

**Town of Easton, Connecticut
Board of Finance - Minutes**

Location: Easton Senior Center **Meeting Type:** Special **Date/Time:** March 31, 2015 – 7:00PM
Meeting Budget Revision
Attendees: Chris Griffin-Chair, Matt Gachi-Clerk, Andy Kachele, Art Laske arrived 78 p.m., , Eric Lawton, Paul Lindoerfer, Gabriel Rossi.
Absentee(s): C. Lee Hanson
Guest(s): Adam Dunsby-First Selectman, Wendy Bowditch-Treasurer, Grace Stanczyk-Comptroller, Scott Centrella, Bob Lessler
Meeting Called to order (time) 7:02 p.m. **By:** Chris Griffin

1. Appointment of Alternates:

Action/Motions: Eric Lawton fill in for Lee Hanson.
Motion by (Seconded by) Andy Kachele(Paul Lindoerfer) **Result:** Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Past Minutes:

Notes & Corrections: None
Action/Motions:
Motion by (Seconded by) **Result:**

3. Technology

Presenter(s): Adam Dunsby- First Selectman

Notes: This year (14/15) the balance of computers needed to be upgraded from Windows XP as it is no longer supported. The town hall needs a server replacement. The server for firewalls and security. The current server needing replacement is over 7 years old. The goal is to have all town offices with an eastonct.gov email address.

Action/Motions:
Motion by (Seconded by): **Result:**
Follow Up: \$23,070 is in material & supplies. Move \$20,070 to capital outlay and retain \$3,000 in material and supplies.

4. Park & Recreation

Presenter(s): Gary Simone-P&R Director, Kathy Smith-Chair of P&R Commission, John Boardbin

Notes: A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the amount of dollars to keep in the activity fund for operational purposes and whether to retain the amount encumbered for a Morehouse Road bathroom project. .

Action/Motions: Rescind the authority to expense the remaining balance of \$24,705 encumbered for the Morehouse Road Bathroom Pavilion and sweep this balance back to the Park & Recreation Activity account making funds available for other purposes.
Motion by (Seconded by): Andy Kachele (Art Laske) **Result:** Motion carried unanimously
Follow Up: Going forward Comptroller to reconcile Activity Account, at least, every other month with P&R. Also, new "Draft Activity Fund" to be reviewed and discussed at a later meeting.

Notes: Two capital items were presented as a request for purchase from the activity account. The Board requested that a firm bid be obtained for the F250 truck and come back for authority to purchase. At this time the board approved the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 7200 mower

Action/Motions: To approve the purchase of a Toro Groundsmaster 7200 72" mower in the amount of \$18,177.11 from the P&R Activity Account funds.

Motion by (Seconded by): Andy Kachele (Art Laske) **Result:** Motion carried unanimously

Follow Up: P&R to get firm bid for truck and return to board

5. **Police**

Presenter(s):

Notes:

Action/Motions:

Motion by (Seconded by):

Result:

Follow Up: Board requested Grace redo police budgets with no new personnel and one (1) car and also do new personnel for 6 months.

6. **Adjournment**

Time:

9:25 PM

Action/Motions: Motion to Adjourn

Motion by (Seconded by): Art Laske (Eric Lawton)

Result: Motion carried unanimously

Respectively submitted by,



Matt Gachi- Clerk

RECEIPTS AND ESTIMATED TAX CALCULATION

	Adopted Budget <u>FY2014/2015</u>	Requested Budget <u>FY2015-2016</u>	% Change <u>Prior Year</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
PROPERTY TAXES			
CURRENT YEAR	\$ 39,172,034	\$ 39,926,027	1.92%
PRIOR YEAR	150,000	175,000	16.67%
INTEREST AND FEES	110,000	120,000	9.09%
MOTOR VEHICLES	150,000	150,000	0.00%
TELEPHONE ACCESS	18,296	18,296	0.00%
ELDERLY TAX RELIEF	(345,000)	(350,000)	1.45%
STATE CIRCUIT BREAKER	(37,211)	(34,670)	-6.83%
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 39,218,119</u>	<u>\$ 40,004,653</u>	<u>2.01%</u>
TOWN RECEIPTS	\$ 1,250,338	\$ 1,329,984	6.37%
TREASURER INTEREST	125,000	125,000	0.00%
STATE GRANTS	1,220,421	983,368	-19.42%
SURPLUS APPROPRIATED TO FINANCE BUDGET	180,000	500,000	177.78%
SUB-TOTAL	<u>\$ 2,775,759</u>	<u>\$ 2,938,352</u>	<u>5.86%</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 41,993,878	\$ 42,943,005	2.26%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 41,993,878	\$ 42,943,005	2.26%
Tax Revenue Required	\$ 39,172,034	\$ 39,926,027	1.92%
Collection Rate	98.785%	98.785%	0.00%
Gross Revenue Required	39,653,828	40,417,095	1.92%
Grand List	1,326,365,165	1,330,424,935	0.31%
Tax Rate	29.90	30.38	1.61%
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