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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

TOWN OF NEWTOWN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 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, Phil Carroll, and Dan Honan.

ABSENT: Tony Filiato

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Pat Llodra, Grants Coordinator Christal Preszler, 1 press.

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

VOTER COMMENT: None

MINUTES: MR. FERGUSON MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 30, 2016. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR. MR. FERGUSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2016. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMUNICATIONS: Ms. Jacob reports she received a letter from the Chairman of the Police Commission, a letter from Dr. Erardi regarding the budget status, information from CCM. (Att)

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Mrs. Llodra stated there is interest in enhancing the wellness program to ultimately reduce health care costs and have a healthier work force. They are running a pilot program. It will be funded through the medical health insurance. (Att) Mrs. Llodra spoke about state finances and how their resources are managed. It is unknown what is going to happen with ECS. The state will likely not complete the budget by the state mandated deadline of May 4th. Current proposed legislation includes 27 new unfunded state mandates. Half our town budget is a result of unfunded mandates. Mrs. Llodra noted Representative Mitch Bolinsky sits on the Appropriations committee and never supports an unfunded mandate.

UPDATE ON GRANTS PROGRAM AND BENEFITS: Mrs. Preszler presented an update on grants. Mrs. Llodra noted the Federal EPA has already spent one million cleaning up Batchelder. Mrs. Preszler noted the cleanup at 7 and 28A Glen Rd will cost more than the value of the property.

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Town Clerk of Newtown 3:20pm
Debbie Aurelia Halstead

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Mrs. Llodra explained the town took those abandoned properties by foreclosure to address brownfields and make the property useful and hopefully back on the tax rolls. The structure at 7 Glen Rd can be removed for about \$20,000. There are no plans for space at this point but a greenway would be aesthetic for the area. These properties are located in one of the town's "gateways". The renovation of duplex #63 is almost complete. The Parent Connection will be moving into the space in June. The Victim Assistance Grant is for 2 additional positions-care navigators. Mrs. Preszler updated the work on Canaan house. Mrs. Llodra noted the project is on budget and on time. They are saving parts of the building for future use, the front steps, fireplace mantels, sconces. (Att)

NEW BUSINESS

Pension Committee Ordinance Language: MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO HAVE THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW THE LANGUAGE OF THE PENSION COMMITTEE ORDINANCE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL. SECOND BY MR. CHAUDHARY. Mrs. Llodra explained we have had a pension board since around 1977 to manage the asset. When the asset became larger, they developed the relationship with fund manager Westport Resources. The ordinance language has never been updated for the board's responsibilities. MOTION AND SECOND WITHDRAWN. MR. LUNDQUIST MOVED TO HAVE THE ORDINANCE COMMITTEE DEVELOP LANGUAGE TO DEFINE AND FORMALIZE A PENSION COMMITTEE ORDINANCE AND REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL. SECOND BY MR. CAROLL. Mrs. Llodra explained they have been concerned the pension fund was not meeting its benchmark. The consultant was brought in because there was no improvement. The consultant recommended a change in structure and changing our policy. ALL IN FAVOR.

Resolution: MR. LUNDQUIST MOTIONED TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION TO GIVE THE FINANCE DIRECTOR THE ABILITY TO DISTRIBUTE THE OFFICE SUPPLIES ACCOUNT BUDGET (IN THE SELECTMAN OTHER DEPARTMENT) TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENT BUDGETS. SECOND BY MR. FERGUSON. Ms. Jacob explained in past practice there was one supplies budget. Mr. Tait is now moving supplies into each department. In future budgets, it will be separated into departments. This also insures department heads are held accountable for their spending. Mrs. Llodra stated they can still include the totals for the Supplies account in the Annual Budget. ALL IN FAVOR.

ANNOUNCEMENT: None

VOTER COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carey Schierloh, Clerk

Attachments: Garden Club Letter, CCM Info, BOE Budget Update, Wellness Pilot Program, Grants Update

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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TOWN OF NEWTOWN
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

April 19, 2016

Mary Ann Jacob, Legislative Council Chairman
James O. Gaston, Board of Finance Chairman

Dear Mary Ann and Jim:

Given the uncertainty that existed after the Board of Finance and Legislative Council hearings regarding the actual past expenditures by our Board on engineering studies, we had the Chief conduct a forensic audit of the consulting bills and payments under the prior administration for the last several years. We matched bills and payments and were actually able to confirm an overpayment that will be reimbursed to the Agency by one vendor. After completing this exercise, we were able to clarify what has actually been spent on engineering studies. The gross expenditure for fiscal year 2014/2015 was approximately \$9,500. The gross expenditure for fiscal year 2015/2016 after crediting an overcharge, was approximately \$18,100. Our budget has consistently been \$15,000. The prior reports of expenditures significantly over our allocation of funds were erroneous. As you know, a large portion of the expenditure in the 2015/2016 cycle was for the flagpole study – commissioned as a result of significant safety concerns at the five way intersection. We will locate funds within our budget to make up the \$3100. overage. The 2015/2016 fiscal year was the first time that expenditures have exceeded our budget. We feel as a Board we provide excellent service to the Town on a modest budget of \$15,000, but reducing it to \$1,000. is unconscionable.

We are happy to supply detailed backup for these expenses to justify our work and to show that the near evisceration of the line item for professional traffic advice and consulting is entirely unwarranted and, in our judgement, will decrease traffic safety in the Town of Newtown. Since the Police Commission, as traffic authority for the Town, is the body charged with promoting traffic safety we take our obligations for proper design and efficacy of our 200+ miles of roads very seriously and we believe it unwise and imprudent to cut our budget – devoted exclusively to safety matters- by over 90 percent.

Please feel free to contact me, or any member of the Board, if you would like to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Joel T. Faxon, Chairman

cc: First Selectman E. Patricia Llodra



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April 20, 2016

First Selectman Patricia Llodra
Mrs. Mary Ann Jacob, Chair, Legislative Council
Mr. James Gaston, Chair, Board of Finance

Dear Pat, Mary Ann, and Jim:

The attached financial update was reported to the Board of Education by administration on Tuesday, April 19th. I have shared with you and your respective boards and council that the Board of Education fiscal 2015-2016 budget has been challenging since September 2015. Our internal freeze on a wide range of line items (\$718,503) has allowed us to offset significant deficits that have been realized after July 1, 2015.

