

Town of Easton CT
Board of Finance – Special Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday March 8, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Location: Easton Senior Center, 650 Morehouse Road; also on Zoom

Recording: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/easton-board-of-finance>

Attendees: Members in person: Ira Kaplan, Art Laske, Michael Kot, Andy Kachele, Paul Skrtich, Jackie Kaufman
Alternates in person: Michael Gutowski, Gregg Saunders
Alternates on Zoom: Maureen Williams

Absentees: none

Guests: Christine Calvert, Treasurer and Finance Director
Dave Bindelglass, First Selectman
Bob Lessler and Kristi Sogofsky, Board of Selectmen
Val Buckley, Senior Center Director
Althea Falco, Senior Center Advisory Board Chair
Gerard O'Brien, Insurance Commission Chair
Lynn Zaffino and Mary Beth Rassulo, Library Director and Assistant Director
Veronica Roza, Library Board Chair
Justin Giorlando, Land Use Consultant
Raymond Martin, Planning and Zoning Commission Chair

Call to Order: By Chair Art Laske at 7:03 pm

1. (Agenda item #1) Review Budgets for the Following:

- a. Senior Center (7:03)
- b. Insurance (7:42)
- c. Library (7:54)
- d. Planning & Zoning (8:34)

Val Buckley presented Senior Center budget. We discussed external grants and Easton Senior Center Inc. 501(c)3 funding, transportation needs, custodial needs.

Gerry presented Insurance budget. We discussed move from CIRMA to Travelers, and rate changes.

Lynn presented Library budget. Andy raised question of user fees for activities. We discussed request for increased staffing, some reductions in acquisitions, change in policy on late fines. We asked for information on how many library card holders are current Easton residents.

Justin presented P&Z budget. We discussed increase in Justin's hours and consulting budget, and raised the question of whether Justin should be a Consultant or Employee. Dave is not confident that a change is appropriate, and we are still undergoing some transition, but he agrees the question can be explored over the next year. We discussed FY24 capital projects (Gateway Sign, and Planting Project at South Park Detention Basin). We discussed potential 5-year future capital project plans.

2. Fill-in budgets: Treasurer, Debt Service, First Selectman, Professional Service, Probate Court, Town Hall, Cemetery, Contingency, Auditors, BOF, Legal, Fringe Benefits, Firehouse Rent, Technology, Pension and Employee Benefits, ZBA and any other budgets as deemed necessary.

All Fill-ins were discussed at 3/7 meeting and this item was skipped.

3. Motion to adjourn by Andy/Mike K. Result: passes 6-0 at 9:41.

Submitted 3/8/23 by Ira Kaplan, BOF Clerk