

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 3 PRIMROSE STREET, NEWTOWN, CT  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021**

**MOTIONS ONLY**

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Finance Director Bob Tait, 3 public, 2 press.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Lundquist called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:32 pm.

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**MINUTES:** Mr. Honan moved to accept the minutes of the last Legislative Council Regular Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Bloom.

Mr. Smith noted a mistake in Committee Reports. It should read:

*Finance Committee – Mr. ~~Knapp~~ Eide announced that the Finance Committee will be meeting on Monday.*

Mr. Clure moved to amend the motion to include the date of March 31, 2021. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor.

The amended motion including the date March 31, 2021 passes (12-0).

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Discussion and Possible Action*

- 2021-2022 Municipal and Education Budget

Mr. Wiedemann moved to reduce the BOE budget by \$150,000 from the IT capital account to be replenished from the fund balance, and then also \$345,281 in reductions offset by NoVo and Esser grants. Seconded by Ms. DeStefano. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Mr. Eide moved to increase investment income by \$200,000. Seconded by Mr. Smith. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Mr. Eide moved to increase the assumed tax collection rate from 99.2% to 99.3%. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Mr. Carroll moved to reduce the budget by \$220,000 from savings to capital and non-recurring. Seconded by Mr. Honan. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

Ms. DeStefano moved to set the BOS budget at \$43,521,856 and the BOE budget at \$79,697,698 for a total town budget of \$123,219,554. Seconded by Mr. Honan. Motion passes (11-1).

Ms. DeStefano moved to allow the Finance Director to address any rounding errors in the budget just set by the Legislative Council. Seconded by Ms. Reiss. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

## NEW BUSINESS

### *Discussion and Possible Action*

- A RESOLUTION AMENDING A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$450,000 FOR THE JOINT AGREEMENT OFFER TO PURCHASE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS TO FARMLAND BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AND THE TOWN OF NEWTOWN REGARDING THE PAPROSKI-CASTLE HILL FARM, NEWTOWN, CT AS AUTHORIZED IN THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (2016-17 TO 2020-21) AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$450,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID SPECIAL APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

Ms. DeStefano moved the resolution amending a resolution providing for a special appropriation in the amount of \$450,000 for the joint agreement offer to purchase development rights to farmland by the State of Connecticut and the Town of Newtown regarding the Paproski-Castle Hill Farm, Newtown, CT as authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan (2016-17 to 2020-21) and authorizing the issuance of \$450,000 bonds of the Town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose and further moved to waive the reading of the full resolution. Seconded by Ms. Plante. All in favor. Motion passes (12-0).

**VOTER COMMENT:** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Mr. Honan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Seconded by Mr. Clure. All in favor.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rina Quijano, Clerk*

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