In March 2016 we reported to the Board of Education that it appeared our internal controls had been effective and that there may be a release of funds on frozen line items. However, as you can see from the April report, unbeknownst to us (which played out to every local school board in Connecticut) a change in formula reimbursement for special education created a \$168,918 shortfall.

Presently, our budget is extraordinarily tight as we reported a projected flat balance (\$42) for the June closing.

This note comes to you as the beginning of a series of memos to keep you and your membership aware and close to Board of Education finances.

Please feel free to give me a call at your convenience if you would like to further discuss any aspect of the report.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Erardi, Jr.', is written over the typed name.

Dr. Joseph V. Erardi, Jr.
Superintendent of Schools

**NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
March 31, 2016**

SUMMARY

The ninth financial report of the 2015-16 fiscal year follows. In the month of March, the Board of Education spent approximately \$8.9M; \$5.2M on salaries, this figure includes a third payroll dated April 1st, \$2.3M on Benefits including our final deposit to self-insurance, and \$1.4M for all other objects.

There has been a significant swing in our year-end position projection due to loss of revenue since the February report. The district had to reimburse \$10,974 to the sending town for a change in the STARR program nursing staff. We then received notification from the State that the Excess Cost and Agency Placement Grants would be reimbursed at a lesser amount than the 80% previously indicated. The dollar value of this reduction is \$168,918 less than estimated last month. These two items account for approximately \$180,000 of added expenditures reflected in the current shortage position and are responsible for negative pressures on all of the highlighted accounts particularly, transportation and tuition.

The 'YTD Expended' includes the first installment of the Excess Cost and Agency Placement Grant at \$1,089,761.

The main object accounts continue to remain in a positive balance position for this month with the exception of "Professional Services" and "Other Purchased Services" the latter which contains the line item for Out of District Tuition and Transportation, which continues to be over budget.

The yellow highlighted accounts demonstrate where holds in place are still necessary to meet the current budget shortages. This total has gone up and is estimated at approximately \$718,503 which in effect is being used to cover the current deficit.

This budget is extremely lean and will be carefully monitored.

EXPENSE CATEGORY CONDITIONS

100 SALARIES

The total salary account expense level has decreased primarily as a result of a \$65,000 hold on curriculum work and the loss of potential offsetting revenue of \$19,680. Unachieved turnover still stands at a minus \$78,114. Paraeducators, due to special needs will exceed budget by \$93,000. Overall, the Salaries accounts reflect about \$37,000 in reduced expenses.

200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Current estimates continue to be on track with a balance in unemployment, and a \$5,000 improvement over last month.

300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Additional expenses are mounting due to required legal activity for both General Services and Special Education and more services are being required for medical and psychological evaluations. The Professional Education Services continues to provide a partial offset to the Professional Services due to the expenditure hold with \$6,470 in revenue loss.

400 PURCHASED PROPERTY SERVICES

This group of accounts provides services necessary to keep the buildings running along with classroom repairs and rentals. At this time, we are increasing the hold on selected accounts in order to provide relief for others. Building and Site Improvement Projects have been on hold and will most likely continue to be out of next year's budget. Potential expenses in the areas of building services and equipment repairs have been reduced by approximately \$40,000.

500 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES

Contracted services, travel, and the other accounts in this category have been held back to a certain extent. The pressure impacting the entire budget is resultant from the increase in out-of-district placements with their associated transportation costs. The expenses reflected here represent what we currently are aware of including several mediated settlements. Overall, the Tuition and Transportation accounts are looking worse due to the revenue loss which amounts to \$153,739.

600 SUPPLIES

The projected balances depicted in; Instructional & Library supplies, software, medical, office and plant supplies, along with textbooks are deliberate 'holds' that have been programed in. The hold on these accounts has been increased and will not be reduced as the overall position has not improved.

700 PROPERTY

Current estimates continue to provide for all technology equipment as planned with a hold on all other equipment, primarily custodial, maintenance and district furniture.

800 MISCELLANEOUS

Current estimates continue to be on track with an improved balance predicted.

The budget will continue to be carefully monitored and any subsequent issues or opportunities will be presented as necessary.

REVENUE

During the month of March no revenue was booked.

OFFSETTING REVENUE

The anticipated column now reflects the revised estimate on the total Excess Cost and Agency Placement Grants.

This report includes the first installment of the grant that has been received, \$1,089,761. The balance which was \$437,159 at 80.85% last month, is now \$268,241 which is approximately 73.75%. These numbers are reflected in the 2nd Anticipated, February Received and May Expected columns on this schedule.

The State had indicated that statewide, districts' December filing were lower than expected. While the capped percentage was at 20 percent, they anticipated the percentage to increase to approximately 25 to 27 percent. This happened and our May payment will be adjusted to stay within the State appropriation at the lower end.

The budget will continue to be carefully monitored as it is very tight and any sub sequent issues or opportunities will be presented as necessary.

Ron Bienkowski
Director of Business
April 12, 2016

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

The Newtown Board of Education's Monthly Financial Report provides summary financial information in the following areas:

- Object Code – a service or commodity obtained as the result of a specific expenditure defined by eight categories: Salaries, Employee Benefits, Professional Services, Purchased Property Services, Other Purchased Services, Supplies, Property, and Miscellaneous.
- Expense Category – further defines the type of expense by Object Code
- Expended 2013-14 – actual (unaudited) expenditures of the prior fiscal year (for comparison purposes)
- Approved Budget – indicates the town approved financial plan used by the school district to achieve its goals and objectives.
- YTD Transfers - identified specific cross object codes requiring adjustments to provide adequate funding for the fiscal period. This includes all transfers made to date.
- Current Transfers – identifies the recommended cross object codes for current month action. (No current transfers indicated)
- Current Budget – adjusts the Approved Budget calculating adjustments (+ or -) from transfers to the identified object codes.
- Year-To-Date Expended – indicates the actual amount of cumulative expenditures processed by the school district through the month-end date indicated on the monthly budget summary report.
- Encumbered – indicates approved financial obligations of the school district as a result of employee salary contracts, purchasing agreements, purchase orders, or other identified obligations not processed for payment by the date indicated on the monthly budget summary report.
- Balance – calculates object code account balances, subtracting expenditures and encumbrances from the current budget amount, indicating unobligated balances or shortages.
- Anticipated Obligation – is a column which provides a method to forecast expense category fund balances that have not been approved via an encumbrance, but are anticipated to be expended or remain with an account balance to maintain the overall

budget funding level. Receivable revenue (i.e., grants) are now included in this column which has the effect of netting the expected expenditure.

