

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO BOARD APPROVAL AT THE NEXT
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING
BUDGET HEARING
WESTBROOK MULVEY MUNICIPAL CENTER
MARCH 20, 2012**

The Westbrook Board of Finance Budget Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. In attendance were Chairman Paul Connelly, George Pytlik, Gary Gavigan, Sherry Seidman and Rick Westbrook. Also in attendance were Kelley Frazier, Secretary to the Board; Noel Bishop, First Selectman; and Andrew Urban, Director of Finance Absent: Keith Maynard

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Connelly at 7:33p.m. Mr. Connelly led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET HEARING

All motions made are for the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013.

DEPARTMENT 0510 PUBLIC HEALTH:

Director of Health

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

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$20,888) for Division # 0510 – Director of Health.

Mr. Bishop noted that Dr. Bernstein has not received a raise in his pay for six years. The Board of Selectmen decided to do this after a review of the public health department. He also noted that the Town hopes to hire a full time Sanitarian.

Upon a motion made by Gary Gavigan and seconded by Rick Westbrook it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to move the question.

Visiting Nurses 0510.5100

Upon a motion made by Rick Westbrook and seconded by Sherry Seidman it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTEEN THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINETY TWO DOLLARS (\$413,792) for Department # 0510-5100 – Visiting Nurses. Abstentions: George Pytlik abstained from the motion.

Sanitarian 0510.5101

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

RESOLVED: Unanimously to decrease \$20,000 Line Item #.0238.5 Contract Testing Services from \$60,000 to \$40,000.

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Sherry Seidman it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$100,405) for Division # 5150.5101 Sanitarian.

Mr. Westbrook voiced his concern about Mr. Rose not being compensated. The Board discussed this in detail.

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

RESOLVED: Unanimously to amend the Sanitarian Division and increase by \$3,000 Line Item# .0239.5 Contractual Services from 10,000 to 13,000.

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

RESOLVED: Unanimously to amend the motion and to appropriate the sum of ONE HUNDRED AND THREE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS (\$103,405) for Division #5150.5101 Sanitarian.

Dr. Bernstein noted that he would like to increase his pay to be comparable to other neighboring towns. The position in Killingworth pays \$18,000 and in Essex the pay is \$20,000. Dr. Bernstein also noted that he will be spending more hours doing this job. There was a brief discussion regarding addressing this issue. It was decided to have the Selectmen review this in their future meetings. Mr. Westbrook feels strongly that this should be addressed now to be consistent. Mr. Bishop agrees.

Upon a motion by Gary Gavigan and seconded by George Pytlik it was:

RESOLVED: To amend the Public Health Division 0510 and increase by \$5,000 Line Item# .0102.5 Regular Payroll from \$6,888 to \$11,888. Ayes: George Pytlik, Rick Westbrook, Paul Connelly and Sherry Seidman. Nays: Gary Gavigan

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

RESOLVED: Unanimously amend the motion and to appropriate the sum of TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS, EIGHT HUNDRED AND EIGHTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$25,888) TO Division # 0510 Public Health.

There was a brief discussion regarding the stipend or contract for Ron Rose. It was noted that he will receive payment for his services. As stated previously, the Selectmen will meet to discuss the staffing of the Public Health Services department for the town. This change may take some time for this to occur.

Dr. Bernstein wanted it noted that this town does have someone doing the work of a Sanitarian at this time.

Social Services 0515.5150

The Board discussed in great detail the Staffing for the Social Service Division. Mr. Bishop noted that the Selectmen discussed the staffing request in great detail and he urged the Board of Finance to only fund a person for 8 hours a week. This is being reviewed in the review of the public health department for the Town.

Upon a motion made by Gary Gavigan and seconded by Rick Westbrook it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to move the question as to whether or not to act on this budget at this time. Ayes: George Pytlik, Gary Gavigan, Paul Connelly and Sherry Seidman. Nays: Rick Westbrook.

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Sherry Seidman it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$16,635) for Division # 0515.5150 Social Services. Ayes: George Pytlik, Gary Gavigan, Paul Connelly and Sherry Seidman. Nays: Rick Westbrook.

Elderly Programs 0515-5151

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Sherry Seidman it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of EIGHTEEN THOUSAND, FOURTEEN DOLLARS (\$18,014) for Division # 0515.515- Elderly Programs.

Senior Center 5152

Mr. Gavigan asked how many people are served? Ms. Lessard noted that there are 10,000 visits annually. The center is open the same hours that the town hall except for Tuesdays when they open at 6:00am. The Town Attorney suggested having a paid town employee manning the center when it is open. There currently are volunteers doing this and this may be a liability. Mr. Bishop asked for clarification for the staffing of the center.

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Sherry Seidman it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of FORTY-TWO THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT DOLLARS (\$42,778) for Division # 0515-5152 Senior Center.

Mr. Connelly asked Mr. Bishop to review coverage to make sure the town is compliant legally.

Youth and Family Services

Upon a motion made by George Pytlik and seconded by Sherry Seidman it was:

RESOLVED: Unanimously to appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES INCREASING FROM \$110,000 TO \$125,000. This is in the Non-Departmental Dues and Contributions Account.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The regular Board of Finance Meeting will be changed to Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Kelley S. Frazier, Board Clerk

