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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016

NEWTOWN MUNICIPAL CENTER, NEWTOWN, CT

PRESENT: George Ferguson, Dan Wiedemann, Chris Eide, Neil Chaudhary, Judit DeStefano, Ryan Knapp, Paul Lundquist, Mary Ann Jacob, Dan Amaral, Tony Filiato, Phil Carroll, and Dan Honan.

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Director of Finance Bob Tait, Board of Ed members Keith Alexander, John Vorous, Michelle Ku, and Andy Clure, Dr. Erardi, Business Director Ron Bienkowski, Chief Viadero, Police Commission members Joel Faxon and Brian Budd, Technology Director Al Miles, Board of Finance Chair Jim Gaston, Security Director Mark Pompano, SHOP member Mike Burton, Deputy Director of Land Use Rob Sibley, Board of Managers members Margot Hall, Jen Chaudhary and Marie Smith, 11 public, 2 press.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Jacob called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30pm.

VOTER COMMENT: Eric Paradis, 85 Riverside Road, spoke to the budget. We have a good superintendent who has established a solid leadership team and they have created a good budget. He would like to see it presented to the town. He worries if we cut intervention programs, special ed costs will sky rocket.

Debbie DeBlasi, 5 Megan Circle, spoke on behalf of the PTA presidents. Statement attached.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SCHOOL SECURITY AND INVITED MRS. LLODRA, CHIEF VIADERO, DR. ERARDI, KEITH ALEXANDER AND MARK POMPANO. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR. The Council entered executive session at 7:37pm. The council returned to public session at 8:45pm.

SCHOOL SECURITY: MR. CHAUDHARY MOTIONED THE COUNCIL NOT ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION FROM MUNI OPS COMMITTEE TO REDUCE AN ARMED OFFICER AT SANDY HOOK SCHOOL. SECOND BY DAN HONAN. Mr. Honan stated he heard a multitude of reasons for not making the cut and wants it to remain in the budget. MS. DESTEFANO AMENDED THE MOTION TO NOT ACCEPT EITHER OF THE RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS TO SECURITY. SECOND BY MR. LUNDQUIST. Mr. Lundquist feels strongly this is not the right time to make reductions in security. THE AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED 7 YES, 5 NO (MR. FERGUSON, MR. WIEDEMANN, MR. KNAPP, MS. JACOB, MR. CARROLL.

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Town Clerk of Newtown 8:19 AM
Debbie Aurilio Halstead

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Mr. Eide noted we do have safe schools but doesn't think the timing is right to reduce security. Mr. Knapp is concerned there is a perception we have an increased risk, but it has been confirmed we do not. This is more a feeling of security rather than any known threat. It's about our healing and people feeling safe returning to the building. He doesn't want the perception Newtown is unsafe. We are the 4th safest town in the state.

Mr. Ferguson stated when we put the security in place after 12/14, it was so the school community could feel comfortable returning. We increased the level of security to 18 people at a significant cost. Part of the healing process is to realize we are a safe place.

Ms. DeStefano stated she trusts the Police Chief and Superintendent's recommendations. Neither is frivolous with tax dollars. Many community members have expressed concerns about reducing security. Ms. Jacob noted she did not support the amendment because she felt it was important to vote on each motion separately. She does not support making any change to Sandy Hook School but does feel a further discussion on the high school was warranted.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED 11 YES, 1 NO (MR. CARROLL)

MINUTES: MR. FILIATO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2016. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. ALL IN FAVOR. MR. CARROLL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016. SECOND BY MR. FILIATO. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Jacob reports she received email regarding the budget, and information on Excess Cost Grant and a spreadsheet on proposed reductions. (Att)

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Mrs. Llodra reports the Governor and State Legislature will not make further reductions to municipalities for this fiscal year. We are still facing reductions for next fiscal year. She stated we are receiving a VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) grant. The federal government gave the state 14 million to distribute. We will be able to increase the staff for the recovery resiliency team. This allows for 2 positions for 3 years. Mr. Chaudhary clarified this starts in the current fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

2016-2017 Board of Education and Board of Selectman Budgets:

Police Commission: Joel Faxon and Brian Budd spoke on the reduction of \$14,000 from the police budget for a traffic consultant, leaving \$1,000. Periodically they need experts to advise them on traffic study or engineering. This has been in the budget for years. They don't always use all the funds but are unable to predict what might arise during the year. Before a consultant is called in, they spend 3-9 months collecting data. To make the best decision, a consultant is a resource they occasionally need to lean on. Mrs. Llodra clarified the reduction is in the line item Contractual Services and the police commission has to determine how to make it happen. The Board of Finance preference is the reduction be applied to this particular activity. Mr. Faxon stated the money in contractual services is committed to the Police Department. This is the one item for the Police Commission and therefore not a lot of flexibility.

Mr. Ferguson clarified this money is a general line item for something that may arise during the year and not a flagpole study. Mr. Faxon agreed there is no earmarking of the money.

Mr. Knapp stated given the length of time required for a traffic study and to act on it, he doesn't see an urgency to restoring the funds since there is nothing anticipated at this time.

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Mr. Carroll asked about the previous studies on the flagpole, he has seen no changes. Mr. Faxon stated there has been an increase in traffic. In order to head off a catastrophe, they want to address the issue. They don't have the power to make changes, they must work with the state. He noted there is a statute that gives municipalities liability for a defective highway, which can be very expensive. He would rather err on the side of safety and use an expert.

Mrs. Llodra reiterated traffic consultant is not a line item. Contractual Services is the line item. If the funds are not restored it doesn't mean they cannot do a traffic study. She doesn't think it is the responsibility of the Council to determine if the police commission, by state statute the traffic authority for the town, has the right or resources to do a traffic study. It is their domain. She explained the police chief and commission decide how the money in the line item Contractual Services is used. Chief Viadero noted some of the contracted services are fixed/required costs.

