

Legislative Council
Finance and Administration Committee

Special Meeting

Municipal Center Meeting Room 1, 3 Primrose St., Newtown, CT

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Minutes

PRESENT: Heather Dean, Chris Gardner, Tom Long, Eric Paradis, Derek Pisani

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER AND SALUTE THE FLAG: Chris Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

2024-25 Board of Selectmen Budget

Per the Legislative Council's referral to committee (2/28/24), Health and Welfare, Outside Agencies, Land Use, Economic & Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Library, Debt Service, Capital Nonrecurring, Contingency, and Other Financing Revenue in the BOS budget were reviewed:

Committee members discussed responses to questions that were asked at the March 4, 2024, committee meeting.

Motion:

Derek Pisani made a motion to recommend to the Legislative Council to reduce the Newtown Health District contingency account from \$35,000 to \$25,000. Seconded by Tom Long. Discussion followed. Motion passed 4-1 (Gardner, Long, Paradis, Pisani in favor, Dean opposed)

Committee members asked why some outside agencies pay more for health insurance benefits than others (Page 298 of the BOS budget book). Mr. Gardner will ask LC Chair Keith Alexander to request answers to that question.

Committee members asked what Newtown Underwater Search & Rescue's positive cash flow balance was in the 2022-23 fiscal year. They asked for clarification on the capital reimbursement line in the proposed 2024-25 budget. What is this for and is it one-time revenue? Mr. Gardner will ask LC Chair Keith Alexander to request answers to that question.

VOTER COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Mr. Paradis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm. Second by Mr. Long. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Gardner, Chair, Finance and Administration Committee of the Legislative Council

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