

**COMBINED BOARD OF SELECTMAN AND BOARD OF FINANCE
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES OF MEETING
MARCH 10, 2010**

Pursuant to the call and written notice, the Public Budget Hearing of the Board of Selectman and the Board of Finance was held on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Board of Education Administrative Offices, Seminar Room 300, 501 Kings Highway East, Fairfield, Connecticut.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairman Thomas Flynn, Robert Bellitto Jr., Ken Brachfeld, James Brown, Kevin Kiley, Mary LeClerc, Robert Stone, Michael Tetreau

MEMBERS ABSENT

Christopher DeWitt

ALSO PRESENT

Kenneth Flatto, Sherri Steeneck, Board of Selectmen, Town of Fairfield
Paul Hiller, Chief Fiscal Officer and Clerk of the Board of Finance
Linda Gardiner, Budget Director, Town of Fairfield
Richard White, Director of the Department of Public Works, Town of Fairfield
Scott Bartlett, Superintendent - Department of Public Works, Town of Fairfield

Chairman Flynn called the meeting to order at 9:58 p.m.

The budgets were reviewed as follows:

- 5050 Building** James Gilleran presented this item to the Board.
Mr. Gilleran reported that the largest items are contractual (step increases only)
Mr. Gilleran distributed and reviewed a handout with the Board.
Public Comment
None
- 5070 Engineering** Richard White presented this item to the Board.
Mr. White reported that this budget has increased by 0.23%.
Public Comment
None
- 5011 Public Works Administration** Richard White presented this item to the Board.
Mr. White reported that this budget has gone down by 3.2%.
Public Comment
None

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5030 Public Works Operations Richard White presented this item to the Board.

Mr. White reported that this budget is up about 5% due mainly to the paving item. Mr. White reported that the costs for gas and oil have gone down resulting in the savings reported. Mr. White noted that line 54370 is for road salt and the maintenance of all playing fields.

Chairman Flynn asked Mr. Hiller to ask the BOE for an explanation of their electricity, heating oil, and gas budgets.

Public Comment

None

Capital Budget Requests

Public comment

Krista McCarthy Vahey – RTM District 6

Does the Town pay for repairs to sidewalks in front of private homes? Mr. Bartlett stated that if the sidewalk is within the Town easement area next to the road then the Town makes the repairs.

4070 Street Lighting Richard White presented this item to the Board.

Mr. White reported that the increase in this budget is due to an approved rate increase from the UI.

Public Comment

None

5040 Flood and Erosion Control Richard White presented this item to the Board.

Public Comment

None

13013010 WPCA Richard White presented this item to the Board.

Mr. White explained that this item does not affect the tax rate. Mr. White explained that for line 54120 the WPCA generates a portion of their own electricity using gas turbines thereby causing the reduction reflected in this line item.

Mr. White also mentioned that his department has eliminated 2 management positions and he is very proud of this accomplishment and his staff for making it a success.

Public comment

None

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 p.m.