- Projected Balance – calculates the object code balances subtracting the Anticipated Obligations. These balances will move up and down as information is known and or decisions are anticipated or made about current and projected needs of the district.

The monthly budget summary report also provides financial information on the State of Connecticut grant reimbursement programs (Excess Cost and Agency Placement Grants and Magnet Grant Transportation). These reimbursement grants/programs are used to supplement local school district budget programs as follows:

Excess Cost Grant – this State of Connecticut reimbursement grant is used to support local school districts for education costs of identified special education students whose annual education costs exceed local prior year per pupil expenditure by 4 ½. Students placed by the Department of Child and Family services (DCF) are reimbursed after the school district has met the prior year's per pupil expenditure. School districts report these costs annually in December and March of each fiscal year. State of Connecticut grant calculations are determined by reimbursing eligible costs (60%-100%) based on the SDE grant allocation and all other town submittals. Current year receipts results from the state reporting done in December. We receive notice of what we are eligible for in early April.

Magnet Transportation Grant – provides reimbursement of \$1,300 for local students attending approved Magnet school programs. The budgeted grant is \$62,400 for this year while the expected receipt is now \$66,300.

The last portion of the monthly budget summary reports school generated revenue fees that are anticipated revenue to the Town of Newtown, Fees include:

- High school fees for three identified programs with the highest amount of fees anticipated from the high school sports participation fees.
- Building related fees for the use of the high school pool facility, and
- Miscellaneous fees.

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT

FOR THE MONTH ENDING - MARCH 31, 2016

OBJECT CODE	EXPENDED 2014 - 2015	APPROVED BUDGET	YTD		CURRENT BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBER	BALANCE	ANTICIPATED OBLIGATIONS	PROJECTED BALANCE
			2015 - 2016	TRANSFERS						
GENERAL FUND BUDGET										
100	\$ 44,815,249	\$ 45,087,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,087,071	\$ 30,641,972	\$ 13,897,337	\$ 547,562	\$ 588,495	\$ (40,933)
200	\$ 11,114,368	\$ 10,705,454	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,705,454	\$ 10,205,979	\$ 1,500	\$ 497,975	\$ 441,860	\$ 56,115
300	\$ 907,519	\$ 788,173	\$ (5,500)	\$ -	\$ 782,673	\$ 667,913	\$ 165,018	\$ (50,258)	\$ 124,052	\$ (174,310)
400	\$ 2,148,955	\$ 2,133,580	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 2,135,080	\$ 1,548,494	\$ 127,455	\$ 459,130	\$ 289,302	\$ 169,828
500	\$ 7,314,702	\$ 7,625,933	\$ 7,719	\$ -	\$ 7,633,652	\$ 5,921,065	\$ 1,962,241	\$ (249,654)	\$ 444,861	\$ (694,514)
600	\$ 4,431,039	\$ 4,391,767	\$ (3,719)	\$ -	\$ 4,388,048	\$ 2,804,782	\$ 144,433	\$ 1,438,834	\$ 826,463	\$ 612,371
700	\$ 532,858	\$ 786,012	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 786,012	\$ 677,535	\$ 41,439	\$ 67,039	\$ 700	\$ 66,339
800	\$ 67,705	\$ 69,956	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,956	\$ 59,741	\$ 158	\$ 10,057	\$ 4,910	\$ 5,147
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET										
	\$ 71,332,395	\$ 71,587,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,587,946	\$ 52,527,481	\$ 16,339,780	\$ 2,720,685	\$ 2,720,643	\$ 42
900	\$ 12,909									
TRANSFER NON-LAPSING										
	\$ 12,909									
GRAND TOTAL										
	\$ 71,345,304	\$ 71,587,946	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,587,946	\$ 52,527,481	\$ 16,339,780	\$ 2,720,685	\$ 2,720,643	\$ 42

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NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT

FOR THE MONTH ENDING - MARCH 31, 2016

OBJECT CODE	EXPENSE CATEGORY	EXPENDED 2014 - 2015	YTD TRANSFERS		CURRENT BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBER	BALANCE	ANTICIPATED PROJECTED	
			2015 - 2016	CURRENT TRANSFERS					OBLIGATIONS	BALANCE
100	SALARIES									
	Administrative Salaries	\$ 3,006,639	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,171,452	\$ 2,373,485	\$ 768,053	\$ 29,914	\$ 7,693	\$ 22,221
	Teachers & Specialists Salaries	\$ 30,187,768	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 29,940,913	\$ 19,723,839	\$ 10,361,687	\$ (137,613)	\$ (3,486)	\$ (134,127)
	Early Retirement	\$ 32,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 84,500	\$ 92,500	\$ -	\$ (8,000)	\$ -	\$ (8,000)
	Continuing Ed./Summer School	\$ 89,828	\$ (7,000)	\$ -	\$ 86,673	\$ 72,709	\$ 10,446	\$ 3,518	\$ 3,500	\$ 18
	Homebound & Tutors Salaries	\$ 372,132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 326,936	\$ 195,724	\$ 29,278	\$ 101,934	\$ 76,000	\$ 25,934
	Certified Substitutes	\$ 534,674	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 594,875	\$ 383,414	\$ 57,600	\$ 153,861	\$ 133,500	\$ 20,361
	Coaching/Activities	\$ 525,627	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 543,480	\$ 281,012	\$ 4,064	\$ 238,405	\$ 257,000	\$ 1,405
	Staff & Program Development	\$ 204,214	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 205,000	\$ 118,745	\$ 17,881	\$ 68,374	\$ 2,916	\$ 65,458
	CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$ 34,952,882	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,960,829	\$ 23,241,427	\$ 11,249,009	\$ 470,393	\$ 477,123	\$ (6,730)
	Supervisors/Technology Salaries	\$ 638,531	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 761,854	\$ 568,591	\$ 199,239	\$ (5,976)	\$ -	\$ (5,976)
	Clerical & Secretarial salaries	\$ 2,000,375	\$ 42,517	\$ -	\$ 2,079,162	\$ 1,530,640	\$ 558,559	\$ (10,037)	\$ -	\$ (10,037)
	Educational Assistants	\$ 2,094,517	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,988,010	\$ 1,516,128	\$ 578,426	\$ (106,544)	\$ (13,772)	\$ (92,772)
	Nurses & Medical advisors	\$ 669,915	\$ 26,440	\$ -	\$ 676,706	\$ 445,034	\$ 225,141	\$ 6,532	\$ 5,560	\$ 972
	Custodial & Maint Salaries	\$ 2,822,235	\$ 40,079	\$ -	\$ 2,857,579	\$ 2,126,074	\$ 740,911	\$ (9,406)	\$ -	\$ (9,406)
	Non Certified Salary Adjustment	\$ -	\$ (114,036)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Career/Job salaries	\$ 198,470	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,858	\$ 154,683	\$ 40,739	\$ 35,437	\$ 21,522	\$ 13,915
	Special Education Svcs Salaries	\$ 864,058	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 971,191	\$ 657,000	\$ 248,315	\$ 65,875	\$ 18,283	\$ 47,592
	Attendance & Security Salaries	\$ 213,578	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 235,265	\$ 182,614	\$ 57,196	\$ (4,545)	\$ 700	\$ (5,245)
	Extra Work - Non-Cert	\$ 92,025	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 76,254	\$ 61,147	\$ -	\$ 15,107	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,107
	Custodial & Maint. Overtime	\$ 233,174	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210,363	\$ 128,238	\$ -	\$ 82,125	\$ 67,000	\$ 15,125
	Civic activities/Park & Rec	\$ 35,490	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,000	\$ 30,398	\$ -	\$ 8,602	\$ 7,079	\$ 1,523
	NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$ 9,862,368	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,126,242	\$ 7,400,545	\$ 2,648,528	\$ 77,169	\$ 111,372	\$ (34,203)
	SUBTOTAL SALARIES	\$ 44,815,249	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,087,071	\$ 30,641,972	\$ 13,897,537	\$ 547,562	\$ 588,495	\$ (40,933)

