

Board of Finance Public Budget Hearing - Minutes

NOTICE

Public Budget Hearings were held by the Board of Finance beginning at 7:30 PM each night at Town Hall, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017 in the Auditorium, and THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 (Board of Education Budget) in the Auditorium at Town Hall, to review the 2017-18 Budget requests of the Town of Westport.

Attendees : March 15th - M.Rea, B. Stern, S.Gordon ,L.Caney, J.Tooker, J. Westphal, J. Hartwell

Attendees: March 16th - M. Rea, B. Stern, S. Gordon ,L. Caney ,J. Tooker, J. Westphal, J. Hartwell

The following is a summary of the Budget requests as presented to the Board of Finance.

(A complete copy of the Budget is on file in the Town Clerk's office)

TOWN OF WESTPORT REQUESTED BUDGET FOR THE 2017-18 FISCAL YEAR:

	2015-16	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18
GENERAL FUND:	Actual	Budget	Projected	Requested
Revenues				
Current Taxes	180,964,344	179,870,719	179,870,719	TBD
Prior Taxes	2,924,188	2,000,000	2,250,000	2,500,000
Education	2,729,638	2,423,133	939,942	438,350
Parks & Recreation	5,015,717	5,227,524	5,227,524	5,425,576
Other	11,084,306	9,642,637	9,886,650	9,720,042
Transfers	437,000	437,000	437,000	887,000
Total Revenues:	203,155,193	199,601,013	198,611,835	18,970,968

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 SELECTMAN'S BUDGET	PCT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
General Fund						
110 R T M	48,908.48	49,248.00	49,445.08	49,445.00	0.00%	(0)
120 Selectmen	360,171.68	364,608.00	369,500.00	366,475.00	-0.82%	(3,025)
Motion to cut Director of Operation made by J. Hartwell, second by M. Rea. Motion Fails- Five (5) Against (Rea, Stern, Tooker, Westphal and Gordon) Two (2) FOR (Hartwell & Caney)						
132 Probate Court	10,814.81	14,000.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00%	0
140 Registrars	107,385.63	114,792.00	114,792.00	121,740.00	6.05%	6,948
142 Elections	109,821.92	120,798.00	120,798.00	114,386.00	-5.31%	(6,412)
150 Board of Finance	2,032.26	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00%	0
151 Finance Department	731,845.58	772,793.00	779,710.00	784,630.00	0.63%	4,920
152 Audit	193,662.71	147,500.00	147,500.00	150,125.00	1.78%	2,625
153 Personnel	360,390.94	365,807.00	371,734.25	357,134.00	-3.93%	(14,600)
154 Assessor	512,604.77	519,045.00	531,637.00	492,404.00	-7.38%	(39,233)
156 Tax Collector	335,723.75	357,678.00	362,085.00	365,227.00	0.87%	3,142
157 Information Technology	814,137.09	871,650.00	878,041.50	879,680.00	0.19%	1,639
158 Board of Assessment Appeals	2,591.03	2,025.00	2,025.00	2,025.00	0.00%	0
170 Town Attorney	719,864.56	763,761.00	764,318.61	764,318.00	0.00%	(1)
180 Town Clerk	394,214.67	408,982.00	413,790.71	411,231.00	-0.62%	(2,560)
181 Historic District	70,206.16	71,078.00	82,661.00	72,061.00	-12.82%	(10,600)
182 Conservation	369,922.62	389,971.00	392,526.00	386,221.00	-1.61%	(6,305)
185 Planning & Zoning	628,120.32	658,795.00	663,419.88	570,047.00	-14.07%	(93,373)
187 Zoning Board of Appeals	27,137.28	27,748.00	27,748.00	27,748.00	0.00%	0
General Government	5,799,556.26	6,022,779.00	6,088,232.03	5,931,397.00	-2.58%	(156,835)
Motion to approve General Government made by M. Rea , second J. Westphal. Motion approved 7-0-0						