Mrs. Llodra explained to move funds from one line item to another in the police department would require a transfer signed by the Chief, the First Selectman and the Finance Director if under \$50,000. Mr. Gaston explained the Board of Finance recommended the reduction because the 5 year history of spending in this category showed little spent until last year. Last year the budget was \$15,000 and they spent \$34,000. He stated the Police Commission told them they thought the extra \$19,000 came from additional revenue from police road service. Ms. Jacob stated that would require a transfer and Mrs. Llodra agreed a protocol must be followed for a transfer and Mr. Tait will get the information. Mr. Gaston stated the Board of Finance was told the Police Commission had no anticipated projects planned for next year. Mr. Budd explained the reason for the \$34,000 in fees was the flagpole study and the previous year's study of Key Rock Rd. being paid the following year. Mr. Knapp clarified he supports the Police Commissions purview as the traffic authority and the flagpole study was appropriate.

SHOP: Mr. Ferguson stated the finance committee is recommending a reduction to SHOP. Mr. Knapp explained he supports SHOP and businesses in the Hook. He does not support eliminating the line item yet. Ideally SHOP will be self-sustaining that wouldn't need to be subsidized by the tax payers. Many in the community view this as subsidizing businesses. Sandy Hook is a special circumstance, but this is a practice we should not be in long term, which is the reason he motioned to keep the line item flat. He believes the sidewalk repairs should be part of public works. He has concerns about giving funds to private groups for public works. Mr. Lundquist agreed with Mr. Knapp. Mike Burton, secretary of SHOP, explained SHOP is a group of local volunteers and residents of Sandy Hook supporting the businesses and the economic development of the area. They have been instrumental in the revitalization of the area. They are the eyes and ears who notify the town of issues. He noted they are bound to the same purchasing guidelines the town is. The sidewalks need to be repaired and sealed. Mrs. Llodra stated the streetscape in Sandy Hook center was done as a municipal project under a STEAP grant. These are municipal sidewalks, they do not belong to SHOP. She believes it is a benefit SHOP is committed to maintaining the center at a high level. She shared the budget for the work needed to prevent further deterioration of the sidewalks and noted SHOP does not receive a check from the town to use. They must submit invoices, have specs and a contract, and follow purchasing procedures.

Mr. Knapp asked about Hattertown District. Mrs. Llodra explained there was interest in on creating an organization similar to SHOP to beautify the greenspace, but they never organized. If the Historic District came forward with a plan the Board of Selectmen would hear the request. They use to be funded \$500, but it was never used. The same for Hawleyville.

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Mr. Knapp stated he believes sidewalks are a function of public works and should include Sandy Hook center. Mrs. Llodra explained the stamped concrete requires a greater level of care and there is a benefit for the people who are invested in the area to take ownership and be administrators of the work. They are passionate about their space. (Att)

Technology: Mr. Eide asked for clarification on the San Disk and storage. We recently made a transfer for storage and if these items are related. Mr. Miles explained the transfer was for the Police Department. They were out of storage space. The additional San is to replace one that is obsolete. They also need additional backup due to the number of viruses on the internet. Mr. Eide asked about cloud services or outsourcing storage. Mr. Miles explained we have one way to reach the internet, if it fails we cannot get to the cloud. We need to build an infrastructure to reach the internet multiple ways. This process will take 12-24 months to study and design. We do use the cloud for email and the work order system. Mr. Knapp asked Mr. Miles to review new line items (budget page 97). Mr. Miles explained the New England Geo Systems is for the new Work Order System. That line will be significantly reduced next year. VIWO Google applications service provider is the new email service. The previous service had a number of issues including storage and speed. Vaulting Email stores all town emails as required by FOI. The DMV is a new charge for supplying the assessor's information. Mrs. Llodra clarified this fee use to be paid by the state and this year was shifted to municipalities. The Fortinet Support is firewall protection. The previous one, Cysco ASA, was obsolete and cost \$6,500-\$7,000. This is an upgrade for less money, \$3,500. Public Safety Data Network is internet usage fees. It used to be in the communications budget. This comes from the state rather than Charter at half the cost. Lexis Tax Collector use to be included with other items. It is now line item but not a new cost. The fee is based on average usage. Mr. Chaudhary asked about future costs/storage for required police bodycams. Mr. Miles stated he is working with the Chief looking at the requirements. Chief Viadero noted there are grants for bodycams. They are meeting with vendors to look at equipment. Some vendors provide for file storage. We currently have car cameras and they are investigating if there are compatible bodycams. Once they have all the information, they can apply for a grant.

Excess Costs Grants: Mr. Bienkowski reviewed the process. The adjusted year end budget expenditures include any excess cost grant received during the year. The in kind local services are anything related to the schools which are performed by the town Ms. Jacob asked if \$72,110,936 is the total education budget. Mr. Bienkowski explained it includes the Board of Ed expenses, plus the revenue from the excess cost grant, special ed tuition from other districts and magnet school transportation grant. Mr. Bienkowski noted the state wide reimbursement is supposed to be 100%, but the appropriation is capped so the amount paid is based on reimbursement requests from all communities. Dr. Erardi has submitted legislation designed to deduct the federal grants from the calculations for the past two years in the upcoming year. Dr. Erardi explained one of our state legislators is carrying this forward. Should it be supported, we would receive approximately \$175,000 in April 2017. Mr. Bienkowski noted as the enrollment decreases our per pupil costs increase. Mr. Ferguson asked what items they consider capital. Mr. Bienkowski stated land, buildings and construction projects; anything that is bonded or financed. Mr. Chaudhary asked if capital items in the Board of Ed budget were purchased using the bond premium, would the costs have to be added back in for the excess costs grant calculation. Mr. Bienkowski said it would be added back in. (Att)

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Transportation: Moved to next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED: "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$904,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 BONDS (CALCULATED AS \$904,000 MINUS \$723,200 IN STATE AND FEDERAL GRANTS MINUS \$30,800 IN LOCAL SOURCES) OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE", A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION WAS REQUESTED IN A LETTER DATED MARCH 2, 2016 FROM GEORGE BENSON, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-30 (A), (B) & (C) OF THE TOWN CHARTER. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. Ms. Jacob noted this was approved last meeting, but requires a town meeting. ALL IN FAVOR. (Resolution attached to minutes of 3-23-16)

MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SEWERS ALONG ROUTE 6 TO SERVE THE AREA WEST OF WHIPPORWILL HILL ROAD TO SPLENDID PLACE AND ALONG ROUTE 25 TO SERVE A SECTION OF COVERED BRIDGE ROAD, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-14 TO 2017-2018, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE FULL RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. APPROVED. Mr. Hurley noted this is an increase of \$1,000,000, as stated in the full resolution. The increase is because they now have the bids and engineering costs. There is no impact on the CIP. It will be paid by the users of the system and state grant. Mr. Knapp asked if there have been any changes since it was first proposed. Mr. Hurley said the only difference is the cost. Mr. Knapp asked if the project comes in under budget, where is savings applied. Mr. Hurley stated the grants reduce the overall cost and the Water & Sewer Authority sets the benefit assessment on the properties. The assessments have been reduced because the total cost of the project is down below what the benefit assessments available to pay the project represent. Mr. Ferguson asked who was assessed. Mr. Hurley stated the users of the system. Mrs. Llodra reiterated this action is for the \$1,000,000 increase in the original plan as noted in the full resolution. ALL IN FAVOR. (Att)

MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED: "A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800,000 FOR THEE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SEWERS ALONG ROUTE 6 TO SERVE THE AREA WEST OF WHIPPORWILL HILL ROAD TO SPLENDID PLACE AND ALONG ROUTE 25 TO SERVE A SECTION OF COVERED BRIDGE ROAD, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-14 TO 2017-2018, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR.

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MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000,000 TOWN OF NEWTOWN GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. Mr. Tait stated this is small but it saves money. It relates to a 2009 series bond of \$2,000,000 for a savings of about \$100,000. ALL IN FAVOR. (Att)

MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO APPROVE TO CONSIDER AND ACT UPON THE RESOLUTION ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$315,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2015-16 TO 2019-2020) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$315,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE", A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION WAS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED IN A LETTER DATED MAY 20, 2015 FROM FRED HURLEY, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-30 (A), (B) & (C) OF THE TOWN CHARTER. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON.

Mr. Hurley stated there is no increase in the requested money. Bridges are identified in the CIP, 2 of which are cost share projects. The bond counsel and auditors require precision in the language and this cleans it up.

MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE FULL RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. APPROVED. ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION. (Att)

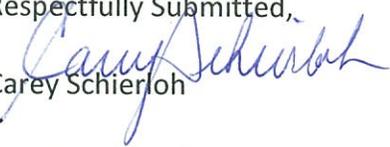
MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER: \$30,800 FROM CONTINGENCY TO TRANSFER OUT. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. Mr. Tait stated looking at the sidewalk resolution, this is the \$30,800 local source. There is \$40,174 remaining in contingency. ALL IN FAVOR.

VOTER COMMENT: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Carey Schierloh

Attachments: Correspondence, Proposed Reductions Spreadsheet, Excess Cost Grant, SHOP Budget, Resolutions.

These are draft minutes and as such are subject to correction by the Legislative Council at the next regular meeting. All corrections will be determined in minutes of the meeting at which they were corrected.

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Mary Ann Jacob

Council Members,

I asked Bob Tait to respond to some concerns about how bond premiums are being forecast in general and the suggested use specifically this year. I can imagine you might be getting similar questions. I thought this information might be helpful. Please feel free to share. Carey, please enter as correspondence for our next meeting.

The state and some towns have gotten in trouble when they have budgeted for bond premiums (in revenue). We have not budgeted for them. We have always put them in general fund revenues (unbudgeted). They are clearly stated in the financial statements (only 2 since I have been here).

Putting it in capital non-recurring and using it for capital items in the proposed 2016/17 budget (capital items that are above and beyond 2015/16 levels) is a valid one time budget tool. No gimmicks. We feel very comfortable with this proposal. It does not harm the 2017/18 budget process and it helps the 2016/17 budget process. We would not propose an idea if we did not believe in it and were comfortable with it.

The average coupon interest on the bonds still was below the average bond interest estimate used on our debt forecast schedule.

Hello,

It deeply concerns me that this town would even consider budget cuts for safety.

I can't understand why every single parent wouldn't fight this. This town has been through a lot and if there is one thing I don't need is worrying if my child, our children, are safe! I feel extra security officers would be a better discussion rather than passing a decision of eliminating sos officers. Not for nothing but with all the money that has been donated would it not be eligible for something of this nature?? Speaking to other parents, and our children only being in 1st grade, not one is not outraged with this decision. I don't know if you are parents or have children in this district my thought is not possible! Maybe this decision shouldn't involve your input if not directly affected by the outcome, and not on the monetary end. I hope the decision makers can feel a little empathy for the moment and put themselves in parents of children in the district shoes! Would be happy to assist in any way possible to get this decision over turned and the right thing done!

Jessica Berger

To Whom It May Concern,

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> First of all, thank you for your service to our town. I appreciate your time and efforts.

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> I am writing to you to request that funding me put back in the budget for our Newtown schools and specifically our school security officers. My name is Anna Lawlor, I live at 23 Timbermill Rd. in Sandy Hook and I have three children attending Sandy Hook School. I am also on the PTA board of that school and I am a teacher in another district.

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> This is not the time to cut a security officer. The return back to our neighborhood is already fraught with emotion for Sandy Hook School children, parents, staff, and our whole community. We need both of those security officers. They provide an invaluable service. The high school needs theirs too. They have acted on our behalf to keep unwarranted visitors away from our kids.

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> I work in a town (Fairfield, CT) where I see far better student access to technology and far better transportation for their students as well. The per pupil expenditure rates and budget increase tables when compared to other Fairfield County towns speaks for itself. I trust that you have seen this information.

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> I realize that you want to put forth a budget that will pass. I assure you that if you properly support education, we will pass budgets and prosper as a town.

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> Thank you for your time,

> Sincerely,

> Anna Lawlor

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On Mar 30, 2016, at 12:01 PM, Michael Wight wrote:

Dear Members of the LC,

Please enter this in to public participation.