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT

FOR THE MONTH ENDING - MARCH 31, 2016

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			APPROVED BUDGET	TRANSFERS 2015 - 2016	CURRENT TRANSFERS				
200	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS								
	Medical & Dental Expenses	\$ 8,713,310	\$ 8,192,380	\$ -	\$ 8,177,393	\$ -	\$ 14,987	\$ 9,900	\$ 5,087
	Life Insurance	\$ 84,500	\$ 87,337	\$ -	\$ 70,477	\$ -	\$ 16,860	\$ 14,460	\$ 2,400
	FICA & Medicare	\$ 1,330,558	\$ 1,347,487	\$ -	\$ 941,338	\$ -	\$ 406,149	\$ 406,000	\$ 149
	Pensions	\$ 442,437	\$ 501,329	\$ -	\$ 497,112	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,717	\$ 2,200	\$ 517
	Unemployment & Employee Assist.	\$ 63,883	\$ 74,000	\$ -	\$ 16,734	\$ -	\$ 57,266	\$ 9,300	\$ 47,966
	Workers Compensation	\$ 479,680	\$ 502,921	\$ -	\$ 502,926	\$ -	\$ (5)	\$ -	\$ (5)
	SUBTOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 11,114,368	\$ 10,705,454	\$ -	\$ 10,205,979	\$ 1,500	\$ 497,975	\$ 441,860	\$ 56,115
300	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES								
	Professional Services	\$ 744,428	\$ 567,155	\$ -	\$ 572,319	\$ 152,454	\$ (157,618)	\$ 72,952	\$ (230,570)
	Professional Educational Ser.	\$ 163,091	\$ 221,018	\$ (5,500)	\$ 95,594	\$ 12,564	\$ 107,360	\$ 51,100	\$ 56,260
	SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$ 907,519	\$ 788,173	\$ (5,500)	\$ 667,913	\$ 165,018	\$ (50,258)	\$ 124,052	\$ (174,310)
400	PURCHASED PROPERTY SVCS								
	Buildings & Grounds Services	\$ 645,531	\$ 661,375	\$ -	\$ 540,118	\$ 52,309	\$ 68,948	\$ 49,000	\$ 19,948
	Utility Services - Water & Sewer	\$ 109,859	\$ 116,000	\$ -	\$ 83,311	\$ -	\$ 32,689	\$ 40,148	\$ (7,459)
	Building, Site & Emergency Repairs	\$ 507,859	\$ 460,850	\$ -	\$ 336,736	\$ 34,322	\$ 89,792	\$ 90,000	\$ (208)
	Equipment Repairs	\$ 274,022	\$ 296,738	\$ (1,500)	\$ 166,348	\$ 33,673	\$ 95,217	\$ 69,000	\$ 26,217
	Rentals - Building & Equipment	\$ 297,181	\$ 317,117	\$ 3,000	\$ 259,885	\$ 7,151	\$ 53,081	\$ 34,329	\$ 18,752
	Building & Site Improvements	\$ 314,503	\$ 281,500	\$ -	\$ 162,097	\$ -	\$ 119,403	\$ 6,825	\$ 112,578
	SUBTOTAL PUR. PROPERTY SER.	\$ 2,148,955	\$ 2,133,580	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,548,494	\$ 127,455	\$ 459,130	\$ 289,302	\$ 169,828