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 SELECTMAN'S BUDGET	PCT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
210 Police	8,065,898.49	8,126,108.00	8,186,118.00	8,091,397.00	-1.16%	(94,721)
214 Police Vehicle Maintenance	366,633.93	346,706.00	307,229.00	316,926.00	3.16%	9,697
216 Dog Warden	140,984.24	143,799.00	143,799.00	146,549.00	1.91%	2,750
218 Emergency Medical Services	1,221,498.47	1,218,804.00	1,245,067.00	1,257,437.00	0.99%	12,370
220 Fire Department	8,666,905.68	9,163,476.00	9,175,447.04	9,050,386.00	-1.36%	(125,061)
221 Water Service-Fire	1,066,396.17	1,106,796.00	1,106,796.00	1,190,897.00	7.60%	84,101
225 Building Inspection	347,772.93	380,106.00	381,601.00	456,285.00	19.57%	74,684
235 Public Site & Building	76,388.10	77,328.00	78,823.00	0.00	-100.00%	(78,823)
250 Emergency Management	72,939.69	79,650.00	80,120.20	75,382.00	-5.91%	(4,738)
Total Public safety	20,025,417.70	20,642,773.00	20,705,000.24	20,585,259.00	-0.58%	(119,741)
Motion to approve Public Safety made by M. Rea, second by L. Caney. Motion approved 7-0-0						
310 Engineering	857,913.26	891,182.00	900,533.00	875,693.00	-2.76%	(24,840)
320 Highway	1,790,398.42	1,752,375.00	1,827,926.00	1,799,357.00	-1.56%	(28,569)
321 Equipment Maintenance	408,195.04	381,635.00	394,177.00	394,247.00	0.02%	70
322 Road Maintenance	2,196,455.56	2,287,575.00	2,287,575.00	2,281,575.00	-0.26%	(6,000)
324 Street Lighting	240,000.00	245,000.00	245,000.00	240,000.00	-2.04%	(5,000)
332 Solid Waste Disposal	1,766,541.67	1,840,395.00	1,857,630.20	1,800,256.00	-3.09%	(57,374)
350 Building Maintenance	1,215,927.84	1,215,569.00	1,254,727.00	1,259,625.00	0.39%	4,898
352 Building Custodians	321,098.53	331,586.00	336,632.66	345,095.00	2.51%	8,462
360 Property Maintenance	20,492.14	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00%	0
361 P&R Property Maintenance	346,899.48	367,000.00	367,000.00	395,000.00	7.63%	28,000
370 Tree Maintenance	328,549.03	313,400.00	313,400.00	315,425.00	0.65%	2,025
Total DPW	9,492,470.97	9,650,717.00	9,809,600.86	9,731,273.00	-0.80%	(78,328)
Motion to approve DPW made by M. Rea, Second by J. Tooker. Motion approved 7-0-0						

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 SELECTMAN'S BUDGET	PCT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
410 Health District	538,702.00	544,089.00	544,089.00	544,089.00	0.00%	0
412 Health Services	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	3,700.00	0.00%	0
Total Health	542,402.00	547,789.00	547,789.00	547,789.00	0.00%	0
Motion to approve Health made by M. Rea, second by B. Stern. Motion was approved 7-0-0						
510 Youth Services	239,082.36	269,578.00	270,061.23	265,397.00	-1.73%	(4,664)
520 Social Services	409,458.68	446,097.00	448,784.29	417,794.00	-6.91%	(30,990)
530 Senior Services	456,344.95	413,730.00	419,662.60	432,136.00	2.97%	12,473
Total Human Services	1,104,885.99	1,129,405.00	1,138,508.12	1,115,327.00	-2.04%	(23,181)
Motion to approve Human Services made by J. Hartwell, second B. Stern. Motion approved 7-0-0						
650 Board of Education	110,607,882.02	112,765,765.00	112,765,765.00	115,489,738.00	2.42%	2,723,973
651 BOE Rentals/Reimbursements	147,950.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
652 Aid to Pvt & Parochial Schools	342,415.00	362,401.00	362,401.00	368,798.00	1.77%	6,397
Board of Finance Reduction				(1,700,000.00)	-100.00%	(1,700,000)
Motion to reduce BOE funding by 1.7 Million made by M. Rea, second by B. Stern. Motion to amend M. Rea's motion to further reduce the 1.7 M to 1.3 M made by J. Tooker, second by L. Caney. Motion to reduce cut to 1.3 M was defeated (4) Four (Rea, Stern, Westphal & Gordon) to (3) Three (Tooker, Caney & Hartwell). Motion to approve original motion for 1.7 M cut to BOE was approved (5) Five FOR (Rea, Stern, Westphal, Gordon & Hartwell) vs (2) Two AGAINST (Tooker & Caney)						
654 Debt Service-Long Term	11,848,992.26	11,404,804.00	11,404,804.00	10,961,996.50	-3.88%	(442,808)
656 BOE Transfers	513,957.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0
Total Education	123,461,197.24	124,532,970.00	124,532,970.00	125,120,532.50	0.47%	587,563
Motion to approve total Education made by M. Rea, second by B. Stern. Vote APPROVED Five (5) FOR (Rea, Stern, Westphal, Hartwell, Gordon) vs. Two (2) Against (Tooker, Caney)						
750 Library Board	4,556,339.98	4,617,851.00	4,617,851.00	4,542,851.00	-1.62%	(75,000)
751 Library Pension Fund	146,658.00	137,710.00	137,710.00	357,245.00	159.42%	219,535
Total Library	4,702,997.98	4,755,561.00	4,755,561.00	4,900,096.00	3.04%	144,535
Motion to approve Library made by M. Rea, second by L. Caney. Motion approved 7-0-0						