This is in direct regards with school funding. I realize you may be focused on hard data provided by population studies and I think we need to look at the whole picture and not just at a temporary decline in enrollment. Even the study being used shows about a significant increase in elementary population in a few short years. We also need to keep in mind the type of student and demands put upon students and teachers by legislation, curriculum, and social emotional needs. With that said, I feel we are seriously underfunding our elementary schools and technology specifically. Over the last few years money has always found a way to the high school due to the population increasing in the upper grades but at the expense of elementary services. Now that the population is shifting back to the elementary schools and with a new school opening, I urge you to look again at our finances and find ways to add money to the growing needs of educating our elementary age students. Also in an age where technology is in every part of our daily lives, it is a disservice that our technology budget is so bare bones and is continuously cut. Please consider increasing funding so that the Board of Education and Dr. Erardi can do the job we are asking of them.

The Newtown PTA leaders from all schools again ask you to leave this budget in tact as presented by Dr. Erardi and let the voting population decide whether they support it or not. We stand behind Dr. Erardi, the BOE and the original school budget presented and believe it represents all that is need to move our district forward while addressing the complex needs of our students and staff.

We understand the desire to present a budget that represents the lowest tax increase possible but we also understand the issues at hand and the challenges this district faces. Dr. Erardi and the BOE also understand these issues and have spent countless hours putting together a budget that reflects all of that.

As PTA presidents, we are very concerned about the proposed cuts in the areas of security, transportation, health insurance and technology. We implore you to listen to the experts in these areas and not disregard their opinions. And equally important, listen to Dr. Erardi - the person who is in our schools, regularly meets with our leadership team and has a clear understanding of what is needed and necessary for the success of our students.

In conclusion, we believe the right thing to do is to let the voters decide. Thank you.

Debbie DeBlasi

Budget Balance	74,215,066	% Reduced (cummulative)
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Education Budget

BOF JUSTIFIED REDUCTIONS:

Health Insurance	80,000		
Transporatation	83,000		
Technology	51,000		
Fuel	114,000		
Natural Gas	20,000		
Misc	2,001		
Total BOF Reductions	<u>350,001</u>	73,865,065	-0.47%

LC COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

Transportation	57,000	73,808,065	-0.55%
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BOS Budget

41,190,942

BOF JUSTIFIED REDUCTIONS:

Unemployment	5,000		
Police	14,000		
Highway Gasoline	73,215		
Maintenance Oil	9,298		
Bond Interest	52,750		
Total BOF Reductions	<u>154,263</u>	41,036,680	-0.37%

LC COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

SSO	63,900		
Roads	125,000		
Fire Truck Repair	5,000		
Tech Salary	5,000		
FFHA	30,916		
Legal	15,000		
SHOP	3,000		
Total LC Committee Proposals	<u>247,816</u>	40,788,864	-0.98%

POLICE BUDGET

POLICE	2016 - 2017 BUDGET										
	2013 - 2014	2014 - 2015	2015 - 2016			1st SELECTMAN	BOS	BOF	LC	CHANGE	
	ACTUALS	ACTUALS	ADOPTED	AMENDED	ESTIMATED	PROPOSED	PROPOSED	RECOMMENDED	ADOPTED	\$	%
SALARIES & WAGES - FULL TIME	3,595,875	3,549,754	3,620,432	3,705,036	3,705,036	3,827,518	3,827,518	3,827,518		122,482	3.3%
SALARIES & WAGES - PART TIME	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	
SALARIES & WAGES - SEASONAL	13,953	14,396	17,458	17,458	17,458	17,458	17,458	17,458		-	0.0%
SALARIES & WAGES - SSO	-	240,865	276,544	276,544	276,544	287,616	287,616	287,616		11,072	4.0%
SALARIES & WAGES - OVERTIME	303,503	221,618	140,000	140,000	140,000	160,000	160,000	160,000		20,000	14.3%
GROUP INSURANCE	799,971	831,948	833,167	833,167	833,167	914,746	914,746	914,746		81,579	9.8%
SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS	293,857	305,033	310,164	316,637	316,637	328,383	328,383	328,383		11,746	3.7%
RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS	560,418	629,392	601,363	601,363	601,363	712,066	712,066	712,066		110,703	18.4%
OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	55,299	60,738	59,250	59,250	59,250	59,250	59,250	59,250		-	0.0%
SOFTWARE/HARDWARE	172,983	185,440	111,026	111,026	111,026	110,226	110,226	110,226		(800)	-0.7%
OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	17,110	16,914	17,400	17,400	17,400	17,400	17,400	17,400		-	0.0%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	110,138	101,101	105,955	105,955	105,955	103,475	103,475	89,475		(16,480)	-15.6%
DUES, TRAVEL & EDUCATION	36,075	37,992	42,000	42,000	42,000	54,500	54,500	54,500		12,500	29.8%
MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT - VEHICLES	100,448	111,000	111,000	111,000	111,000	112,500	112,500	112,500		1,500	1.4%
POLICE EQUIPMENT	19,981	34,729	33,500	33,500	33,500	31,000	31,000	31,000		(2,500)	-7.5%
CAPITAL	30,600	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000		-	0.0%
OTHER EXPENDITURES	4,157	5,157	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,500	5,500	5,500		500	10.0%
	6,114,368	6,376,075	6,314,259	6,405,336	6,405,336	6,771,639	6,771,639	6,757,639	-	352,303	5.5%

Contractual services reduced by \$14,000 by the Board of Finance. Traffic control/engineering reduced.