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			APPROVED BUDGET	TRANSFERS 2015 - 2016	CURRENT BUDGET							
500	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES											
	Contracted Services	\$ 412,606	\$ 462,477	\$ 7,719	\$ -	\$ 470,196	\$ 342,202	\$ 93,247	\$ 34,746	\$ 30,000	\$ 4,746	
	Transportation Services	\$ 3,839,746	\$ 3,934,792	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,934,792	\$ 2,723,081	\$ 911,367	\$ 300,344	\$ 410,185	\$ (109,841)	
	Insurance - Property & Liability	\$ 325,587	\$ 356,941	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 356,941	\$ 351,478	\$ -	\$ 5,463	\$ -	\$ 5,463	
	Communications	\$ 122,190	\$ 130,583	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 130,583	\$ 99,784	\$ 27,251	\$ 3,549	\$ 2,600	\$ 949	
	Printing Services	\$ 35,776	\$ 39,582	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,582	\$ 16,781	\$ 4,571	\$ 18,230	\$ 15,000	\$ 3,230	
	Tuition - Out of District	\$ 2,358,090	\$ 2,469,221	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,469,221	\$ 2,219,077	\$ 902,191	\$ (652,047)	\$ (37,924)	\$ (614,123)	
	Student Travel & Staff Mileage	\$ 220,707	\$ 232,337	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 232,337	\$ 168,662	\$ 23,614	\$ 40,061	\$ 25,000	\$ 15,061	
	SUBTOTAL OTHER PURCHASED SE	\$ 7,314,702	\$ 7,625,933	\$ 7,719	\$ -	\$ 7,633,652	\$ 5,921,065	\$ 1,962,241	\$ (249,654)	\$ 444,861	\$ (694,514)	
600	SUPPLIES											
	Instructional & Library Supplies	\$ 853,956	\$ 911,445	\$ (2,219)	\$ -	\$ 909,226	\$ 621,851	\$ 34,151	\$ 253,224	\$ 26,435	\$ 226,789	
	Software, Medical & Office Sup.	\$ 205,275	\$ 222,105	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 222,105	\$ 58,806	\$ 52,031	\$ 111,268	\$ 29,903	\$ 81,365	
	Plant Supplies	\$ 379,403	\$ 375,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375,100	\$ 253,567	\$ 29,325	\$ 92,208	\$ 20,000	\$ 72,208	
	Electric	\$ 1,466,532	\$ 1,455,657	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ 1,470,657	\$ 1,061,033	\$ -	\$ 409,624	\$ 441,033	\$ (31,409)	
	Propane & Natural Gas	\$ 308,569	\$ 380,546	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 380,546	\$ 163,194	\$ -	\$ 217,352	\$ 87,280	\$ 130,072	
	Fuel Oil	\$ 549,889	\$ 502,320	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 502,320	\$ 428,092	\$ -	\$ 74,228	\$ 51,983	\$ 22,245	
	Fuel For Vehicles & Equip.	\$ 410,399	\$ 337,025	\$ (15,000)	\$ -	\$ 322,025	\$ 127,933	\$ -	\$ 194,092	\$ 166,710	\$ 27,382	
	Textbooks	\$ 257,917	\$ 207,569	\$ (1,500)	\$ -	\$ 206,069	\$ 90,305	\$ 28,925	\$ 86,839	\$ 3,119	\$ 83,720	
	SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES	\$ 4,431,039	\$ 4,391,767	\$ (3,719)	\$ -	\$ 4,388,048	\$ 2,804,782	\$ 144,433	\$ 1,438,834	\$ 826,463	\$ 612,371	

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT

FOR THE MONTH ENDING - MARCH 31, 2016

OBJECT CODE	EXPENSE CATEGORY	EXPENDED 2014 - 2015	YTD			YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBER	BALANCE	ANTICIPATED OBLIGATIONS	PROJECTED BALANCE
			APPROVED BUDGET	TRANSFERS 2015 - 2016	CURRENT TRANSFERS					
700	PROPERTY									
	Capital Improvements (Sewers)	\$ 124,177	\$ 124,177	\$ -	\$ 124,177	\$ -	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ 0
	Technology Equipment	\$ 378,975	\$ 549,144	\$ -	\$ 538,438	\$ 9,946	\$ 760	\$ 760	\$ 700	\$ 60
	Other Equipment	\$ 29,706	\$ 112,691	\$ -	\$ 14,920	\$ 31,493	\$ 66,278	\$ 66,278	\$ -	\$ 66,278
	SUBTOTAL PROPERTY	\$ 532,858	\$ 786,012	\$ -	\$ 677,535	\$ 41,439	\$ 67,039	\$ 67,039	\$ 700	\$ 66,339
800	MISCELLANEOUS									
	Memberships	\$ 67,705	\$ 69,956	\$ -	\$ 59,741	\$ 158	\$ 10,057	\$ 10,057	\$ 4,910	\$ 5,147
	SUBTOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ 67,705	\$ 69,956	\$ -	\$ 59,741	\$ 158	\$ 10,057	\$ 10,057	\$ 4,910	\$ 5,147
	TOTAL LOCAL BUDGET	\$ 71,332,395	\$ 71,587,946	\$ -	\$ 52,527,481	\$ 16,339,780	\$ 2,720,685	\$ 2,720,643	\$ 2,720,643	\$ 42

Highlights 'on hold objects' in the "Projected Balance" column needed to cover Funding Shortage \$ 718,503

**NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT
FOR THE MONTH ENDING - MARCH 31, 2016**

OBJECT CODE	EXPENSE CATEGORY	EXPENDED 2014 - 2015	YTD		CURRENT BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBER BALANCE	ANTICIPATED OBLIGATIONS BALANCE	PROJECTED OBLIGATIONS BALANCE
			APPROVED BUDGET	TRANSFERS 2015 - 2016					
	SCHOOL GENERATED FEES								
	HIGH SCHOOL FEES								
	NURTURY PROGRAM		\$8,000	\$8,000.00		\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	PARKING PERMITS		\$20,000	\$20,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	PAY FOR PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS		\$84,800	\$38,711.00		\$38,711.00	\$46,089.00	\$46,089.00	45.65%
			\$112,800	\$66,711.00		\$66,711.00	\$46,089.00	\$46,089.00	59.14%
	MISCELLANEOUS FEES		\$500	\$512.50		\$512.50	(\$12.50)	(\$12.50)	102.50%
	TOTAL SCHOOL GENERATED FEES		\$113,300	\$67,224		\$67,224	\$46,077	\$46,077	161.64%

NEWTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT

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OFFSETTING REVENUE INCLUDED IN ANTICIPATED OBLIGATIONS

OBJECT EXPENSE CATEGORY	BUDGETED	1st ANTICIPATED	Loss From 1st	2nd ANTICIPATED	FEB RECEIVED	MAY EXPECTED	BALANCE
100 SALARIES	\$ (64,836)	\$ (99,155)	\$ (8,709)	\$ (90,446)	\$ (70,766)	\$ (19,680)	\$ -
200 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ (62,274)	\$ (73,659)	\$ (6,470)	\$ (67,189)	\$ (52,571)	\$ (14,618)	\$ -
400 PURCHASED PROPERTY SERV.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
500 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$ (1,319,397)	\$ (1,354,106)	\$ (153,739)	\$ (1,200,367)	\$ (966,424)	\$ (233,943)	\$ -
600 SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
700 PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
800 MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$ (1,446,507)	\$ (1,526,920)	\$ (168,918)	\$ (1,358,002)	\$ (1,089,761)	\$ (268,241)	\$ -

