TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Board of Finance
Special Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2021
Nathan Hale-Ray High School Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiCristofaro called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 9:46 pm.

In attendance:

Board of Finance Members
- William DiCristofaro, Chairman
- Bruce Dutch, Secretary
- Joseph Corbett
- Todd Gelston
- Harvey Thomas

Others:
- Robert Smith, First Selectman
- Approximately 10 members of the public

2021-2022 BUDGET

a. **General Budget Review and Discussion**

Mr. DiCristofaro stated that he would like to have the Board take action on whether to leave the raises in the budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to leave the salary adjustments as put forth in the 2021-2022 Budget. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion.

Mr. DiCristofaro solicited input on the motion from the Board members. All stated that they felt their positions had been thoroughly discussed at the public meetings. Mr. DiCristofaro called for a vote on the motion to leave the salary adjustments within the budget.

Motion carried with Mr. Gelston voting no.

b. **Guests and Audience Comments**

There were no guest/audience comments discussed at the meeting.

c. **Vote to Send Budget to Town Meeting**

Mr. DiCristofaro called for a vote to move the budget forward.

Motion was made by Mr. Thomas to present to a Budget Town Meeting, scheduled to be called by the Board of Selectmen for July 13, 2021 at 8:00 pm at the Nathan Hale-Ray High School, a total Budget of $36,369,368, based on the Grand List as of October 1, 2019 of $903,786,404.00. The budget would require a mill rate increase of 0 mills. Mr. Gelston seconded the motion and it as unanimously approved. Motion carried.

d. **Revised Budget Calendar**

Not discussed.

e. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Gift Acceptance - Consumer Reports

Mr. DiCristofaro advised that Consumer Reports has made a monetary gift in the amount of $25,000 to the Town on behalf of the Senior Center and the Food Bank to be used as follows:

- $10,000 to the Senior Center for its Senior Meal Program, and
- $15,000 to the Food Bank.

Board action was only deemed necessary on the Senior Center Meal Program.

Motion was made by Mr. Gelston with appreciation to accept a gift from Consumer Reports for the Senior Center in the amount of $10,000 for the Senior Meal Program (revenue account 29545-44877 and expense account 29544230-58400) and to recommend that the Board of Selectmen schedule a Town Meeting for approval. Mr. Dutch seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

In response to an inquiry from Mr. Thomas, Mr. Smith advised that the annual donation is made pursuant to the PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) Program and where it is applied is the prerogative of Consumer Reports. Mr. DiCristofaro noted, however, that the Town has provided input in some years about where to assign the donation.

GUESTS AND AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no guest/audience comments discussed at the meeting.

OTHER

There was no other business discussed at the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, Mr. DiCristofaro called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mr. Dutch to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 pm. Mr. Gelston seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Denette
Recording Secretary