SANDY HOOK ORGANIZATION FOR PROSPERITY

2016-2017 BUDGET

STREETSCAPE MAINTENANCE:

Sidewalk Sealing Phase 1	9,600 s.f.	0.4	3,840
Sidewalk Sealing Phase 2	12,230 s.f.	0.4	4,895
Sidewalk Sealing Phase 3	1,800 s.f.	0.4	720
Sidewalk Sealing Washington Ave	4,200 s.f.	0.4	1,680

Total Sidewalk Sealing 11,135

Tree Pruning 2,000

Tree Fertilizing 500

Sidewalk Repair 5,000

Annual Planting Bed Maintenance - #1 & #2 Riverside Road
(Includes spring cleanup, weeding, and mulching) 2,500

TOTAL STREETSCAPE MAINTENANCE 21,135

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Connecticut Main Street Program Annual Dues 300

Marketing Expenses 1,000

TOTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 1,300

TOTAL REQUESTED BUDGET 22,435

1. Costs that go into the per pupil spending that drive the reimbursement amount. How is it calculated and when?

	<u>2014-15</u>
Net Current Expenditures (NCE)	
• Adjusted year end budget expenditures	\$72,110,936
• In kind local services	\$1,108,481
• <u>Grants, contributions, food service</u>	<u>\$4,965,002</u>
Total Net Current Expenditures (NCE)	\$78,184,419
• Transportation deduction	(\$3,062,381)
• <u>Tuition revenue deduction</u>	<u>(\$184,518)</u>
Net Current Expenditures (NCE)	\$74,937,520
• Average Daily Membership (ADM)	4,857.14
Net Current Expenditures Per Pupil (NCEP) <i>(NCE divided by ADM)</i>	\$15,428

NCEP is calculated after the district completes its required state reporting due by Sept 1 and audit due December 31st of each year

Capital items are NOT included in this calculation

2. What is the 5 year reimbursement history and the calculations each year that make that up?

(calculations prepared as detailed in slide 1)

	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Fiscal Years					
• Total Current Expenditures	\$78,184,419	\$77,987,708	\$72,943,746	\$71,739,520	\$70,899,588
• Transportation deduction	(\$3,062,381)	(\$3,008,904)	(\$3,146,493)	(\$3,793,443)	(\$3,626,605)
• Tuition revenue deduction	(\$184,518)	(\$84,829)	(\$74,183)	(\$72,263)	(\$48,251)
Net Current Expenditures (NCE)	\$74,937,520	\$74,893,975	\$69,723,070	\$67,873,814	\$67,224,732
• Average Daily Membership (ADM)	4,857.14	5,019.93	5,189.01	5,482.09	5,568.65
Net Current Expenditures Per Pupil NCEP (NCE divided by ADM)	\$15,428	\$14,919	\$13,437	\$12,381	\$12,072
Fiscal Years					
• Reimbursement Received	\$1,358,002	\$1,338,377	\$1,699,628	\$1,260,449	\$1,350,178
• State wide % reimbursement	77.6%	80.17%	79.74 %	73.19%	74.69%

3. When do we receive reimbursement?

- We receive approximately 75% at the end of February based on 12/1 reported expenditures
- And the balance, approximately 25% at the end of May based on 3/1 reported expenditures
- \$1,089,761 received in February of 2016 for current year excess cost
- \$268,241 estimated due in May of 2016 for current year excess cost

Reimbursement is based on excess expenses included this year calculated using the NCEP which is determined based on 2014-15 final total expenses



4. What if scenarios, with the SHS grants backed out. What can we do for the BOE as the fiscal authority to push the state to make a change?

Portion of this display was included in the budget on pages 285 and 287

	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13
Net Current Expenditures (NCE)	\$74,937,520	\$74,893,975	\$69,723,070
• Less <i>SERV Grant</i>	(\$1,747,254)	(\$2,407,180)	(\$432,511)
• Less <i>DOJ Grant</i>	(\$1,215,229)	(\$750,015)	N/A
Net Current Expenditures (NCE) w/o grants	\$71,975,037	\$71,736,780	\$69,290,559
• Average Daily Membership (ADM)	4,857.14	5,019.93	5,189.01
Net Current Expenditures Per Pupil (NCEP) (NCE divided by ADM)	\$14,818	\$14,290	\$13,353
➤ The prior year NCEP drives the current years excess cost and agency placement			
• Difference in reimbursement	\$88,924	\$76,228	\$10,601

The superintendent has submitted legislation designed to deduct the Federal grants from the calculation for the past two fiscal years.

Dollars received and the percentage that was reimbursed is presented in question 2.

5. What are we doing locally to drive down the number included in the reimbursement to maximize our benefits

Any cost savings that reduce costs have a positive impact. The competitive Teachers contract, going rate negotiations with all employee groups, self insurance combined with the Town, the new bus contract, good bids on energy products, cooperative purchasing of school supplies with other communities.

There is no simple answer to this question...

Is there a reason we have not calculated the grants effect for this year?

There is an estimated budgeted figure in our 2016-17 requested budget based on the students and costs that were present in December when the document was assembled. It was based on 75% which has been the consistent budgeting practice. There are many moving parts in the NCEP calculation and excess cost determination such as,

- 1) it will include all of the costs reported after the close of the 2015-16 fiscal year,
- 2) it will include the actual number of students that will exceed the threshold cost the next year, 2016-17
- 3) the rate of reimbursement is dependent on all submission from all school system within the state, and
- 4) the true estimated costs are only initially calculated in December 2016.

The variables are many, what we have included in this requested budget is \$1,633,393 as the estimated grant at 75% on a NCEP that has been estimated at \$15,877. When this number is reduced by the Federal grants in question, it will produce an estimated NCEP which will then result in an estimated ~~loss~~^{gain} of \$42,498 for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Item for Agenda of
Meeting of Legislative Council

1. To authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon the resolution entitled:

“Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$904,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering And Construction Of Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000 Bonds (Calculated as \$904,000 Minus \$723,200 In State And Federal Grants Minus \$30,800 In Local Sources) Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated March 2, 2016 from George Benson, Director of Planning, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

Rec'd. for Record 4-5-2016
Town Clerk of Newtown 8:19
am
Debbie Aurelia Halstead

Excerpt for Minutes of Meeting
of Legislative Council
to be held March 30, 2016

A meeting of the Legislative Council of the Town of Newtown was held in the Council Chambers on March 30, 2016, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.S.T.).