100 SALARIES	\$ -	\$ (17,562)	\$ (1,542)	\$ (16,020)	\$ (12,534)	\$ (3,486)	\$ -
Administrative Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Teachers & Specialists Salaries	\$ (19,368)	\$ (17,562)	\$ (1,542)	\$ (16,020)	\$ (12,534)	\$ (3,486)	\$ -
Early Retirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Continuing Ed./Summer School	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Homebound & Tutors Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Certified Substitutes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Coaching/Activities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Staff & Program Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$ (19,368)	\$ (17,562)	\$ (1,542)	\$ (16,020)	\$ (12,534)	\$ (3,486)	\$ -
Supervisors/Technology Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Clerical & Secretarial salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Educational Assistants	\$ (7,034)	\$ (8,922)	\$ (783)	\$ (8,139)	\$ (6,367)	\$ (1,772)	\$ -
Nurses & Medical advisors	\$ (14,196)	\$ (14,812)	\$ (1,301)	\$ (13,511)	\$ (10,571)	\$ (2,940)	\$ -
Custodial & Maint Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Non Certified Salary Adjustment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Career/Job salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Special Education Svcs Salaries	\$ (24,238)	\$ (57,859)	\$ (5,083)	\$ (52,776)	\$ (41,294)	\$ (11,482)	\$ -
Attendance & Security Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Extra Work - Non-Cert	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Custodial & Maint. Overtime	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Civic activities/Park & Rec	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$ (45,468)	\$ (81,593)	\$ (7,167)	\$ (74,426)	\$ (58,232)	\$ (16,194)	\$ -
SUBTOTAL SALARIES	\$ (64,836)	\$ (99,155)	\$ (8,709)	\$ (90,446)	\$ (70,766)	\$ (19,680)	\$ -

FOR THE MONTH ENDING - MARCH 31, 2016

OFFSETTING REVENUE INCLUDED IN ANTICIPATED OBLIGATIONS

OBJECT	EXPENSE CATEGORY	BUDGETED	1st ANTICIPATED	Loss From 1st	2nd ANTICIPATED	FEB RECEIVED	MAY EXPECTED	BALANCE
200	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	SUBTOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
300	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES							
	Professional Services	\$ (62,274)	\$ (73,659)	\$ (6,470)	\$ (67,189)	\$ (52,571)	\$ (14,618)	\$ -
	Professional Educational Ser.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	SUBTOTAL PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$ (62,274)	\$ (73,659)	\$ (6,470)	\$ (67,189)	\$ (52,571)	\$ (14,618)	\$ -
400	PURCHASED PROPERTY SVCS							
	SUBTOTAL PUR. PROPERTY SER.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
500	OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES							
	Contracted Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Transportation Services	\$ (259,843)	\$ (287,743)	\$ (26,549)	\$ (261,194)	\$ (205,362)	\$ (55,832)	\$ -
	Insurance - Property & Liability	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Communications	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Printing Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Tuition - Out of District	\$ (1,059,554)	\$ (1,066,363)	\$ (127,190)	\$ (939,173)	\$ (761,062)	\$ (178,111)	\$ -
	Student Travel & Staff Mileage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	SUBTOTAL OTHER PURCHASED SER.	\$ (1,319,397)	\$ (1,354,106)	\$ (153,739)	\$ (1,200,367)	\$ (966,424)	\$ (233,943)	\$ -
600	SUPPLIES							
	SUBTOTAL SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
700	PROPERTY							
	SUBTOTAL PROPERTY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
800	MISCELLANEOUS							
	Memberships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	SUBTOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	TOTAL LOCAL BUDGET	\$ (1,446,507)	\$ (1,526,920)	\$ (168,918)	\$ (1,358,002)	\$ (1,089,761)	\$ (268,241)	\$ -

Excess Cost and Agency placement Grants were budgeted at 75%.
 The 1st Anticipated was at 80.85% which equaled \$80,413 in additional anticipated grant revenue.
 The 2nd Anticipated is at 73.75% which equals (\$168,918) less in anticipated grant revenue.



Re-invigorating the State-Local Partnership: Working Together for Connecticut's Social and Economic Future

Connecticut's challenging times present opportunities for significant changes that will improve the quality-of-life of our state. Municipalities and state leaders can work together to make government more efficient at all levels and ensure the continuity of local public services and restraint in property tax rates. CCM stands at the ready to work with the Governor and General Assembly to address our state's pressing issues.

Municipalities have been making tough choices – cuts in services, employee layoffs, postponing projects and grudgingly, property tax increases; they've done all they can do to hold the line on spending.

Our struggling urban centers face a particular set of challenges. While all communities in Connecticut have significant needs -- especially given the current economic downturn -- it is clear that our core cities face the most extraordinary challenges. These cities must deal with high poverty rates, educational needs and outcome disparities, increased crime rates, and revenue challenges. It is equally clear that cities support surrounding communities as service centers, cultural hubs, and employment nuclei. Special consideration should be given to the plight of these communities.

Below are some suggestions to mitigate state aid cuts to towns, and a few longer-term approaches to strengthen our partnership and better serve the residents of our great state.

- Impose no new unfunded state mandates.
- Add reason and clarity to municipal government-board of education (BOE) relations to achieve efficiencies by:
 - Allowing Local Legislative Bodies (LLBs) the authority to initiate and implement backoffice sharing (for noneducational expenditures) with boards of education.
 - Allowing municipalities the option to negotiate wage and fringe benefit provisions of collective bargaining agreements, including those within the BOE, either individually or in a coalition (similar to how the State negotiates with its unions).

