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TOWN OF NEWTOWN

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT
FEBRUARY 6, 2019
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chris Eide, Chris Smith, Jordana Bloom, Robert Pickard, Judit DeStefano, Ryan Knapp (7:33), Dan Wiedemann, Paul Lundquist, Phil Carroll, Kelley Johnson, Jay Mattegat, Dan Honan.

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait, 2 public.

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

VOTER COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: MR. HONAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING. SECOND BY MR. WIEDEMANN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (11-0) Mr. Carroll abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS: ATTACHED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Knapp said the Ordinance Committee met, minutes posted.

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Mr. Rosenthal said the municipal budget was approved by the Board of Selectmen on Monday. Proposing increase in benefit amount to certain classes, senior tax abatement. Mr. Rosenthal thanked Legislative Council members who attended budget meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation and acceptance of the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018.

Mr. Tait distributed reviewed the Town's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 which can be viewed on line on the Town website.

https://www.newtown-t.gov/sites/newtownct/files/uploads/town_of_newtown_financial_report_as_of_june_30_2018.pdf

Mr. Tait reviewed the financial statements and highlighted items:

Page 19 – Summary of Governmental Funds. Mr. Tait reviewed Assets and Liabilities.

Page 21 – Income Statement. Teacher in kind payment, bonded project column, issuance of debt.

Page 24 – Sewer Fund and Water Fund.

Page 25 - Medical self-insurance fund balance.

Page 28 – fund balance net position.

Page 45 – general obligation funds.

Page 53 – Net pension liability.

Page 60 – employee retirement plans.

Page 75 – general fund budget to actual.

Page 79 – education final budget, split budget.

Page 92 – tax collection rate.

Page 101 – special revenue funds, police private duty, education grant.

Page 103 – Edmond Town Hall special revenue fund.

Page 104 – Eichlers Cove – revenue from boat slips and fees.

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Page 105 – Permanent funds Edmond Town Hall Endowment Fund.

Page 108 – Agency funds.

Mr. Knapp spoke to net 0 for state revenue but does not come to the Town. Mr. Tait said it is an accounting rule, an in-kind payment, auditors put it in, is in for every town, there is a footnote. Mr. Knapp asked about the water fund and the prison assessment, Mr. Tait said will set up a receivable. Mr. Knapp asked about medical self-insurance, in a good spot for less overall claims or high claims. Mr. Tait said a handful of large claims, but have a stop-loss. Less overall claims up and down of a few large claims. Ms. DeStefano asked the rate of stop-loss, Mr. Tait said we renew annually.

Mr. Lundquist asked about the pension fund 73% funded. Mr. Tait said he is comfortable with that. There are towns that are higher and some that are lower.

MS. DESTEFANO MOVED TO ACCEPT THE TOWN'S COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018. SECOND BY MR. WIEDEMANN. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (12-0)

Resolution Establishing a Tax Deferment Program for Federal Employees Affected by the Shutdown

Mr. Lundquist explained the tax deferment program for federal employees affected by the shutdown. On Jan 22, the state created a bill that allows towns to defer, for employees affected by the shutdown, the language of the resolution spells out, go to the town and prove eligibility, a way for the state to allow municipalities to help. (ATTACHED)

MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY THE SHUTDOWN. SECOND BY MR. HONAN. MR. WIEDEMANN FURTHER MOVED TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE FULL RESOLUTION. SECOND BY MR. HONAN. Mr. Eide asked if this covers federal contractors or subcontractors. Mr. Lundquist said this is for federal employees only. Mr. Wiedemann said that he has concerns about the resolution targeting one group. Mr. Lundquist said that the resolution is to provide some help to federal employees. ALL IN FAVOR TO WAIVE THE READING OF THE FULL RESOLUTION. (12-0) MAIN MOTION PASSES. (11-1) Mr. Wiedemann

2019 JAG Local VCP Grant

MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE 2019 JAG LOCAL VCP GRANT. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION PASSES. (12-0)

Approve 2019-2019 CIP Items for Referendum

Mr. Lundquist guided the Legislative Council to vote on each item for referendum.

