

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING

**TOWN OF WESTBROOK BOARD OF FINANCE
BUDGET HEARING- SPECIAL MEETING
MULVEY MUNICIPAL CENTER – ROOM A
MARCH 3, 2015 6:30PM**

The Westbrook Board of Finance Budget Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. In attendance were Chairman Paul Connelly, George Pytlik, Gary Gavigan, John Leake, Tanya Lane and Rick Westbrook. Also in attendance were Noel Bishop, First Selectman, Chris Ehlert, Selectman, Rob Hart and Wayne Buck, Resident State Troopers, Bonnie Palermo, Police Advisory, George Rehberg, Fire Marshall, Bob Hagemeister, Fire Commissioner, Donald Izzo, Emergency Management, Kelley Frazier, Clerk, Andrew Urban, Director of Finance Absent:

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Connelly at 6:30p.m. Mr. Connelly led the Board the Pledge of Allegiance.

All motions made are for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015/2016.

Mr. Urban stated that he confirmed with Attorney Wells that the Board of Selectmen does not have jurisdiction over the Board of Finance budget so no review is needed.

Board of Finance

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by George Pytlik to approve for discussion the Board of Finance budget. Discussion ensued.

The audit will be discussed at the regular Board of Finance meeting.

Mr. Westbrook and Mr. Pytlik agreed to rescind their motion.

Upon a motion made by Gary Gavigan and seconded by John Leake the Westbrook Board of Finance **VOTED** to table the Board of Finance budget until further information is obtained regarding advertising and printing.

Ms. Lane noted that she would like to see coordination of an Annual Report. This is a historical document and important to the town. She does not want this to fall through the cracks. Mr. Urban said that there is no format for this document and there are timing issues. This will be discussed further in an upcoming meeting.

Mr. Ehlert stated that the Board of Selectmen did not have an opportunity to review the Board of Finance budget because it was never on an agenda for review.

DEPARTMENT 0201 PUBLIC SAFETY:

Valley Shore does not have an estimate for their expenses available until later this month. It was discussed that Hydrants can be decreased \$1,163

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Rick Westbrook it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED AND FIFTY SIX DOLLARS (\$450,956) for Department #0201 Public Safety.

POLICE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 0210:

Police – Protection #2101

Mr. Bishop stated that after much discussion, there is a clear need to have three state troopers in our town. He presented a graph of the work done by the State Troopers as well as Troop F. We are protesting the new state regulations for contract cost payment of the State Troopers. This is still being discussed. If this is passed, it will have a considerable financial impact on the town. Mr. Gavigan sent a note to the Commissioner voicing his concerns. Mr. Hart discussed what it costs this department to run financially. Troop F is doing a considerable amount of work for Westbrook. Mr. Bishop asked if we could hire someone with less experience at a lower rate. We can not control these costs because you are not sure of the candidates who will apply.

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by Gary Gavigan the Westbrook Board of Finance unanimously **VOTED** to reduce Supplies from \$1,500 to \$750.

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by John Leake the Westbrook Board of Finance **VOTED** to increase Constables Equipment \$1,000. Discussion ensued. Ayes: Tanya Lane, John Leake, Gary Gavigan and George Pytlik Nays: Rick Westbrook

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by John Leake the Westbrook Board of Finance unanimously **VOTED** to reduce the Police-Resident Troopers Crime account by \$500.

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by John Leake the Westbrook Board of Finance unanimously **VOTED** to reduce the Police-Constables Part time Payroll by \$500.

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by George Pytlik the Westbrook Board of Finance unanimously **VOTED** to reduce Police-Constables Uniforms by \$545.

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by John Leake the Westbrook Board of Finance unanimously **VOTED** to reduce Police-Constables Training by \$500.

Police Administration #2101

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by George Pytlik it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of TWENTY ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS (\$21,741) for Police Administration.

Police Resident Troopers #2102

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by George Pytlik it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED TEN DOLLARS (\$431,610) for Police-Resident Troopers.

Police - Harbor Patrol #2103

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Gary Gavigan it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of TWELVE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY DOLLARS (\$12,840) for – Police Harbor Patrol.

Police Vehicles #2104

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Rick Westbrook it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$23,500) for Police Vehicles.

Police Constables #2105

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Rick Westbrook it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED ONE DOLLARS (\$254,501) for Police Constables.

Police Advisory/Traffic #2106

Upon a motion made by Gary Gavigan and seconded by John Leake it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ONE DOLLARS (\$4,381) for Department #0210.2106 – Police Advisory/Traffic. Ayes: Rick Westbrook, John Leake, Tanya Lane Nays: George Pytlik

POLICE SERVICES DEPARTMENT 0210

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Rick Westbrook it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY EIGHT THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THREE DOLLARS (\$748,123) for Department 0210 Police Services.

DEPARTMENT 0211.2115 FIRE MARSHAL:

Mr. Ehlert noted that he is not aware of payment going to Mr. Leighton for the Riggio project engineering work. Discussion ensued regarding funding for the Riggio building. Mr. Gavigan is concerned that people may be getting paid without providing a service to the Town.

Upon a motion made by Gary Gavigan and seconded by Rick Westbrook it was:
RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$24,345) for Department #0211.2115 Fire Marshall.

DEPARTMENT 0211.2116 FIRE COMMISSIONER:

Mr. Hagemeister discussed the code violations the Riggio building has and the functions of the Fire Marshall. The hours have increased due to the number of meetings being held and the issues which needed to be addressed.

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by Tanya Lane it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$1,375) for Department #0211-2116 Fire Commissioner. Ayes: Rick Westbrook, Tanya Lane, John Leake and Gary Gavigan Abstentions: George Pytlik.

DEPARTMENT 0212 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Mr. Izzo discussed the accomplishments Emergency Management has done in the past year and his responsibilities.

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by John Leake it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of TWENTY SIX THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY DOLLARS (\$26,640) for Department #0212 Emergency Management

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelley S. Frazier, Board Clerk