- Requiring all BOEs to develop a space use plan by no later than 2020, to address the drastic reduction in student population projected over the next five years.
- Amend the Municipal Employee Retirement System (MERS) to:
 - a) Establish an additional retirement plan within MERS, for new hires, that would:
 - i. Maintain a defined benefit plan. Such new tier would be modeled after the State's tier III, which currently exists within the State Employee Retirement System. There has only been one tier within MERS since the system was established in 1947.
 - ii. Change the plan for new employees hired after a certain time period to be part of a town plan, instead of the existing plan.
 - b) Allow municipalities the option of negotiating a higher contribution to retirement from MERS participants than the current cap.
- Raise the threshold for prevailing wage rate projects. Increase the threshold to \$1.5 million, and index the threshold thereafter.
- Reform the legal notices mandate: allow municipalities to publish a summary of the notice in the newspaper, with reference to the availability of the full notice on the town website and the town offices, instead of having to publish the entire notice in the newspaper.
- Provide needed relief to municipalities by the State adopting the federal standards pertaining to the "burden of proof" for special education services, as is current procedure in almost all other states.
- Further reform the Minimum Budget Requirement to provide greater reason to education statutes, providing savings in communities without sacrificing quality public education.
- Foster regional cooperation by allowing LLBs to override, with a super-majority, organized labor objections to regional consolidation efforts.
- Permit true Home Rule and local revenue diversification by allowing towns and/or regions to implement sales, hotel, car rental, restaurant, entertainment and other related taxes and fees, like the vast majority of local governments in other states.
- Allow sharing of the conveyance tax at a 50/50 ratio between the State and towns, rather than 75/25, to benefit smaller communities.
- Prohibit the enactment of performance standards related to municipal efficiencies without input and agreement of towns, through CCM.
- Reform the Municipal Spending Cap:

- Delay implementation of the municipal spending cap enacted in PA 15-5, until FY 20. In the interim, establish a committee to develop a meaningful cap modeled off other states, such as New York.
- Amend the list of exemptions to the municipal spending cap to include (i) increased fees for state services, regulations and permits, (ii) state aid reductions from the previous year (in case the State cuts non-education aid or ECS, or a reduction in sales tax revenue, etc.), (iii) costs associated with new unfunded state mandates, and (iv) municipalities with town meeting forms of government.
- Allow municipalities the option to request a waiver from OPM for exceeding the spending cap in the event that unforeseen circumstances or accounting changes impact spending levels.
- Allow municipalities to override the spending cap with a 2/3 vote of local legislative bodies -- without a reduction of funds.



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CCM's Mandates Report: State Mandates and Their Corrosive Impact

1 message

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State Mandates and Their Corrosive Impact on Towns and Cities

State mandates are requirements and standards imposed by the State on towns and cities. State mandates burden residential and business property taxpayers with significant costs.

Local governments support the objectives of many of these mandates, such as special education, public health, recycling of reusable wastes, and stormwater treatment. However, towns and cities object when the State does not provide commensurate funding.

Connecticut's towns and cities must comply with over 1,200 **statutory** state mandates, according to a report prepared by the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (CT ACIR). In addition, **regulations** implementing these statutes and other administrative mandates further increase the requirements and costs imposed on local governments.

Half of all municipal expenditures in Connecticut pay for state-mandated services or benefits – leaving half of all local budgets beyond local control.

In addition, towns and cities lose staggering amounts of revenue as the result of **state-mandated property tax exemptions** for real and personal property owned by the State, real and personal property owned by private



CCM's Mandates Report is drafted during the Legislative Session, CCM produces this weekly report to inform members and the Legislature about pending bills that propose (1) new unfunded mandates or (2) mandates relief for towns and

colleges and hospitals, computer software owned by businesses, and more.

These state-imposed obligations and state-imposed revenue losses force all municipalities to increase their property tax rates.

Other Kinds of State Mandates

In numerous situations, although the State does not direct a specific mandate to municipalities, it effectively imposes one. These "mandates in effect" occur when the State abandons necessary state-provided services that citizens rely on and need. Municipalities must then continue to provide these services at local expense.

In some cases, the General Assembly passes legislation that a municipality may adopt by local option which, as a practical political matter, the local government cannot avoid. Thus, the State imposes what could be termed, a "de facto" mandate. For example, in recent years the legislature has increased property tax breaks to veterans at local taxpayers' expense – a worthy cause, but an option that most municipalities will feel compelled to do with the nation fighting terrorism. In a situation such as this, the State has bought good will from a segment of the public –with local property tax dollars.

What Can the State Do?

- Impose no new unfunded state mandates.
- Provide meaningful mandates reform ([click here for a sample of reasonable mandates reform proposals](#)).

Municipal control over municipal finances must be restored in Connecticut. The necessary first step toward reaching this goal must be a reexamination and reform of the state mandates system. Property taxpayers deserve no less.

PROPOSED NEW STATE MANDATES

cities.

Sometimes even well-intended bills will have negative impacts on residential and business property taxpayers.

Please feel free to share this report with other officials in your community.

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CCM's website and Legislative Action Center are designed to ensure critical information is easily accessible for local officials on legislative and regulatory issues of concern.

Along with many other items of interest, on our website you will find such things as:

- CCM's 2016 State Legislative Program
- Legislative & Action Alerts
- CCM Analyses of Various Budget Proposals
- CCM Testimony to the General Assembly

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This number reflects the amount of proposed new state mandates on towns and cities that are before the General Assembly.

For a detailed list of the bills, read more here...

PROPOSED NEW MANDATE RELIEF BILLS



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Pilot Program: Reimbursement for successful participation in health improvement (HI) program

HI Programs shall focus on learning to change behaviors for improving nutrition, increasing physical activity, stress reduction, personal wellness and/or smoking cessation.

- Successful participation is defined as commitment to a program and at least 75% attendance at all sessions.
- Reimbursement will not exceed \$100 per person per year

The program is for an employee who

- participates in an organized program for health improvement that includes a focus on improving nutrition, increasing physical activity, stress reduction, personal wellness, and/or smoking cessation,
- attends a program administered by a certified professional for the type of program,
- attends/completes 75% of the classes/meetings be reimbursed for a portion of the program cost,
- Submits documentation of attendance upon completion as part of the reimbursement request.

EXAMPLES. A twelve-week program of nutrition and physical activity, in which the participant attended at least 9 of the 12 weeks, and the cost of which was \$200 and was paid for by the participant, would be reimbursed \$100.

OR an on-going program like Weight Watchers, which could cost \$10 per week and the participant signed up January 1st and continued to the end of June, would be approximately 25 weeks and have a cost of \$250. If the participant attended at least 19 of those weeks, the reimbursement would be \$100.00 (as \$100 is the maximum)

OR A 10 class yoga program (or pilates, exercise, etc) at a cost of \$150 would have a reimbursement of \$75.

This would not reimburse a gym membership fee; however, if there is an organized program at the gym which requires additional payment; documentation of the program, attendance and cost can be submitted for reimbursement.