MR. WIDEMANN MOVED TO SEND THE HIGH SCHOOL BOILER PROJECT TO REFERENDUM. SECOND BY MR. CARROLL. ALL IN FAVOR. (12-0)

MR. EIDE MOVED TO SEND THE FAIRFIELD HILLS PICKLEBALL PROJECT TO REFERENDUM. SECOND BY MR. MATTEGAT. MOTION PASSES. (10-2) Mr. Wiedemann, Mr. Knapp

MR. KNAPP MOVED TO SEND THE ROADS PROJECT TO REFERENDUM. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. MOTION PASSES. (11-1) Mr. Smith

MR. WIEDEMANN MOVED TO SEND THE HAWLEY BOILER PROJECT TO REFERENDUM. SECOND BY MR. KNAPP. MS. DESTEFANO MOVED TO TABLE DISCUSSION. MR. KNAPP MOVED TO POSTPONE THE DISCUSSION TO THE NEXT MEETING. SECOND BY MR. EIDE. MOTION PASSES TO POSTPONE THE DISCUSSION TO THE NEXT MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR. (12-0)

VOTER COMMENT: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

June Sgobbo, Clerk

Attachments: Communications, Resolution Tax Deferment Program, An Act Establishing the Federal Shutdown Affected Employees Loan Program and Providing Additional Assistance to Federal Employees, Impact Statement JAG Grant

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

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Dan Rosenthal** <dan.rosenthal@newtown-ct.gov>

Date: Tue, Jan 22, 2019 at 10:37 AM

Subject: Board of Selectmen Budget Review

To: James Gaston <okjt@aol.com>, Paul Lundquist <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Cc: Jeffrey Capeci <jeff@thecapecis.com>, Maureen Crick Owen <maureencrickowen@gmail.com>

Dear Jim and Paul,

This evening I will present the Municipal Budget to the Board of Selectmen and then the BOS will begin it's review of the budget with meetings scheduled for 1/24, 1/28 and 1/31 with additional meetings TBD if necessary. In efforts to make the budget process more collaborative and efficient for all involved I would like to invite members of the Board of Finance and Legislative Council to participate in the discussion with town departments and agencies at our meetings. I contemplated noticing the meetings as joint as we did with the Police Project as I felt that process worked well in facilitating a robust discussion and cut down on time spent as it went through your respective Boards, but I felt that would make it more of a mandatory meeting for your members. We may evolve to that in future budgets, but for know I thought this would be a good first step. Please note, this is not an invite for your members to participate in BOS budget deliberations as we need to respect our Charter specified roles in the process. However, if anyone would like to sit at the table and ask questions of a department or agency, rather than simply sit in the audience as in the past, please consider this an open invitation.

Best regards,

Dan

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From: **Paul Lundquist** <plundquist.newtown@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Jan 23, 2019 at 9:24 AM

Subject: An invitation to BOS Budget Review Meetings

To: June Sgobbo <sgobbojune@gmail.com>

Hi June,

Please share this email and attachment with LC members.

Hello All,

Please see the note below from First Selectman, Dan Rosenthal.

Dan is inviting our proactive involvement in municipal budget discussions at Board of Selectmen meetings. As he points out, this isn't intended for us to join in their actual budget 'deliberations' but allows us seats at the table to ask questions of department heads and agencies in real time before the BOS's budget is finalized.

These meetings have always been public and available for us to attend, but I appreciate the openness in inviting us to actively participate and ask direct questions. I hope some of us will take advantage of this opportunity. This is not a requirement (we will all have our fair share of meetings to attend), but anyone interested -- particularly members of the Muni Ops and Finance/Administration committees -- should feel free to attend beginning Thursday evening at 7:30 (1/24). Of course, you can also review meeting content via video and minutes -- but there is no substitute for being at the table, asking questions.

Additionally, I'll also take this opportunity to re-share the Board of Education's budget workshop schedule that they've shared publicly. Their work continues with a public hearing and ongoing discussion at their next meeting on 1/29.

All of this leads to BOS/BOE budgets delivered to the BOF w/o 2/11, and the BOF submitting both budgets to the LC on 3/6.

See you all at our next meeting on 2/6.

