

**Special Town Council Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 30, 2015**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Town Manager's Conference Room**  
**Wethersfield Town Hall**

Attending: Mayor Paul Montinieri, Council Members Gerri Roberts, Jeff Kotkin, Stathis Manousos, Michael Rell, Donna Hemmann, Mike Hurley, Tony Martino. Deputy Mayor Steven Barry arrived at 6:20 pm.

Town Staff Attending: Finance Director Michael O'Neil, Jeff Bridges, Town Manager.

The first item on the agenda was reviewing the Wethersfield Board of Education requested budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. Representing the Board of Education was Michael Emmett Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Emmett and his staff had prepared a supplemental document based upon several questions he had received since he presented the BOE requested budget to the Town Council. (That ancillary information is included as an attachment to these minutes).

Based upon the changes in circumstances that have occurred since the budget was developed, Mr. Emmett stated that are \$213,429.88 in various spending reductions available to the Town Council in the BOE budget. There continued to be some additional discussion including Council Member Hurley stating that he felt a lot of line items were increased without substantiation. He felt there were other areas that could be reduced.

Council Members Manousos and Hurley left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

The next item on the agenda was Town Clerk Dolores Sassano presenting her requested budget for the upcoming fiscal year. There were discussions regarding election impacts to the Town Clerk's office, revenue to the office, and various other duties and staffing.

The Council then reviewed the proposed budget of the Physical Services Department. Sally Katz, Director of Physical Services appeared for the Department. This Department, due to a new trash collection contract and a lower price for the service as well as lower fuel prices will have an overall reduction in their total budget for next year. A new Maintainer 1 (half year) position and a couple of additional seasonal employees have been included in the budget.

There was discussion on building maintenance and the use of the Facility Dude software. Ms. Katz discussed the need for a new salt shed and how that will be impacted by certain environmental concerns and design issues since it is in Old Wethersfield.

Deputy Mayor Barry asked about the fields. There was general discussion regarding maintenance and need for additional improvements.

Finance Director Michael O'Neil went over the impact of the changes on the BOE budget on the total budget which reduced the overall budget to an increase of 3.85%

Council Member Kotkin asked about the use of the bond premium from the sale of the \$22 million bonds for the High School Renovation project in the debt service budget. Mr. O'Neil went over that with the Council. Some additional areas for further consideration are the delinquency rate and various other revenues.

On a motion by Jeff Kotkin, seconded by Tony Martino, and with all present voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:  
Jeff Bridges.



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