Research shows us that people who participate in programs based on good science with regard to nutrition and physical activity, are assisted by certified professionals in implementing behavior changes, and do this in an arena of support (classes, meetings, etc.) are more likely to be successful than going it alone.

Administrator for this pilot program is Donna Culbert, Director of Health. Her contact info is donna.culbert@newtown-ct.gov tel (203) 270-4291

Application for Reimbursement for Participation in Health Improvement Program

Name: _____

Name/description of program: _____

Start date: _____

Expected duration: _____

My signature below indicates my understanding of the following:

The Town of Newtown is interested in supporting the employee's desire and efforts to improve their health through this pilot program.

I understand that I am committing to a program for the improvement of my health, by learning to change behaviors for improved nutrition, increased physical activity, stress reduction, personal wellness and/or smoking cessation. I am responsible for payment to participate in the program. The Town of Newtown will reimburse 50% of the cost that I will have already paid, up to \$100, upon satisfactory demonstration that

The course/program is administered by a certified professional.

I have attended/completed at least 75% of the classes/sessions/meetings.

I have completed a final assessment that indicates changing behavior as a result of the program.

I have submitted documentation from the course/program administrator indicating attendance and fee paid.

I have received authorization at the outset of the program that it qualifies for reimbursement.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Approval Signature: _____ Date: _____

Donna M. Culbert, Director of Health

GRANTS UPDATE – PLANNING DEPT. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

APRIL 20, 2016





GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Planning Department Grants

- **Focus:**
 - Brownfields - a property where the reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance(s);
 - Infrastructure – streetscape, water / sewer upgrades;
 - Fairfield Hills related projects;
 - Support other group's applications as directed



GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Grant Responsibilities

Rob Sibley (Planning, Land Use)

- Batchelder Cleanup (44 Swamp Road)
- Batchelder HBMA (44 Swamp Road)
- Transportation Enhancement (sidewalks)
- Open Space Acquisition
- Fishing Access Parking / Halfway River

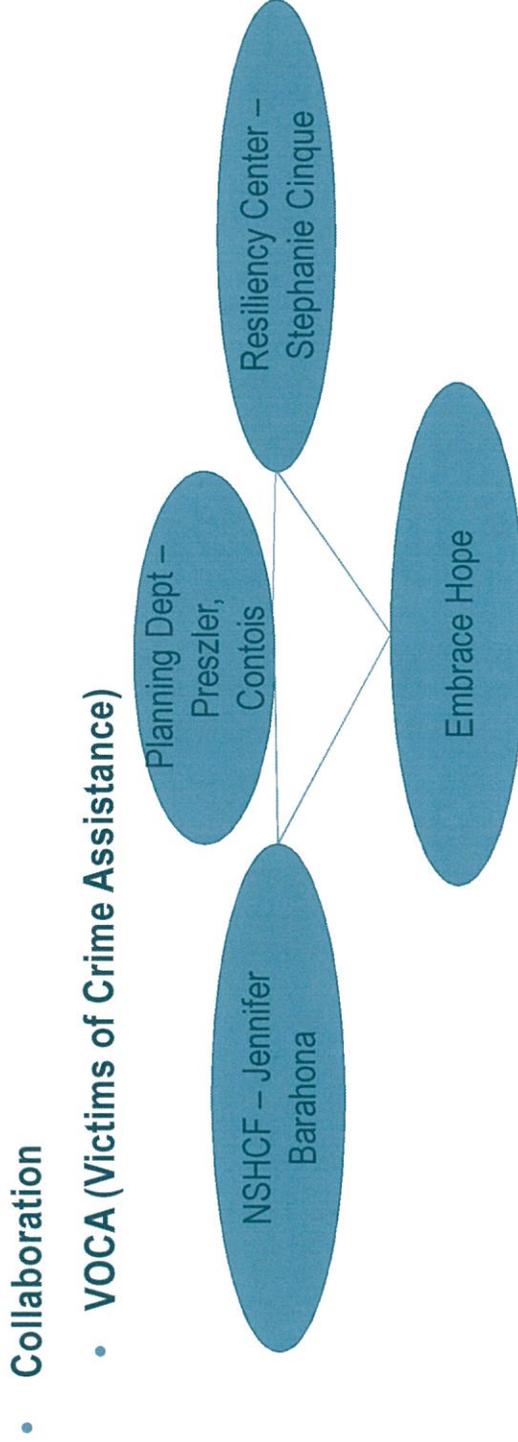
Fred Hurley (DPW)

- Hawleyville Sewer



GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Interdepartmental Grants





GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Active Grant Projects

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
• Batchelder Cleanup (44 Swamp Road)	CT DECD (\$150,000)
• Batchelder HBMA (44 Swamp Road)	VCOG (\$8,600)
• Transportation Enhancement (sidewalks)	CT DOT (\$723,200)
• Open Space Acquisition	DEEP (\$110,000)
• Fishing Parking / Halfway River	Housatonic (\$326,000)



GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Active Grant Projects (continued)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
• 28A Glen Road HBMA	VCOG (\$5,340)
• 28A Phase I and Phase II	VCOG (\$50,244)
• Municipal Brownfield Assessment (FH)	CT DECD (\$200,000)
• Renovation of Duplex #63	CT DSS (\$500,000)
• 7 Glen Road HBMA, Phase I and Phase II	VCOG (\$50,884)



GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Active Grant Projects (continued)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
• Fairfield Hills Streetscape	CT OPM / DECD (STEAP) (\$500,000)
• Neglected Cemetery – Bradley	CT OPM (\$1,380)
• Hawleyville Sewer Extension (DPW)	STEAP / DEEP (\$500,000)



GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Pending Grant Applications

Project

- Victim Assistance Grant
- Cleanup Grant – 28A Glen Road
- Hawleyville Streetscape

Funding Source

- State of CT Judicial Branch Purchasing Office / State of CT Judicial Branch Office of Victim Services (\$442,434 per year, potentially up to three years)
- VCOG (\$200,000)
- OPM / STEAP (\$500,000)



GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Possible Application

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>
• Hawleyville Design District Improvements	Main Street Investment Fund / DOH (\$500,000)



GRANTS UPDATE APRIL 20, 2016

Fairfield Hills – not grant funded

- Canaan House
 - Floors 1, 2 and 3 remediated
 - Basement remediation underway (6 weeks)
 - Window remediation (removal) underway (6 weeks)
 - Roof remediation (removal)
 - Total demolition (8 weeks)

