, Steve Elci, Tim Fioravanti, Miriam Furey-Wagner, Nick Gauthier, Paul S. Goldstein, Kathleen Kohl, David Lersch, Valerie Metivier, Richard Morgan, Richard F. Muckle, Liam O'Leary, Ted Olynciw, Sally Ritchie, Michael E. Rocchetti, Danielle Steward-Gelinas, Robert Swansen, Baird Welch-Collins.

ABSENT: None

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Robert J. Brule Jr, Selectman Elizabeth Sabilia, Selectwoman Jody Nazarchyk, Chair of the Board of Finance Ronald R. Fedor, Board of Education Chair Craig Merriman.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Town Clerk David Campo acknowledged receipt of thirty-two items for public comment and that they were forwarded to members and posted to the town's website from the following: Craig Merriman, A Concerned Citizen, Marcia Benvenuti, Michael Perkins, Robin Shine, Bonnie Palmer, Jo Ann Dumin, Lisa Muti, Lindsey Grgurich, Joy Morin, Tim Burrows, Susan Podeswa, Brian Nichols, Jeffrey Hotsky, April Brown, Jose Gonzalez, Marissa Nakaoka, Kelly Hurrell, Ben Parent, Bigi Ebbin, Eric Page, Madeline Parent, Mary Moffett Childs, Stacy Blatnik, Brooke Stutzman, Sue Tonucci, Wayne Shaedler, Megan Nelson, Joshua Steele Kelly, Joyce Vlaun, Terry abate, Molly Quiles. All comments are available for view at www.waterfordct.org or upon request of the Town Clerk.

RETIREMENT COMMISSION (10116) \$5,982,978

PRESENTATION: Chairman of the Retirement Commission Susan Driscoll

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

WATERFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY (10136) \$1,073,193

PRESENTATION: Library Director Roslyn Rubinstein

Director Rubenstein recommended a reduction to Line Item **10136-52100 Electricity** in the amount of \$3,530

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Goldstein, to reduce Line Item **10136-52100 Electricity** by \$3,530, from \$37,530 to \$34,000.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Furey-Wagner)

AMENDED TOTAL: \$1,069,663

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Furey-Wagner)

SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION (10135) \$548,127

PRESENTATION: Director of Senior Services Lisa Cappuccio

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

*MEETING ACCESS ADDED TO HEADING AND BOE FINAL ACTION VOTE CORRECTED

FINANCE DEPARTMENT (10107) \$701,270

Director of Finance Kim Allen

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (10145) \$266,233

PRESENTATION: Director of Human Resources Joyce Sauchuk

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF FINANCE (10103) \$66,000

PRESENTATION: Director of Finance Kim Allen

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

LEGAL DEPARTMENT (10108) \$298,000

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (10122) \$1,087,258

PRESENTATION: Director of Emergency Management Stephen Sinagra, Chief of Police Brett Mahoney

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

POLICE COMMISSION (10129) \$6,450,741

PRESENTATION: Chief of Police Brett Mahoney

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with two members abstaining. (Muckle, Steward-Gelinas)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (10147) \$824,968

PRESENTATION: Chief of Police Brett Mahoney

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous with one member abstaining. (Attanasio)

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10138) \$2,216,680

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE (10140) \$1,401,280

MOTION by Attanasio, seconded by Driscoll, to reduce Line Item 10140-57857 Civic Triangle Upgrades by \$50,000, \$50,000 to \$0.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION Muckle, seconded by Welch-Collins, to move the question.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

MOTION to move passed

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio

VOTING AGAINST: Bono, Bracciale, Cairns, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Goldtein, Kohl, Lersch, Metivier, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Olynciw, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen, Welch-Collins.

MOTION FAILED 1-23

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FINAL ACTION

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (Amended Total) \$34,359,165

MOTION by Ritchie, seconded by Goldstein, to approve the General Government Operations Budget in the amount of \$34,359,165.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION: 10160 (Amended Total) \$50,372,315

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Swansen, to approve the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$50,372,315 .

MOTION by Olynciw, seconded by Attanasio, to reconsider.

Discussion ensued.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Attanasio, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Olynciw, Welch-Collins.

VOTING AGAINST: Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Lersch, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen.

ABSTAINED: Bono, Cairns, Metivier.

MOTION to reconsider failed: 8-13-3

VOTING IN FAVOR: Bracciale, Condon, Dembek, Driscoll, Goldstein, Lersch, Morgan, Muckle, O'Leary, Ritchie, Rocchetti, Steward-Gelinas, Swansen.

VOTING AGAINST: Attanasio, Elci, Fioravanti, Furey-Wagner, Gauthier, Kohl, Olynciw, Welch-Collins.

ABSTAINED: Bono, Cairns, Metivier.

MOTION PASSED: 13-8-3

CURRENT YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (10138) \$2,216,680

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Muckle, to approve the Current Year Capital Improvements Budget in the amount of \$2,216,680.

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TRANSFERS TO CAPITAL AND NON-RECURRING EXPENDITURE (10140) \$1,401,280

MOTION by Muckle, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve the Transfer to Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,401,280

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

DEBT SERVICE (10139) \$7,628,790

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to approve the Debt Service budget in the amount of \$7,628,790

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

TOTAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020 (Amended Total) \$95,978,230

MOTION by Steward-Gelinas, seconded by Muckle to approve a Total Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$95, 978,230

VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous.

CALL ITEM 4 – Tax Payment Schedule. (See Attachment)

MOTION by Driscoll, seconded by Welch-Collins, to approve the tax payment schedule for Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021, as recommended by the Tax Collector.

*MEETING ACCESS ADDED TO HEADING AND BOE FINAL ACTION VOTE CORRECTED

MOTION by Welch-Collins, seconded by Steward-Gelinas, to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.
VOTING IN FAVOR: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David L. Campo", written over the printed name.

David L. Campo, CCTC
Waterford Town Clerk