



**WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF FINANCE**

**MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012**

The Board of Finance held a Public Budget Hearing on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in the Town Hall Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. to review the 2012-13 Budget Requests for the Town of Westport.

Members Present: Collins, Garten, Kaner, Lasersohn, Pincavage, Rea, Stern

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

2012-13 BUDGET REVIEW

The Board of Finance took action on the 2012-2013 Selectman's Requested Budget as follows:

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for RTM, Selectman, Probate Court, Registrars, Elections, Board of Finance, Finance Department, Audit, Personnel, Assessor, Tax Collector, Information Technology, Board of Assessment Appeals, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, Historic District, Conservation, Planning and Zoning and Zoning Board of Appeals in the **General Government** budget.

Mr. Stern moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to reduce Account (156) Tax Collector, line (01) Salaries, by \$62,500.

Vote: 2-4-1. Motion **FAILED** (Mr. Kaner, Mr. Lasersohn, Mr. Pincavage and Mr. Rea voted no; Ms Collins abstained)

Mr. Stern moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to reduce Account (185) Planning & Zoning, line (01) Salaries, by \$62,500.

Vote: 1-6. Motion **FAILED** (Ms Collins, Ms Garten, Mr. Kaner, Mr. Lasersohn, Mr. Pincavage and Mr. Rea voted no)

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **General Government** in the amount of \$5,267,814.

Vote: 6-1. Motion **APPROVED** (Mr. Stern voted no).

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Police, Police Vehicle Maintenance, Dog Warden and Emergency Medical Services in the **Police** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Police** in the amount of \$9,280,882.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for **Railroad Parking**.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Railroad Parking** in the amount of \$1,829,361.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Fire, Water Service, Building Inspection, Public Site and Building and Emergency Management in the **Fire** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to reduce Account (220) Fire Department, line (25) Telephone, by \$5500.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

Mr. Rea moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to reduce Account (225) Building Inspection, line (CE) Vehicles, by \$16,356.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

Mr. Rea moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to reduce Account (250) Emergency Management, line (CJ) Equip-Fire, by \$44,000.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Fire** in the amount of \$9,704,908.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Engineering, Highway, Equipment Maintenance, Road Maintenance, Street Lighting, Solid Waste Disposal, Building Maintenance, Building Custodians, Property Maintenance P&R Property Maintenance and Tree Maintenance in the **Public Works** budget.

Ms Garten moved and Mr. Pincavage seconded a motion to reduce Account (320) Highway, line (63) Program Expense, by \$90,000.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

Ms. Garten moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to increase Account (322) Road Maintenance, line (49) Other Materials/Supplies, by \$90,000.

Vote: 3-4. Motion **FAILED** (Mr. Kaner, Mr. Lasersohn, Mr. Pincavage and Mr. Rea voted no)

Mr. Rea moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to reduce Account (322) Road Maintenance, line (49) Other Materials/Supplies, by \$40,000.

Vote: 4-3. Motion **APPROVED** (Ms Collins, Ms Garten and Mr. Stern voted no)

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Public Works** in the amount of \$8,940,447.

Vote: 4-3. Motion **APPROVED** (Ms Collins, Ms Garten and Mr. Stern voted no)

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Sewage Treatment, Sewage Collection, Pensions, Insurance, Interest on Bonds, Bond Anticipation Financing, Bond Principal Payments, and Transfer to Sewer Fund in the **Sewer Fund** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Sewer Fund** in the amount of \$5,250,261.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Health District and Health Services in the **Health** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Health** in the amount of \$476,222.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Youth Services, Social Services and Senior Services in the **Human Services** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Human Services** in the amount of \$988,064.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Library Board and Library Pension in the **Library** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to reduce Account (750) Library Board by \$150,000.

Motion **WITHDRAWN**

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Library** in the amount of \$4,310,415.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the accounts for Administration, Guest Services, Maintenance & Development, Boating, Parks Maintenance, Golf, Athletic Fields Maintenance, Tennis, Skating, Beach & Pool, Miscellaneous Programs and Memorial & Veterans Days in the **Parks and Recreation** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Mr. Rea seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Parks and Recreation** in the amount of \$4,400,493.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the account for Transportation Service in the **Miscellaneous** budget.

Mr. Kaner moved and Ms Garten seconded a motion to reduce Account (915) Transportation Service, line (60) Payments to Agency, by \$113,753.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance reviewed the account for Earthplace in the **Miscellaneous** budget.

Mr. Rea moved and Mr. Lasersohn seconded a motion to approve the budget for **Earthplace** in the amount of \$85,000.

Vote: 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

The Board of Finance agreed to resume consideration of the Selectman's Proposed Budget on Wednesday, March 28, 2012, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Pincavage moved and Ms Collins seconded a motion to adjourn at 11:57 p.m.

Vote 7-0. Motion **APPROVED**

Approved by BoF 4/11/12