* * *

Members present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
George Ferguson	
Dan Wiedemann	
Chris Eide	
Neil Chaudhary	
Judit DeStefano	
Ryan Knapp	
Paul Lundquist	
Mary Ann Jacob	
Dan Amaral	
Tony Filiato	
Phil Carroll	
Dan Honan	

* * *

Councilperson Paul Lundquist introduced the resolution entitled "Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$904,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering And Construction Of Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000 Bonds (Calculated as \$904,000 Minus \$723,200 In State And Federal Grants Minus \$30,800 In Local Sources) Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated March 2, 2016 from George Benson, Director of Planning, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Paul Lundquist, seconded by Councilperson Neil Chaudhary, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized and directed to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and take action upon the resolution entitled "Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$904,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering And Construction Of Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000 Bonds (Calculated as \$904,000 Minus \$723,200 In State And Federal Grants Minus \$30,800 In Local Sources) Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

George Ferguson
Dan Wiedemann
Chris Eide
Neil Chaudhary
Judith DeStefano
Ryan Knapp
Paul Lundquist
Mary Ann Jacob
Dan Amaral
Tony Filiato
Phil Carroll
Dan Honan

Councilperson Mary Ann Jacob thereupon declared the motion carried.

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Mary Ann Jacob, Chairman
Neil Chaudhary, Vice Chair

TOWN OF NEWTOWN
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

March 31, 2016

To the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board:

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held March 30, 2016, a motion was adopted to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and take action upon the resolution entitled:

“Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$904,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering And Construction Of Pedestrian Sidewalk Improvements Project And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$150,000 Bonds (Calculated as \$904,000 Minus \$723,200 In State And Federal Grants Minus \$30,800 In Local Sources) Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for adoption by the Board of Selectmen, said special appropriation was requested in a letter dated March 2, 2016 from George Benson, Director of Planning, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter; and

Very truly yours,


Clerk of the
Legislative Council

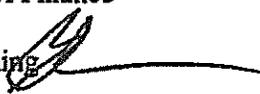
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TOWN OF NEWTOWN LAND USE AGENCY

To: James Gaston, Chairman, Board of Finance

From: George Benson, Director of Planning 

Date: March 2, 2016

Re: Special appropriation request, DOT Transportation Enhancement Grant 96-202

This memo serves to request a special appropriation totaling \$904,000 for the design and construction of sidewalks from Glover Avenue, along Route 25 and Wasserman Way to Trades Lane as authorized in the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Capital Improvement Plans. This special appropriation is to be financed by issuing bonds in the amount of \$150,000, a grant award of \$723,200 from the Connecticut Department of Transportation and \$30,800 in contingency funds.

The proposed project includes, but not limited to, design, construction and installation of sidewalks from Glover Avenue, along the east side of Route 25, north side of Wasserman Way, ending at Trades Lane.

I request that the Board of Finance include this action on its March 16, 2016 agenda. A financial impact statement will be provided per Town Charter 6-100.

Cc: Board of Selectmen
Legislative Council
Robert Tait, Director of Finance
Christal Preszler, Grants Coordinator
Arlene Miles, clerk, BOF

If you plan to attend this meeting and require assisted hearing devices, please contact the Office of the First Selectman at 270-4201 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,800,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF SEWERS ALONG ROUTE 6 TO SERVE THE AREA WEST OF WHIPPORWILL HILL ROAD TO SPLENDID PLACE AND ALONG ROUTE 25 TO SERVE A SECTION OF COVERED BRIDGE ROAD, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT, AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (2013-14 TO 2017-2018, INCLUSIVE) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,800,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

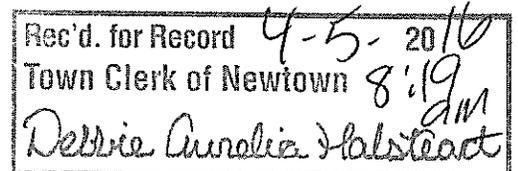
Section 1. Section 1 of the resolution entitled "Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$2,800,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation Of Sewers Along Route 6 To Serve The Area West Of Whipporwill Hill Road To Splendid Place And Along Route 25 To Serve A Section Of Covered Bridge Road, Located In The Town Of Newtown, Connecticut, As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2013-14 TO 2017-2018, Inclusive) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,800,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", approved at a Special Town Meeting held February 26, 2014 (the "Resolution") is hereby amended by increasing the appropriation by the amount of \$1,000,000 from \$2,800,000 to \$3,800,000, thereby making said Section 1 read as follows:

"Section 1. The sum of \$3,800,000 is a special appropriation made pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) and (c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Newtown (the "Town") for the planning, design, acquisition, construction and installation installation of sewers along (i) Route 6 to serve the area west of Whipporwill Hill Road to Splendid Place, and (ii) Route 25 to serve a section of Covered Bridge Road, including but not limited to, the construction of and improvements to pump stations, the acquisition of easements and the engagement of consultants to prepare final plans and specifications, all as authorized in the Capital Improvement Program (2013-14 to 2017-18, inclusive), and for engineers fees, administrative, financing, legal and costs of issuance related thereto (collectively, the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid thereof."

Section 2. Section 2(d) of the Resolution is hereby amended by increasing the amount of the bond authorization therein by \$1,000,000 from \$2,800,000 to \$3,800,000, thereby making said subsection read as follows:

"Section 2. "any combination of bonds, temporary notes, or sewer assessment notes may be issued, provided that the total, aggregate principal amount thereof outstanding at any time shall not exceed \$3,800,000."

Section 3 Section 6 of the Resolution shall be applicable to the appropriation and bond authorization added by this amendment, as of the date of the adoption of such amendment.



