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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT JULY 17, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT: Chris Eide, Chris Smith, Jordana Bloom, Robert Pickard, Judit DeStefano, Ryan Knapp, Dan Wiedemann, Paul Lundquist, Phil Carroll, Kelley Johnson, Jay Mattegat, Dan Honan.

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait, 1 press.

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

VOTER COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2019 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING. SECOND BY MR. HONAN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (12-0)

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Lundquist said the Newtown Community Center and Senior Center will have the ribbon cutting ceremony on July 19, 2019 at 10:00 am, all are invited to attend. One email about the plastic bag reduction ordinance was received. (ATTACHED)

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: First Selectman Rosenthal said there will be some short remarks during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Community Center and Senior Center. He thanked Mr. Mattegat for the donation of fill. The Board of Selectmen ratified the Town Hall union contract, salary enhancements. Also at the Board of Selectmen meeting, money was appropriated for a tanker for Hawley. Details are within the minutes of the meeting. First Selectman Rosenthal relayed, to department heads, the importance of adhering to the approved CIP, there should not be anything new, unless an unanticipated maintenance issue arises.

Mr. Wiedemann asked if there was any word from FEMA. First Selectman Rosenthal said that it is coming and there is no reason to think we will not receive what we anticipate. Asking if this a normal time frame, Mr. Tait responded that, generally, it just depends on each situation.

Mr. Wiedemann asked about the status of the former senior center space. First Selectman Rosenthal said that plans are in the works for the Children's Adventure Center to rent out the space occupied by the former senior center. A draft lease is being drawn up, if all agree, they can assume the space in August, with a reasonable amount of rent, to be put in a special revenue account, use toward building maintenance. There is space there to store voting machines, moving them out of 3 Main Street.

Mr. Tait discussed the Moody's report, available in the Board of Finance meeting minutes of June 27, 2019. Overall the report is favorable, no surprises, rated one below AAA rating, if there is any weakness it would be debt service account and fund balance account. Debt service is going down, fund balance has been increasing.

Mr. Knapp noted that a lot of AAA communities tended to be more affluent communities, and carry more debt.

Mr. Lundquist asked how to reconcile Moody's and S&P. Mr. Tait said that Moody's is stricter on their ratings, they rate differently. Bringing down the debt, matched our plan. Fund balance increase, debt balance decrease.

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Mr. Eide asked if this is an actuarial exercise. First Selectman Rosenthal said that for S&P, we are seeking that review and pay for the review, talk together on the call, more interactive process. Moody's goes off of official financial statements, as a summary, an annual review for the investors.

NEW BUSINESS

Transfer: \$12,000 – Interdepartment from Social Security Contributions to Retirement Contributions

MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED A TRANSFER OF \$12,000 INTERDEPARTMENT FROM SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS TO RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS. SECOND BY MR. HONAN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (12-0)

2019-2020 CIP Schedule

MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVED CIP CALENDAR CIP 2020-21 THROUGH 2024-25. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (12-0)

VOTER COMMENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Lundquist appointed Ms. DeStefano to represent the Legislative Council at teacher contract negotiations, there will be an introductory meeting on July 8, 2019.

Ms. DeStefano said the plastic bag reduction will go into effect on October 28, 2019, retailers are aware.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

Attachments: Correspondence, Interdepartmental Transfer, BOF Approved CIP calendar.

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

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From: **Beth Fescoe via Newtown CT** <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Date: Tue, Jul 16, 2019 at 8:45 AM
Subject: Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council
To: <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Tuesday, July 16, 2019 - 8:45am
Submitted by user: Anonymous
Submitted values are:

Your name: Beth Fescoe
Your e-mail address: rbfescoe@att.net
Subject: Plastic bags

Message: I do not agree with the plastic ban bag. I extremely disagree with charging for them. Can't we promote more recycling the bags? Maybe set up in local businesses also?

TOWN OF NEWTOWN APPROPRIATION (BUDGET) TRANSFER REQUEST
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5/29/19

FROM: Account
1-101-12-310-5220-0000SOCIAL SECURITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Amount
(12,000)

USE NEGATIVE
AMOUNT

TO: 1-101-12-310-5230-0000RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

12,000

USE POSITIVE
AMOUNT

REASON:

Inter department transfer (police) to account for new defined contribution plans relating to new employees.

AUTHORIZATION:

date:

(1) DEPARTMENT HEAD

(2) FINANCE DIRECTOR

(3) SELECTMAN

(4) BOARD OF SELECTMEN

(5) BOARD OF FINANCE

(6) LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

AUTHORIZATION SIGN OFF

FIRST 335 DAYS >>>>WITH IN A DEPT.>>>>LESS THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2) & (3) SIGNS OFF; MORE THAN \$50,000>>>> (1), (2), (3) & (5)

>>>>ONE DEPT TO ANOTHER>>>>LESS THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL EXCEPT (6); MORE THAN \$200,000>>>>ALL SIGN OFF

AFTER 335 DAYS >>>>(1), (2), (3), (5) & (6) ANY AMOUNT FROM CONTINGENCY>>>> ALL SIGN OFF

Town of Newtown
REVISED - Board of Finance - Capital Improvement Plan Calendar
CIP 2020-21 through 2024-25

September 09, 2019	Board of Education presents 2020-21 / 2024-25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
September 26, 2019	Board of Selectmen presents 2020-21 / 2024-25 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
Oct thru Nov, 2019	Board of Finance Reviews 2020-21 / 2024-25 Capital Improvement Plan (10/15 meeting; 10/24 meeting; special meeting on 10/31 if needed; 11/12 meeting)
November 12, 2019	Board of Finance completes recommended Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
November 20, 2019	Board of Finance recommended CIP presented to the Legislative Council. (due by November 30).
January 2020	Legislative Council approves the Capital Improvement Plan (within 60 days from receipt of BOF)