Thanks,

Paul

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**NEWTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Meeting Type</u>
ADMINISTRATION					
1.	Commencement of Budget Process Calendar & Materials Distributed	Supt & Director of Business	09/07/18	Fri	Distribution
2.	Discussion and Expectations / Goals of Budget Process	Superintendent	09/14/18	Fri	A Team
3.	Submission of Technology & Bldg & Grounds Requests	Dir's of Tech / Facilities	10/26/18	Fri	CO Internal
4.	Submission of All Budget Requests	Principals / Directors	11/02/18	Fri	CO Internal
5.	Submission of Salaries	Accountant & Personnel	11/06/18	Tues	CO Internal
6.	Preliminary Update and Discussion of Budget in Progress	Superintendent	11/09/18	Fri	A Team
7.	Individual Administrative Budget Meetings	Superintendent	11/26-12/7	Mon-Fri	Cost Center Leaders
8.	Distribute Superintendent's Proposed Budget	Superintendent	01/08/19	Tue	Regular BOE Mtg
BOARD OF EDUCATION					
9.	Superintendent's Overview of Proposed Budget to BOE, <i>Elem, Reed, MS</i>	Superintendent	01/15/19	Tues	Special BOE Mtg
10.	Budget Workshop - <i>High Schools, Special Ed, Pupil Pers, Health, Curriculum</i>	Board of Ed	01/17/19	Thurs	Workshop Mtg
11.	Budget Workshop - <i>Tech, Cont.Ed, Plant, Benefits, Gen Serv & Trans</i>	Board of Ed	01/22/19	Tues	Regular BOE Mtg
12.	Budget Workshop - <i>Public Hearing & Discussion</i>	Board of Ed	01/29/19	Tues	Workshop Mtg
13.	Budget Workshop - Adoption of Budget	Board of Ed	02/05/19	Tues	Regular BOE Mtg
14.	BOE Budget Submitted to Financial Director <i>(Feb 14th submission deadline per Town Charter)</i>	Director of Business	02/08/19	Fri	Finance Internal <i>(Delivery)</i>
BOARD OF FINANCE					
15.	Budget Proposals Published in Newspaper <i>(At least 5 days prior to Public Hearing per Town Charter)</i>	Finance Director	02/08/19	Fri	(Newspaper)
16.	Board of Finance - Budget Reivew with Board of Ed	Board of Finance	<i>TBD</i>		Finance Board
17.	Board of Finance Public Budget Hearing for the Town <i>(Not later than the first Wednesday in March, per Town Charter)</i>	Board of Finance	02/14/19	Thurs	Public Hearing
Schools Closed - Winter Recess		<i>2/18/18 thru 2/19/19</i>		<i>Mon - Tue</i>	
18.	Board of Finance recommends Budget to Legislative Council <i>(Not later than March 14th, per Town Charter) (BOF Vote)</i>	Board of Finance	03/06/19	Wed	Finance Board
19.	Budget Proposals Published in Newspaper <i>(At least 5 days prior to Public Hearing per Town Charter)</i>	Finance Director	03/15/19	Fri	(Newspaper)
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL					
20.	L.C. Education Sub-committee deliberations	Legislative Council	<i>TBD</i>		L.C. Sub-committee
21.	Legislative Council Public Budget Hearing <i>(Not later than last Wednesday in March, per Town Charter)</i>	Legislative Council	03/20/19	Wed	Public Hearing
22.	Legislative Council Budget Meeting	Legislative Council Discussion	<i>TBD</i>		Legislative Council
23.	Legislative Council adopts a Town Budget <i>(Not later than the 2nd Wednesday in April, per Town Charter)</i>	Legislative Council	04/03/19	Wed	Legislative Council
Schools Closed - Spring Recess		<i>4/15/18 thru 4/19/19</i>		<i>Mon - Fri</i>	
24.	LC Budget Proposal Published in Newspaper <i>(At least 5 days prior to Annual Budget Referendum per Town Charter)</i>	Finance Director	04/12/19	Fri	(Newspaper)
25.	Town Budget Referendum <i>(4th Tuesday in April per Town Charter)</i>	Town Charter	04/23/19	Tue	Referendum Vote
NOTE: Activities from 16. - 23. are subject to change at the discretion of the respective Board.					<i>BOE Approved 9/4/18</i>
<i>TBD = To Be Determined as they move along in the process</i>					

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From: **Cathy Reiss** <creiss@charter.net>