Item for Agenda of
Meeting of Legislative Council

1. To authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon the resolution entitled:

“A Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$2,800,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation of Sewers Along Route 6 To Serve The Area West Of Whipporwill Hill Road To Splendid Place And Along Route 25 To Serve A Section Of Covered Bridge Road, Located In The Town Of Newtown, Connecticut, As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2013-14 to 2017-2018) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,800,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, said special appropriation was originally requested in a letter dated January 22, 2014 from Fred W. Hurley Jr., Public Works Director, as supplemented by the letter dated ____, 2016 from _____, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

Excerpt for Minutes of Meeting
of Legislative Council
to be held March 30, 2016

A meeting of the Legislative Council of the Town of Newtown was held in the Council Chambers _
on March 30, 2016, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

Members present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
George Ferguson	
Dan Wiedemann	
Chris Eide	
Neil Chaudhary	
Judit DeStefano	
Ryan Knapp	
Paul Lundquist	
Mary Ann Jacob	
Dan Amaral	
Tony Filiato	
Phil Carroll	
Dan Honan	

Councilperson Lundquist introduced the resolution entitled "A Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$2,800,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation of Sewers Along Route 6 To Serve The Area West Of Whipporwill Hill Road To Splendid Place And Along Route 25 To Serve A Section Of Covered Bridge Road, Located In The Town Of Newtown, Connecticut, As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2013-14 to 2017-2018) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,800,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, said special appropriation was originally requested in a letter dated January 22, 2014 from Fred W. Hurley Jr., Public Works Director, as supplemented by the letter dated March 18, 2016 from Fred Hurley, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

A motion was made by Councilperson Lundquist, seconded by Councilperson Eide, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized and directed to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and take action upon the resolution entitled "A Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$2,800,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation of Sewers Along Route 6 To Serve The Area West Of Whipporwill Hill Road To Splendid Place And Along Route 25 To Serve A Section Of Covered Bridge Road, Located In The Town Of Newtown, Connecticut, As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2013-14 to 2017-2018) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,800,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

George Ferguson
Dan Wiedemann
Chris Eide
Neil Chaudhary
Judit DeStefano
Ryan Knapp
Paul Lundquist
Mary Ann Jacob
Dan Amaral
Tony Filiato
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NAYS

Councilperson Jacob thereupon declared the motion carried.

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 1, 2016

To the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board:

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held March 30, 2016, a motion was adopted to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and take action upon the resolution entitled:

“A Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$2,800,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation of Sewers Along Route 6 To Serve The Area West Of Whipporwill Hill Road To Splendid Place And Along Route 25 To Serve A Section Of Covered Bridge Road, Located In The Town Of Newtown, Connecticut, As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2013-14 to 2017-2018) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,800,000 Bonds Or Notes Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted and recommended for adoption by the Board of Selectmen, said special appropriation was originally requested in a letter dated January 22, 2014 from Fred W. Hurley Jr., Public Works Director, as supplemented by the letter dated March 18, 2016 from Fred Hurley, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter; and

Very truly yours,


Clerk of the
Legislative Council

Attachment C

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TOWN OF NEWTOWN
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Marianne Brown,
Chairman
Richard Zang
Louis Carbone
George Hill
Alan Shepard
Eugene Vetrano
Carl Zencey

March 18, 2016

Mr. James Gaston, Chair
Board of Finance

Dear Mr. Gaston,

I am requesting the amendment of the original special appropriation of \$2,800,000 for planning, design and construction of the low pressure Hawleyville sanitary sewer line. The total project costs are estimated at \$3,800,000 in a report developed by the projects professionals consulting engineers, Fuss & O'Neill, after receipt and processing of the publicly advertised construction bid prices and calculating the overall completion costs.

All project expenses are paid by special benefit assessments levied on the actual users of the system and by available State grants. There is no levy of any sort on the Town for any project cost.

This request will not increase CIP future debt service estimates used in the most recent or current CIP process.

I am asking that the Board of Finance put this item on their agenda for the meeting of March 24, 2016. An impact statement (per Town Charter 6-100) is attached with the summary result that there is no impact.

Respectfully,

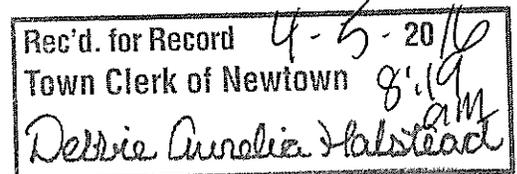
Frederick W. Hurley, Jr.
Director of Public Works

RESOLUTION WITH RESPECT TO THE AUTHORIZATION, ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000,000 TOWN OF NEWTOWN GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

RESOLVED:

Section 1. Not exceeding \$5,000,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (the "Refunding Bonds") of the Town of Newtown (the "Town") may be issued in one or more series and in such principal amounts as the First Selectman and the Financial Director shall determine to be in the best interests of the Town for the purpose of achieving net present value savings and/or to moderate debt service payments. The Refunding Bonds are hereby authorized to refund all or any portion of any one or more series of the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds (the "Refunded Bonds"). The Refunding Bonds shall be issued and sold either in a negotiated underwriting or a competitive offering, and at such time or times as the First Selectman and the Financial Director shall determine to be most opportune for the Town. If the refunding bonds are sold in a negotiated underwriting, the First Selectman and the Financial Director shall approve and designate the underwriter. Each series of Refunding Bonds shall mature in such amounts and on such date or dates as shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Financial Director provided that no Refunding Bonds shall mature later than the final maturity date of the last maturity of any Refunded Bonds being refunded by such series. The Refunding Bonds shall bear interest payable at such rate or rates as shall be determined by the First Selectman and the Financial Director, shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the First Selectman and the Financial Director, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Bond Counsel. The Refunding Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Refunding Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate denominations, form, details, and other particulars thereof, including the terms of any rights of redemption and redemption prices, the designation of the certifying, paying, registrar and transfer agent, shall be subject to the approval of the First Selectman and the Financial Director. The net proceeds of the sale of the Refunding Bonds, after payment of underwriters' discount and other costs of issuance, shall be deposited in an irrevocable escrow account in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of, interest and redemption premium, if any, due on the Refunded Bonds to maturity or earlier redemption pursuant to the plan of refunding. The First Selectman and the Financial Director are authorized to appoint an escrow agent and other professionals and to execute and deliver any and all escrow, investment and related agreements necessary to provide for such payments on the Refunded Bonds and to provide for the transactions contemplated hereby. The First Selectman and the Financial Director are authorized to prepare and distribute preliminary and final Official Statements of the Town for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Refunding Bonds, and they are hereby authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the Town a Bond Purchase Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, a Tax Regulatory Agreement and such other documents necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Refunding Bonds and the payment of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 2. This resolution shall be effective until January 1, 2017.



