

**TOWN OF EASTON**  
**BOARD OF FINANCE - MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING and Budget Hearings**  
**April 1, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chris Griffin-Chair, Matt Gachi, C. Lee Hanson, Andy Kachele, Art Laske arrived at 7:04 p.m., Paul Lindoerfer, Elise Nappi arrived at 7:10 p.m. Gabriel Rossi.

Absent: Fred Knopf-Clerk.

Also present: Adam Dunsby-First Selectman, Robert Lessler-Board of Selectmen, Scott Centrella – Board of Selectmen, Wendy Bowditch-Treasurer, Grace Stanczyk-Comptroller.

Chris Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Paul Lindoerfer moved and Andy Kachele seconded a motion to have Gabriel Rossi fill in for Art Laske in his absence. Motion carried unanimously. Art arrived late at 7:04 p.m.

Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to have Matt Gachi fill in for Fred Knopf in his absence. Motion carried unanimously.

Val Buckley, Senior Center Director reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 budget. The transportation line based on gallons used and the rate per gallon needs, at least, \$890 additional over the 2013-2014 budget.

A packet containing grant information was distributed to the Board regarding the Demand Transportation Grant (747) \$19,995 and the Freedom Grant that originally total \$55,000 and has \$30,000 of remaining funds. These are both considered matching grants. At the end of year, an entry for June will need to be accounts receivable.

03138070-Transportation reduced by \$610 for a total budget of \$13,390.

03138080-Maintainence and repair reduced by \$1,000 for a total budget of \$3,500.

A check in the amount of \$1,000 was received from "Taste of Easton" for a Senior Center generator fund that is not established. Adam will speak with Robin Panteleno regarding the check. Suggestion from the Board was to have the Senior Center Incorporated accept the check and hold it for that purpose.

Revenue from tag sales and donations from corporations and some corporation grants are deposited to the Incorporated and the senior programs are paid thru the 501C. The Senior Center Activity account is used for trips only.

Matt Gachi moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to accept the March 4, 2014 regular meeting and Budget Hearings minutes as amended with the following changes: Carole Brooke correct spelling to "Caroll" and in the last paragraph change "education guest" to "educated guess". Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 5, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 6, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Gachi moved and Andy Kachele seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 11, 2014 as presented.. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Lindoerfer moved and Matt Gachi seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 12, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Gachi moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to accept the meeting minutes of March 13, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to accept the Public Hearing Minutes of March 24, 2014 as amended. Removing Elise Broach as member as she resigned, change the First Selectman from Thomas Herrmann to "Adam Dunsby."

Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Lindoerfer moved and Andy Kachele seconded a motion to accept the minutes of March 25, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Lindoerfer moved and Andy Kachele seconded a motion to accept the minutes of March 26, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to transfer the amount of \$30,336.10 from Contingency to Fire Regular Wages account.

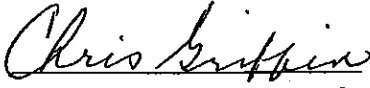
The Board reviewed the Fringe Benefit account and Adam Dunsby, First Selectman stated that the town went out to bid this year as Anthem increase in premium of 5.5% was not acceptable. The Town is switching to Connecticare with a negative increase. The budget line 05501000- Health Insurance reduced by \$115,000.

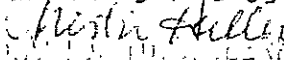
After this cut total spending is \$42,250,882 a 2.43% increased and the tax impact is 3.21%. At this point the total cuts are \$263,752.

Paul and Chris will compose a letter showing the budget drivers to be presented to the Town.

Matt Gachi moved with both Gabriel Rossi and Andy Kachele seconding a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted by

  
Chris Griffin-Chair *sg*

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