Date: Sat, Feb 2, 2019 at 12:35 PM

Subject: Don't ban the bag

To: Daniel Rosenthal <daniel.rosenthal@newtown-ct.gov>, <Jeff@thecapecis.com>, Maureen Crick Owen <maureencrickowen@gmail.com>, CHRIS SMITH <chrissmith.newtown@gmail.com>, CHRISTOPHER C. EIDE <chriseide4newtown@gmail.com>, DAN WIEDEMANN <dgw0315@yahoo.com>, DANIEL T. HONAN <danielthonan@gmail.com>, JAY MATTEGAT <jaymattegatnewtownlc@gmail.com>, JORDANA BLOOM <jordanabloom.newtown@gmail.com>, JUDIT DeSTEFANO <juditnewtownlc@gmail.com>, KELLEY JOHNSON <kellejtjohnson@gmail.com>, PAUL J. LUNDQUIST <Plundquist.Newtown@gmail.com>, PHIL CARROLL <ppcarroll13@gmail.com>, ROBERT PICKARD <rpickard1013@gmail.com>, RYAN KNAPP <Knapp.Newtown@gmail.com>

Dear Newtown Board of Selectmen and Legislative Council,

I can hardly believe that I need to communicate with Newtown government officials to ask you not to ban a product/service I regularly use in town. I'm not sure who has the authority to ban such a thing (or if anyone really has such authority), so I'm sending this to many.

Yes, I regularly make use of plastic shopping bags, as do the vast majority of Newtowners. In fact, there wouldn't be such a market for these bags if people didn't find them useful.

Research and evidence demonstrate that the proposed bag ban is ill-advised, baseless, and potentially harmful.

- First of all "single-use plastic bag" is a misnomer. In my house (as in many others) we save these shopping bags and use them again and again for many purposes, including carrying dirty or wet items, and especially to line our trash cans. Others I know also use them to dispose of cat litter and dirty diapers. If we didn't have these grocery bags to reuse, Newtown residents would need to purchase their own truly single-use plastic trash bags, which are thicker and have a larger impact on the environment. This would particularly hurt lower-income Newtown residents and the disabled. (Did you see Priscilla Loewenstine's letter to the Newtown Bee editor, 11/23/18?)

- The "reusable bags" promoted by bag-ban activists can pose a health hazard, as they'd be a breeding ground for bacteria (especially if stored in the hot trunk of a car), and viruses can survive on them for weeks.¹ Under a plastic bag ban, these reusable bags would need to carry everything--meat products, fruits and veggies, cleaning solutions, etc.--with great potential for cross-contamination. They'd need to be regularly cleaned and sanitized to prevent illness, hospitalization, and/or death due to

infection from bacteria (such as E coli) and viruses (such as norovirus—stomach bug). Especially at risk would be the elderly, pregnant women, young children, and those with compromised immune systems. How many of us can/will find the time to add this bag care to our daily schedules? (According to studies, people rarely do. ²)

- Did you know that ER visits and deaths due to foodborne illness spiked in San Francisco County after their bag ban went into effect? ³ And there were similar findings in other California jurisdictions after banning bags.

- Had you heard about the soccer team who, it was proven, became infected with norovirus from a contaminated reusable bag? ⁴ Thus a healthy person can spread a virus with a contaminated bag.

- Of about a dozen types of grocery bags studied, plastic grocery bags use the fewest resources and cause the least environmental impact, while organic cotton bags are the most environmentally destructive.

- “Organic cotton bags...use 153 times as much energy as a plastic bag, and cause 606 times as much water pollution. You would have to use an organic cotton bag once a week for 11 ½ years just to break even on water pollution.” ⁵

- At the end of their useful lives, my plastic shopping bags head to the landfill cradling my family’s non-recyclable trash, where, true, the bags don’t readily decompose, but neither do paper bags, or anything else—the landfill is working as engineered and acts as “a mummifier.” “Also, paper bags and reusable bags take up more space and landfill volumes than the plastic bags they replace and by factor of more than 4 times as much.” ⁶

- Such a ban would likely hurt Newtown businesses. While I’ve been shopping at the Newtown Big Y ever since they opened, if a Newtown bag ban goes into effect, I would do all my grocery shopping in Bethel.

- When I clean up Obtuse Road on Newtown's Lose the Litter Day, I easily fill multiple black trash bags. But you know what? I rarely find discarded plastic grocery bags. I do find many bottles, cans, cups, car parts, etc. Will all these be banned next?

- There are monetary costs of a bag ban, such as the ongoing purchase and cleaning of "reusable bags," the purchase of trash bags, proposed paper bag taxes, enforcement costs, costs to current businesses in lost revenue, the potential loss of economic development due to an environment inhospitable to businesses, etc. As Connecticut residents we're already subjected to some of the highest costs of living and taxes in the nation. Why are we looking to add to that burden?

Bottom line - banning the plastic grocery bag would have negative consequences for Newtown's residents (especially the most vulnerable among us), businesses, and the environment.

Have these important questions been answered? What precisely is the problem that Newtown's shopping bags are causing? (Not just "plastic shopping bags" in general, but specifically Newtown's shopping bags, which are the only bags being considered under your jurisdiction. E.g., could a stray littered plastic bag really even reach the ocean? Or are there capture devices installed in storm drains and catch basins on the way from Newtown?) What are the measureable benefits hoped to be achieved by a ban in Newtown, and who would be responsible for tracking their achievement? But more importantly, is there another/better way to fix the defined problem besides the extreme measure of banning the plastic shopping bag?

Environmental factors and solutions are rarely black and white. It's important to gather all the facts and look at the whole picture. For example, if it turns out that litter is the real concern, then perhaps rather than punishing the law-abiding, we could look for ways to better enforce our current litter laws.

Perhaps the greatest danger of a plastic bag ban lies in the precedent set—plastic bags banned today...what's tomorrow? Would we seriously consider an activist's proposal to ban the sale of meat in Newtown? It could be touted as saving countless animal lives and being advantageous to the environment, so why wouldn't we? What are the limiting factors? Don't set this dangerous precedent.

Please don't assume we use plastic bags because we don't know any better. I ask you to trust your fellow Newtown residents with our continued freedom to choose the shopping bags that are in the best interests of our families, our businesses and the environment—rather than using the force of law to remove our choices.

Let's keep it Nicer in Newtown, and please just say no to the bag-ban/tax. Facts, logic and reason would be on your side.

Sincerely,

Cathy Reiss

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¹ <https://fighttheplasticbagban.files.wordpress.com/2013/04/bacterial-and-viral-health-hazards-of-reusable-shopping-bags.pdf>

² <https://lulh.org/sites/medical-center.lomalindahealth.org/files/docs/LIVE-IT-Sinclair-Article-Cross-Contamination-Reusable-Shopping-Bags.pdf?rsource=medical-center.lomalindahealth.org/sites/medical-center.lomalindahealth.org/files/docs/LIVE-IT-Sinclair-Article-Cross-Contamination-Reusable-Shopping-Bags.pdf>

³ https://law.utexas.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/25/klick_grocery_bags_and_foodborne_illness.pdf

⁴ https://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2012/05/in_a_first_oregon_scientific_s.html

⁵ <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/should-cities-ban-organic-cotton-grocery-bags>

⁶ <https://fighttheplasticbagban.files.wordpress.com/2014/03/plastic-bags-in-landfill-not-a-problem.pdf>

Another document for your review:

https://reason.org/wp-content/uploads/files/california_plastic_bag_ban.pdf

- This brief shows how, “banning plastic bags is likely to result in increased use of non-renewable energy resources, increased emissions of greenhouse gases, and increased use of water. At the same time, they are unlikely to reduce litter, litter collection costs or waste management costs significantly. And they would have no discernible impact on marine animals.”

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM
FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY THE SHUTDOWN

WHEREAS, the current shutdown of the Federal Government has impacted certain Federal Employees (“affected employee”), including those that are taxpayers of the Town; and

WHEREAS, HB 5765, defines "Affected employee" as a federal employee who, during the shutdown, is (A) a resident of this state, and (B) required to work as a federal employee without pay or furloughed as a federal employee without pay;

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2019, the State of Connecticut passed HB 5765 permitting municipalities to defer of real estate, motor vehicle and personal property taxes for affected employees of the Federal Government impacted by the shutdown; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectman, pursuant to HB 5765, hereby establish a deferment program to defer the due date of taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles, or water or sewer rates, charges or assessments, owed by affected employees as defined by HB 5765; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectman directs the Tax Collector to administer the deferment program, so that the Town will not to be charged or collect interest on any tax, rate, charge or assessment or part thereof that is payable by an affected employee and which became due during the period when such individual was an affected employee.