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	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 SELECTMAN'S BUDGET	PCT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
810 P&R Administration	509,722.09	581,776.00	588,823.50	580,356.00	-1.44%	(8,468)
812 Guest Services	256,746.70	262,947.00	262,947.00	281,588.00	7.09%	18,641
820 Maintenance Administration	575,104.15	570,495.00	588,790.00	1,118,272.00	89.93%	529,482
830 Boating	419,839.36	437,482.00	440,863.00	378,174.00	-14.22%	(62,689)
831 Parks Maintenance	445,590.38	563,869.00	579,529.00	323,000.00	-44.27%	(256,529)
832 Golf	827,050.65	929,166.00	929,166.00	1,170,000.00	25.92%	240,834
833 Athletic Fields Maintenance	302,949.16	339,869.00	355,245.00	134,394.00	-62.17%	(220,851)
834 Tennis	81,370.12	111,067.00	111,067.00	109,687.00	-1.24%	(1,380)
835 Skate Park	22,288.13	31,415.00	31,415.00	30,314.00	-3.50%	(1,101)
836 Beach & Pool	256,369.15	319,494.00	319,494.00	317,629.00	-0.58%	(1,865)
838 Recreation Programs	1,012,254.22	1,260,918.00	1,263,918.00	1,200,537.00	-5.01%	(63,381)
840 Memorial & Veterans Days	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,500.00	5.56%	500
Total P&R	4,718,284.11	5,417,498.00	5,480,257.50	5,653,451.00	3.16%	173,194

Motion to approve Parks & Rec J. Westphal, second by J. Hartwell. Motion approved 7-0-0

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 SELECTMAN'S BUDGET	PCT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
901 Pensions & OPEB	14,588,471.98	14,861,962.00	14,861,962.00	13,436,124.25	-9.59%	(1,425,838)
Motion to approve Pension & OPEB made by J. Tooker, second S. Gordon. Motion approve 7-0-0						
902 Insurance	9,241,192.55	10,368,622.00	10,372,131.98	10,116,658.00	-2.46%	(255,474)
Motion to approve Insurance made B. Stern, second by J. Tooker. Motion approved 7-0-0						
903 Social Security	1,127,083.80	1,160,000.00	1,171,975.68	1,172,072.75	0.01%	97
Motion to approve Social Security made by S. Gordon, second by L. Caney. Motion approved 7-0-0						
905 Unemployment Compensation	37,512.79	90,000.00	90,000.00	38,000.00	-57.78%	(52,000)
Motion to approve Unemployment Comp., made by S. Gordon, second by L. Caney. Motion approved 7-0-0						
907 Earthplace	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	95,000.00	0.00%	0
Motion to approve Earthplace made by J. Hartell, second by M. Rea. Motion approved 7-0-0						
911 Miscellaneous	57,625.78	88,750.00	88,750.00	83,009.00	-6.47%	(5,741)
Motion to approve Misc. made by M. Rea, second by B. Stern. Approved 7-0-0						
915 Transportation Services	294,580.96	292,645.00	380,145.00	371,100.00	-2.38%	(9,045)
Motion to approve door to door service \$159,500 made by L.Caney second by S. Gordon. Motion approved 7-0-0						
Motion to approve shuttle service made by M. Rea, second by L. Caney for \$211,000 . Motion approved 6-1-0 (Against- S. Gordon)						
917 Reserve: Salary Ad	(32.16)	160,000.00	4,555.59	170,625.00	3645.40%	166,069
Motion to approve Reserve made by M. Rea, second by B. Stern. Approved 7-0-0						
921 Employee Productivity	5,060.00	7,700.00	7,700.00	7,000.00	-9.09%	(700)
Total Pension, OPEB, Ins., Misc.	25,446,495.70	27,124,679.00	27,072,220.25	25,489,589.00	-5.85%	(1,582,631)
Motion to approve Total Pension, Ins., Misc made by B. Stern, second by S. Gordon, Approved 7-0-0						
941 Transfer to Sewer Fund	383,136.00	383,136.00	383,136.00	368,165.00	-3.91%	(14,971)
942 Transfer to Other Funds	1,216,709.29	1,525,000.00	1,525,000.00	1,500,000.00	-1.64%	(25,000)
Total Other Financing Uses	1,599,845.29	1,908,136.00	1,908,136.00	1,868,165.00	-2.09%	(39,971)
Motion to approve Total Other Fin. Uses made by J. Westphal , second by J. Hartwell. Approved 7-0-0						
951 Interest on Bonds	563,504.91	519,589.00	519,589.00	426,970.26	-17.83%	(92,619)
952 Bond Anticipation	64,957.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	
953 Bond Principal Payments	2,190,299.58	2,307,978.00	2,307,978.00	2,144,340.33	-7.09%	(163,638)
Total Debt Service	2,818,761.99	2,827,567.00	2,827,567.00	2,571,310.59	-9.06%	(256,256)
Motion to approve Total Debt Service made by M. Rea, second by J. Hartwell. Motion approved 7-0-0						
999 Special Appropriations	272,430.00	0.00	88,075.00	0.00	-100.00%	(88,075)

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 SELECTMAN'S BUDGET	PCT CHANGE	DOLLAR CHANGE
TOTAL (101) General Fund	199,984,745.23	204,559,874.00	204,953,917.00	203,514,189.09	-0.70%	(1,439,728)

Motion to approve Total General Fund made by M. Rea, second by S. Gordon. Motion approved 7-0-0

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 BOF Proposed	PCT CHANGE	Dollar Change
Railroad Parking Fund						
(02) Public Safety	1,559,630.29	1,502,186.00	1,505,723.00	1,616,598.00	7.4%	110,875.00
TOTAL	1,559,630.29	1,502,186.00	1,505,723.00	1,616,598.00	7.4%	110,875.00

Motion to approve RR Fund by M. Rea, second by J. Hartwell. Motion approved 7-0-0

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

	2016 ACTUAL	2017 ORIG BUD	2017 REVISED BUD	2018 BOF Proposed	PCT CHANGE	Dollar Change
Sewer Fund						
330 Sewage Treatment	1,039,392.75	1,234,400.00	1,255,301.00	1,247,284.00	-0.6%	(8,017.00)
331 Sewage Collection	582,701.10	524,039.00	525,423.00	541,630.00	3.1%	16,207.00
901 Pensions , OPEB	116,886.00	95,480.00	95,480.00	162,387.00	70.1%	66,907.00
902 Insurance	402,855.91	392,942.00	392,942.00	278,625.00	-29.1%	(114,317.00)
951 Interest on Bonds	589,450.72	597,575.10	597,575.10	504,745.70	-15.5%	(92,829.40)
953 Bond Principal Pay	1,819,046.50	1,935,192.59	1,935,192.59	1,917,020.98	-0.9%	(18,171.61)
TOTAL 220 Sewer Fund	4,550,332.98	4,779,628.69	4,801,913.69	4,651,692.68	-3.1%	(150,221.01)

Motion to approve Sewer Fund made by J. Tooker , second by S. Gordon. Motion approved 7-0-0

BUDGET SUMMARY - EXPENSE

		2016	2017	2017	2018	PCT	Dollar
		ACTUAL	ORIG BUD	REVISED BUD	BOF Proposed	CHANGE	Change
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Wakeman Farm Fund							
	850 Wakeman Farm	87,447.48	193,283.00	193,283.00	285,200.00	47.6%	91,917.00
TOTAL	215 Wakeman Farm Fund	87,447.48	193,283.00	193,283.00	285,200.00	47.6%	91,917.00

Motion to approve Wakeman Farm Fund by M. Rea second by L. Caney . Approved 7-0-0

Wednesday, March 15th at 10:12 P.M. motion to adjourn by B. Stern, second by L. Caney. Motion approved 7-0-0

Thursday, March 16th at 8:59 P.M. motion to adjourn by B. Stern, second by M. Rea. Motion approved 7-0-0

Respectfully submitted by Secretary & Vice Chair
 Michael Rea
 March 24, 2017