Items for Agenda of
Meeting of Legislative Council

1. To consider and act upon the resolution entitled “Resolution With Respect To The Authorization, Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$5,000,000 Town Of Newtown General Obligation Refunding Bonds.”

Excerpt for Minutes of Meeting
of Legislative Council
to be held March 30, 2016

A meeting of the Legislative Council of the Town of Newtown was held in the Council Chambers on March 30, 2016, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

* * *

Members present and absent were as follows:

Present

George Ferguson	Paul Lundquist
Dan Wiedemann	Mary Ann Jacob
Chris Eide	Dan Amaral
Neil Chaudhary	Tony Filiato
Judit DeStefano	Phil Carroll
Ryan Knapp	Dan Honan

* * *

Councilman Lundquist introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution With Respect To The Authorization, Issuance And Sale Of Not Exceeding \$5,000,000 Town Of Newtown General Obligation Refunding Bonds", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby adopted.

Councilman Lundquist moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Mr. Chaudhary. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

George Ferguson
Dan Wiedemann
Chris Eide
Neil Chaudhary
Judit DeStefano
Ryan Knapp

NAYS

Paul Lundquist
Mary Ann Jacob
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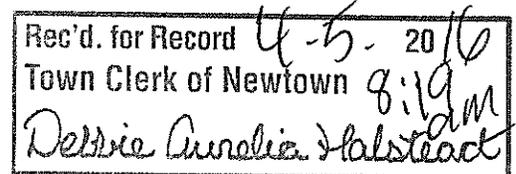
Councilman Mary Ann Jacob thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Item for Agenda of
Meeting of Legislative Council

1. To consider and act upon the resolution entitled "A Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$315,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction And Reconstruction of Bridge Improvements As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2015-16 To 2019-2020) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$315,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, said special appropriation was originally requested in a letter dated May 20, 2015 from Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

(The sum of \$315,000 is a special appropriation made pursuant to Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) and (c) of the Town Charter of the Town of Newtown for the planning, design, engineering, construction and reconstruction of improvements to various bridges in the Town of Newtown pursuant to the Town's Bridge Program, as amended from time to time, including, but not limited to, the resurfacing, guardrail replacement and various repairs, as authorized in the Capital Improvement Program (2015-16 to 2019-20), and for administrative, financing, legal and costs of issuance related thereto, said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State and Federal grants-in-aid thereof)



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Neil Chaudhary	
Judit DeStefano	
Ryan Knapp	
Paul Lundquist	
Mary Ann Jacob	
Dan Amaral	
Tony Filiato	
Phil Carroll	
Dan Honan	

Councilman Lundquist introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "A Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$315,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction And Reconstruction of Bridge Improvements As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2015-16 To 2019-2020) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$315,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby recommended to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and action, said special appropriation was originally requested in a letter dated May 20, 2015 from Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

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Councilman Lundquist moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Mr. Ferguson. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
George Ferguson	
Dan Wiedemann	
Chris Eide	
Neil Chaudhary	
Judit DeStefano	

Ryan Knapp
Paul Lundquist
Mary Ann Jacob
Dan Amaral
Tony Filiato
Phil Carroll
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Ms.Jacob thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Mary Ann Jacob, Chairman
Neil Chaudhary, Vice Chair

TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

April 1, 2016

To the Board of Selectmen

Members of the Board:

At a meeting of the Legislative Council held March 30, 2016, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "A Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$315,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction And Reconstruction of Bridge Improvements As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2015-16 To 2019-2020) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$315,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby recommended to the Board of Selectmen for consideration and action, said special appropriation was originally requested in a letter dated May 20, 2015 from Fred Hurley, Director of Public Works, a copy of which is attached hereto, in accordance with Chapter 6, Section 6-30 (a), (b) & (c) of the Town Charter.

Very truly yours,


Clerk of the Legislative Council

Attachment B

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY**

Marianne Brown,
Chairman
Richard Zang
Louis Carbone
George Hill
Alan Shepard
Eugene Vetrano
Carl Zencey

March 18, 2016

Mr. James Gaston, Chair
Board of Finance

Dear Mr. Gaston,

I am requesting a wording modification to the original special appropriation of \$315,000 for the planning, design, construction and/or reconstruction of bridge improvements which limited its description of project bridges.

In asking for a language change, we would not exceed current approved funding levels, but need broader flexibility. Because we have two bridge projects under cost share arrangements with the Federal and State government (Walnut Tree Hill) and (Toddy Hill). These and Meadowbrook are all in the current approved CIP. The flexibility necessary is the result of having to meet various cost share requirements in a timely manor. If any project needs a funding change, we would make a separate and specific request for those funds. This language request does not impact or increase any bonding or payment schedules approved in the current CIP. There is no change in financial impact.

I am asking that the Board of Finance put this item on their agenda for the meeting of March 24, 2016. An impact statement (per Town Charter 6-100) is attached with the summary result that there is no impact.

Respectfully,

Frederick W. Hurley, Jr.
Director of Public Works

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VIA E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

March 17, 2016

Robert G. Tait
Financial Director
Town of Newtown
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Re: Resolution Amending A Resolution Providing For A Special Appropriation In The Amount Of \$315,000 For The Planning, Design, Engineering, Construction and Reconstruction of Bridge Improvements As Authorized In The Capital Improvement Program (2015-16 To 2019-2020) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$315,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Special Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose

Dear Bob:

Enclosed please find the above-captioned resolution and a set of proceedings to be followed in connection with its adoption by the Town. As requested, we are providing the Town with an amending resolution that amends the description of the project.

By copy of this letter, I am requesting the Town Clerk to send me one certified copy of all the proceedings as they appear in the Town record book.

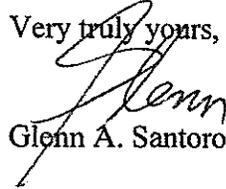
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March 17, 2016

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Glenn A. Santoro

Enclosures

cc: E. Patricia Llodra, First Selectman (w/encl.)
Debbie A. Aurelia, Town Clerk (w/encl.)
David L. Grogins, Esq., Town Attorney
Susan Marcinek (via e-mail)