RESOLVED, that those affected employees seeking to participate in the Town’s deferment program shall prove their eligibility by providing the tax collector with proof of Federal Employment and sign an affidavit stating that they are (a) a resident of this state, (b) the department of the federal government they are employed by, (c) that they are required to work as a federal employee without pay or furloughed as a federal employee without pay, and (d) they will no longer be an affected employee when the branch of the Federal Government they are employed by is funded and its employees are called back to work.

RESOLVED, that each tax, rate, charge or assessment deferred under a program established pursuant to this section shall be due and payable without interest or penalty not later than sixty days after the date on which an individual is no longer an

affected employee. Thereafter, any portion of the tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof which remains unpaid and all interest and penalties otherwise provided by law shall apply retroactively to the original due date for the tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof. All provisions of the general statutes relating to continuing, recording and releasing property tax liens and the precedence and enforcement of taxes, rates, charges and assessments shall remain applicable to any deferred tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof.

RESOLVED, that nothing in this section shall affect interest or penalties on, or lien rights or collection of, any tax, rate, charge or assessment due before December 22, 2018, or after the date on which an individual is no longer an affected employee.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN AFFECTED EMPLOYEES LOAN PROGRAM AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

January 22, 2019

Today the House and Senate passed, and Governor Lamont signed, [HB 5765](#) establishing a loan program and a municipal option provision to establish a program to defer the due date of specific property taxes owed by affected employees.

The bill authorizes municipalities and municipal subdivisions to establish a program to defer the due dates for an affected employee's real and personal property or motor vehicles taxes, or water or sewer rates, charges or assessment payments. The municipality's legislative body (or if the legislative body is a town meeting, its board of selectmen) may vote to establish the program.

Municipalities and subdivisions establishing the program must not charge or collect interest on an affected individual's taxes, rates, charges or assessments, or any portion thereof, that became due during the period in which the individual met the eligibility criteria. Once the individual is no longer eligible for the program, he or she must pay the deferred amounts within 60 days, without interest or penalty; after 60 days, any unpaid amount is subject to interest and penalties applied retroactively to the tax payment's original due date.

A copy of Sec. 7 with the details is below. For a full copy of the bill please [click here](#).

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE FEDERAL SHUTDOWN AFFECTED EMPLOYEES LOAN PROGRAM AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.

Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes or of any special act, charter, special act charter, home-rule ordinance, local ordinance or other local law, any municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes, or any subdivision of a municipality, may, by a vote of its legislative body, or, in any town in which the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, establish a deferment program to defer the due date of taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles, or water or sewer rates, charges or assessments, owed by affected employees.

(b) Upon establishment of a deferment program, a municipality or subdivision thereof shall not charge or collect interest on any tax, rate, charge or assessment or part thereof that is payable by an affected employee and which became due during the period when such individual was an affected employee.

(c) Eligibility shall be determined by the municipality. Evidence of eligibility for a deferment may include the proof listed in subdivision (1) of section 3 of this act. Individuals need not receive unemployment benefits or participate in the federal shutdown affected employee loan program for purposes of being an affected employee. Municipalities may require individuals to recertify eligibility on a periodic basis of not less than thirty days.

(d) Each tax, rate, charge or assessment deferred under a program established pursuant to this section shall be due and payable without interest or penalty not later than sixty days after the date on which an individual is no longer an affected employee. Thereafter, any portion of the tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof which remains unpaid and all interest and penalties otherwise provided by law shall apply retroactively to the original due date for the tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof. All provisions of the general statutes relating to continuing, recording and releasing property tax liens and the precedence and enforcement of taxes, rates, charges and assessments shall remain applicable to any deferred tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof.

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**TOWN OF NEWTOWN
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(Per Town Charter 6-35(b) & 7-25)**

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT POLICE

PROJECT: 2019 JAG Local VCP GRANT

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$ 6,000

PROPOSED FUNDING:

BONDING		
GRANT	\$	6,000
OTHER		
	\$	6,000

ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET (GENERAL FUND):

List any financial impact your request will have on the Town's annual operating budget.
Attach spreadsheet(s) showing your calculation of the estimated impact.

