

Town of Easton
Board of Finance - Minutes

Location: Easton Senior Center **Meeting Type:** Special **Date/Time:** March 29, 2016 – 7:00PM
Budget Hearings
Attendees: Matt Gachi-Chair, Paul Lindoerfer-Clerk, Richard Cremin, Michael Kot, Gabriel Rossi
Absentee(s): Andy Kachele, Art Laske
Guest(s): Adam Dunsby-First Selectman, Wendy Bowditch-Treasurer, Grace Stanczyk-Comptroller,
Meeting called to order at: 7:03 p.m. by: Matt Gachi

Appointment of Alternates

Action/Motions:	Prior to the meeting Andy Kachele designated Michael Kot to fill in in his absence.	
Motion (Second):	No motion required.	Result:

Appointment of Alternates

Action/Motions:	Appoint Gabriel Rossi to fill in for Art Laske in his absence.		
Motion (Second):	Paul Lindoerfer (Michael Kot)	Result:	All in favor

Agenda Item 1a *Review 2016-2017 budget for Emergency Medical Service (EMS)*
Presented by Chief Carolyn Kearney, Assistant Chief Jonathan Arnold

Notes:	The Board discussed with the EMS staff their request for a new ambulance to replace the older of the town's two ambulances which is a 2001 model with 51,000 miles on it.		
Action/Motions:	Recommend a 16/17 EMS budget as presented in the amount of \$629,164 that includes benefit allocation and a capital budget allocation of \$220,068 for the purchase of a new ambulance.		
Motion (Second):	Rich Cremin (Gabriel Rossi)	Result:	All in favor

Agenda Item 1b *Review 2016-2017 budget for final recommendations.*

Notes:	Christine Calvert reviewed the status of tax collections, tax sales and foreclosures with the Board. The Board discussed the present status of the Unassigned Fund Balance and its anticipated balance at the end of the physical year. It was the sense of the Board that this fund balance should be kept at about 10% of annual expenses to maintain the town's very favorable financial rating. It was noted that the use of \$500,000 of the Unassigned Fund Balance to support the 2016/17 budget would be expected to result in a fund balance equal to 10.8% of anticipated expenses.	
Action/Motions:	Recommend the use of \$500,000 of unassigned fund balance for the 2016-2017 budget.	
Motion (Second):	Michael Kot (Paul Lindoerfer)	Result: All in favor
Action/Motions:	Recommend to a town meeting a 2016-2017 budget in the amount of \$43,731,261 consisting of the Town Departments in the amount of \$16,026,904 plus Capital Outlay of \$968,896, the Easton Board of Education budget in the amount of \$15,746,880 and the Region 9 Board of Education budget in the amount of \$10,988,581.	
Motion (Second):	Paul Lindoerfer (Rich Cremin)	Result: All in favor

Adjournment

Time: 8:30 PM

Action/Motions:	Motion to Adjourn		
Motion (Second):	Michael Kot (Gabriel Rossi)	Result:	All in favor

Submitted by,

Paul Lindoerfer- Clerk



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