

Chris Eide, Chair
Alison Plante, Vice-Chair
Ryan Knapp
Paul Lundquist
Cathy Reiss
Chris Smith



TOWN OF NEWTOWN

The Legislative Council
Finance and Administration Committee
met on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Notes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Eide, Chair at 7:46 PM.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Members in attendance via teleconferencing:

- C. Eide
- A. Plante
- P. Lundquist (8:08 PM Arrival)
- C. Reiss
- C. Smith

VOTER COMMENT

None

COMMUNICATIONS

An email was received from a Mary Slingerland (no address provided) that the committee deemed could be pertinent to discussions, as it related to the impact of local development on the grand list.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes from 23 February 2021 made by Ms. Reiss; seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passes 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion and possible action on 2021-22 Municipal Budget on items relating to revenue, general government, contingency, debt service, and other financing uses.

The committee discussed the line items under the committee's purview. Topics discussed included fluctuations in investment income under revenues, raises for union and non-union employees, insurance premium payments, and clerk allowances for miscellaneous boards. The resultant questions are displayed in the table below.

New Questions Generated by Committee

Line Item	Member Asking	Question/Answer
Revenue	From constituent email	Do the property tax numbers on revenue budget summary include apartments and new homes? When does new construction hit the grand list?
Department: Insurance	C Smith	P 106 - Have we gotten feedback from CIRMA to confirm that this is accurate?
Revenue - Investment Income	A Plante	P 44 - Is \$300,000 overly conservative? Why use STIF for investments?

NEW BUSINESS

None

VOTER COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having concluded the committee's business for the night, **Ms. Reiss made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Plante seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0-0) at 8:34 PM.**



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Form submission from: Contact the Legislative Council

1 message

MARY SLINGERLAND via Newtown CT <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>

Sun, Mar 21, 2021 at 6:42 PM

Reply-To: MARY SLINGERLAND <maryslinger1@gmail.com>

To: ceide <chriseide4newtown@gmail.com>

Submitted on Sunday, March 21, 2021 - 6:42pm

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

Your name: MARY SLINGERLAND

Your e-mail address: maryslinger1@gmail.com

Subject: Budget and New Business

Message:

Good day all. I was wondering what effect all the new business has had on the budget. It appears there are new businesses as well as new housing whether the condos on Exit 9 and in Sandy Hook or the assisted living facility on church hill road. I know it might take some time for all the new businesses that have opened in town to benefit the bottom line of the Town's finances, but given all the new homes and businesses, i was wondering why it hasnt benefitted the bottom line of the budget. If i am mistaken and am missing something please let me know and thanks so much for your attention

Regards

Mary Slingerland