

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020**

**MOTIONS ONLY. MINUTES TO FOLLOW.**

**PRESENT VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE:** Paul Lundquist, Jordana Bloom, Alison Plante, Chris Smith, Phil Carroll, Ryan Knapp, Judit DeStefano, Dan Wiedemann, Chris Eide, Cathy Reiss, Andy Clure, Dan Honan

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait, Superintendent Dr. Lorrie Rodrigue, BOE Chair Michelle Embree Ku, BOE Director of Business Ron Bienkowski; 0 public, 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. Eide moved to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2020 Legislative Council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wiedemann. All in favor. Motion passes. (12-0)

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion and Possible Action*

- Governor's Executive Order 7S, Section 6, Municipality Program Election  
Ms. DeStefano moved pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 7S, Section 6 that the town of Newtown be and hereby is authorized to participate in the Tax Deferment Program. Seconded by Ms. Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).
  
- Suspension of Re-Application for Tax Relief for Seniors & Totally Permanently Disabled  
Ms. DeStefano moved to suspend the re-application for tax relief for seniors, totally permanently disabled and Veterans. Seconded by Ms. Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).
  
- Per Town Charter 7-05 (c) designate the accounting firm Mahoney Sabol to audit the books and accounts of the Town relating to fiscal year ending June 30, 2020  
Ms. DeStefano moved that per Town Charter 7-05 (c) designate the accounting firm Mahoney Sabol to audit the books and accounts of the Town relating to fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Discussion and Possible Action*

- 2020-2021 Municipal and Education Budget  
Ms. DeStefano moved to reduce the BOE education budget by \$450,000. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Ms. DeStefano moved to reduce the BOS budget in various accounts by \$250,000 including \$45,000 from police capital items and vehicles, \$43,125 from fire capital items, \$68,000 from highway department capital items, \$37,000 from public building maintenance capital items and \$56,875 from parks and recreational capital items. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Mr. Wiedemann moved to increase our revenue for the Educational Cost Sharing Grant by \$100,000 to push it up to \$4,350,000. Seconded by Mr. Knapp. Motion failed (2-10).

Ms. DeStefano moved to set the final budget as \$121,626,535 and authorize the Finance Director to make any rounding adjustments as needed. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. Motion withdrawn.

Ms. DeStefano moved to withdraw the previous motion. Seconded by Mr. Eide. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0)

Mr. Wiedemann moved to allow the Finance Director to make any rounding adjustments to the proposed \$121,626,535 budget. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Wiedemann moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. All in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rina Quijano, Clerk*

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