

BOARD OF SELECTMEN FINAL MINUTES
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING #1
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
10:00 am

The Board of Selectmen held a Public Budget Hearing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 via Webex in Fairfield, CT.

A recording of this meeting can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cEQCNAd8Bg>

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brenda L. Kupchick, First Selectwoman, Thomas M. Flynn, Selectman Nancy E. Lefkowitz, Selectwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Betsy Browne, Town Clerk, Robert Kalamaras, Chief of Police, Denis McCarthy, Fire Chief, Kyran Dunn, Deputy Fire Chief, Ross Murray, Tax Assessor, James Haselkamp, HR Director, John Marsilio, Interim DPW Director, John Cottell, Assistant DPW Director, Bill Hurley, Engineering Manager, Anthony Calabrese, Parks & Recreation Director, Dave Kluczowski, Tax Collector, Plan and Zoning Director Jim Wendt, Shawn Reed, Chief Building Official, Tim Bishop, Conservation Director, Frank Magneri, Budget Director, Jared Schmitt, CFO

- 1) Call to Order-First Selectwoman Kupchick called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance-First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1) First Selectwoman - Summary Budget Presentation
First Selectwoman Kupchick presented her budget to the Board of Selectmen. She provided a presentation which she shared on a screen. First Selectwoman Kupchick said she will be sending the presentation out in a newsletter. Following her presentation, department heads were available to the Board of Selectmen to address any questions or concerns regarding their department budgets.
- 2) Budget Hearings – Town-Side
The following Department Heads discussed their budgets:
 - Betsy Browne – Town Clerk- Dept. 1030 - \$602,510 - Page 39
 - Robert Kalamaras- Police Chief- Dept. 4030 - \$15,742,765 - Page 145
 - Denis McCarthy- Fire Chief – Dept. 4010 - \$14,664,462 - Page 140
 - Ross Murray- Tax Assessor-Dept. 3050 - \$5,795,451 - Page 6
 - Julie DeMarco-Human & Social Services Director-Dept. 6050 - \$734,552 - Page 185
 - James Haselkamp-Human Resources Director-Dept. 1030 - \$5,795,451 - Page 70
 - John Marsilio-Interim DPW Director, John Cottell-Assistant DPW Director Dept. 5011 - \$378,925 - Page 173
 - Bill Hurley-Engineering Manager- Dept. 5070 - \$838,584. Page 176
 - Anthony Calabrese – Parks & Recreation Director Dept. 7030 - Penfield Pavilion - \$39,930 - Page 199

- Dept. 7050 - Parks & Recreation - \$2,663,635 - Page 203
- Dept. 7070 - Waterfront - \$542,249 - Page 206
- Dept. 7080 - Parks - \$1,867,317 - Page 208
- Dept. 7090 - Marina - \$316,122 - Page 212
- Dept. 7111 - Carl Dickman/Par 3 - \$311,938 - Page 216
- Dept. 7113 - H. Smith Richardson - \$1,611,565 - Page 219
- Dave Kluczowski, Tax Collector-Dept. 3090 - \$615,016 - Page 127
- Jim Wendt-Planning & Zoning Director-Dept. 1110 - \$693,132 - Page 43
- Shawn Reed- Building Director-Dept. 5050 - \$728,379 - Page 173
- Tim Bishop-Conservation Director- Dept. 1239 - \$828,048 - Page 56

There were discussions following each Department Head's presentation of the budgets. All discussions are in the recording.

Selectwoman Lefkowitz said there were items she wanted to discuss further at tomorrow's budget meeting regarding the First Selectwoman's budget, the "off budget" funds and clarification regarding Board of Assessment appeals.

Selectman Flynn said he would like to discuss Debt Service at tomorrow's meeting.

3) Public Comment
There was no public comment.

4) Adjourn
The meeting adjourned at 3:41 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary