

**TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF FINANCE - MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET HEARING MEETING
March 6, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chris Griffin-Chair, C. Lee Hanson, Andy Kachele, Paul Lindoerfer, Gabriel Rossi.

Absent: Matt Gachi, Fred Knopf-Clerk, Art Laske, Elise Nappi

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

Chris Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to have Gabriel fill in for Art Laske in his absence. Motion carried unanimously.

Adam Dunsby-First Selectman reviewed the Town Attorney budget indicating that this budget is typically reactive. The Debt Service and Pension have their own legal budget within their department. The "policy and procedure" currently in place will be provided to the Board. Adam suggested a possible change in procedure for "Land Use" that needs to be addressed as it possible can reduce legal cost. The breakout of the "Town Attorney" budget assists in the visibility of this budget.

Adam Dunsby reviewed the Professional Service stating that the Public Works Director utilities this budget for the water monitoring and this was also used for legal consultant services for land use.

Assessment Board of Appeals - Terri Raineri reviewed this budget and stated there was a slight increase.

Assessor – Terri Raineri presented a budget with an increase of 5 hours for assistant and \$67,000 in CPF for Revaluation that is half of the anticipated cost.

Tax Collector – Christine Calvert presented the budget. Christine stated that the collections for "prior year" was approximately \$466,000.

Conservation – Roy Gosse, Chair of the Commission presented a budget reflecting a significant percentage increase as the employee elected to take health benefits.

Registrar of Voters – Krista Kot and Ron Kowalski - The increase in maintenance and repair is due to the fact that the State no longer funds the maintenance on the voting machines. A reduction in the salary due to H.R. recommendation. There may be a shortfall in the 2013-2014 due to additional funds need for the recount.

Zoning Board of Appeals. – John Harris presented this budget.

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Gabriel Rossi moved and Andy Kachele seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted by

Chris Griffin

-Chris Griffin - Chair *g*

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