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY:	**FOR BRACKETS USE NEGATIVE SIGN BEFORE NUMBER**	(POSITIVE IMPACT) / NEGATIVE IMPACT	Attachment #
SALARIES & BENEFITS			
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES			
CONTRACTED SERVICES			
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
UTILITIES			
OTHER			
DEBT SERVICE (1st year)			
TOTAL IMPACT ON EXPENDITURES		\$ -	

REVENUE CATEGORY:	POSITIVE IMPACT / (NEGATIVE IMPACT)	Attachment #
PROPERTY TAXES		
CHARGES FOR SERVICES (FEES)		
OTHER		
TOTAL IMPACT ON REVENUES	\$ -	

TOTAL FINANCIAL IMPACT ON OPERATING BUDGET \$ -

EQUIVALENT MILL RATE OF TOTAL IMPACT 0.0000 mills

(using current year's information)

COMMENTS:

Will be used to purchase a drone with infrared and thermal imaging equipment.
There is no significant financial impact on the Town Budget.

PREPARED BY: 

DATE: 12/17/2018



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
Office of Policy and Management

To: Daniel Rosenthal, First Selectman
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

From: Nichole Howe, Fiscal Administrative Officer

Subject: Grant Award Notice: 2019 JAG Local VCP Grant Program

Your application for the 2019 JAG Local VCP Grant Program has been **approved**. The amount of the grant award is \$6,000.00.

Attached please find the Notice of Grant Award and Special Conditions for your municipality's participation in the **2019 JAG Local VCP Grant Program**.

The start date of this grant is January 1, 2019 or when signed by both parties-whichever is later. The end date of this grant will be September 30, 2019 and there will be no extensions granted.

The Chief Elected Official or the Town Manager of your municipality must sign and date the following documents.

1. Notice of Grant Award

Please return the signed grant award documents in the enclosed addressed envelope.

If your municipality requires approval of the local town council or board of selectman prior to receiving these grant funds, we are asking that you contact us to let us know an approximate date at which we should expect the return of the award.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please call Nichole Howe at 1-860-418-6443 or email: nichole.howe@ct.gov.

STATE OF CONNECTICUT | OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division

450 Capitol Avenue | MS# #52CJP | Hartford, CT 06106-1379

NOTICE OF GRANT AWARD



The Office of Policy and Management, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, hereby makes the following grant award in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 3750, et seq and in accordance with the grant solicitation and the attached grant application, if applicable.

Grantee: Town of Newtown		Town Code: 097	
Street address: 3 Primrose Street		State Agency Code: N/A	
City: Newtown		State: CT	ZIP Code: 06470
Grant Program Name: Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, as amended		DUNS No. (if applicable): 140136222	
OPM Grant No.: 16JAGGLE_VCP_097		Project Title: 2019 JAG Local VCP Grant Program	
Date of Award: 1/1/2019	Category (if applicable): ...		
Period of Award: (Choose one) Start Date: <input type="checkbox"/> The date Notice of Grant Award is signed by <u>both</u> Grantor & Grantee (whichever is later). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On 1/1/2019 or after Notice of Grant Award is signed by both parties (whichever is later). <input type="checkbox"/> Select Date pursuant to Enter Statutory Authority (attach copy of authority w/ notice of grant award).			End Date: 9/30/2019
Amount of Award	Federal: \$6000.00	State: \$N/A	Interest: \$N/A
State Match: \$N/A	Grantee Match: \$N/A	Other: \$N/A Specify: Enter Text Here or N/A	
Total Budget: \$6000.00	Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 16.738		
Federal Grant No.: 2016-DJ-BX-0652		Grantee Fiscal Year: From: July 1 To: June 30	

My signature below, for and on behalf of the above named grantee, indicates acceptance of the above referenced award and further certifies that: 1.) I have the authority to execute this agreement on behalf of the grantee; and 2.) The grantee will comply with all attached Grant Conditions.

BY:
Signature of Authorized Grantee Official
Daniel Rosenthal

12-11-18
Date
First Selectman

FOR THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT:

BY:
Signature of OPM Secretary or OPM Deputy Secretary
Benjamin Barnes, Secretary/Susan Weisselberg, Deputy Secretary

12/5/18
Date

For OPM Business Use Only

AMOUNT	FUND	DEPT	SID	PROG	ACCT	CHART 1	CHART 2	BR YR	PROJECT
\$6000.00	12060	OPM 20350	21921	13008	55050	Enter	Enter	2016	OPM00000000 2331
Enter	Enter	OPM Select	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter	OPM00000000 Enter
Enter	Enter	OPM Select	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter	Enter	OPM00000000 Enter