

TOWN OF EASTON
BOARD OF FINANCE - MINUTES
Special MEETING and Budget Hearings
April 3, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.

Present: Chris Griffin-Chair, Matt Gachi, Andy Kachele, Paul Lindoerfer, Elise Nappi, Gabriel Rossi.

Absent: C. Lee Hanson, Fred Knopf-Clerk, Art Laske.

Also present: Adam Dunsby-First Selectman, Robert Lessler-Board of Selectmen, Scott Centrella – Board of Selectmen, All Board of Selectmen members arrived at 8:30 p.m. Wendy Bowditch-Treasurer, Grace Stanczyk-Comptroller.

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

Fred Knopf designated Elise Nappi and Lee Hanson designated Matt Gachi in their absence.

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

The Board discussed with the Bernard Josefsberg Superintendent the 2014-2015 education budget. He stated that the .3 social worker (\$24,000) would be eliminated and the social worker would remain at the present status. The intention is to begin the "World Language Program". The WiFi will be completed in the 2013-2014 budget year.

At this time, the Superintendent left the meeting and the Board will continue the discussion later in the meeting.

Chief Candee reviewed the 2014-2015 budget with the Board. The Board cannot approve another officer at this time. The department will remain at 9 officers. The following lines will be adjusted as follows:

Police regular wages	03601000-5111	-\$51,837
Police Holiday	03601000-5114	-\$3,344
Police Services & Fees	03602000-5200	-\$1,161
Police Education	03606000-5600	-\$1,500
Police Pre-Testing	03622000-5022	-\$1,015
Police Clothing	03626000-5026	-\$4,250

The sale of the vehicle revenue will go to general fund revenue and will not offset the capital outlay budget line as it has been done in the past.

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Elise Nappi moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to adjust the Board of Education's budget in the amount of \$87,500 (splitting the difference of larger scenarios). This amount added to the \$90,000 health insurance savings to make a total cut of \$177,500.

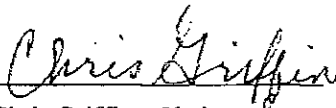
Elise Nappi, Paul Lindoerfer, Gabriel Ross, and Chris Griffin voting yes, and Matt Gachi and Andy Kachele voted no. Motion carried.

Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to recommend to a town meeting a 2014-2015 budget in the amount of \$42,093,878 consisting of Town Departments in the amount of \$15,631,836 with Capital outlay of \$540,535 and the Board of Education budget included in this amount is \$15,503,766 and the Region 9 budget included in this amount is \$10,417,741.

This represents a 2% tax impact using \$280,000 of surplus.

Andy Kachele moved and Paul Lindoerfer seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectively submitted by


-Chris Griffin - Chair *gs*

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