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MICHAEL D. VARNEY

BUDGET DELIBERATIONS APRIL 18, 2017 MINUTES

Board of Finance

Present:

J. Rachek-Chairman, D. Harding, M. Joyse, D. Olender, B. Pinto,
M. Varney

Others Present:

N. DiCorleto-Fin Officer, L. Spielman-First Sel, Dr. S. Nicol-Supt of
Schools, B. Greenleaf- Dir Fin/Opers BOE, T. Webb-DPW Dir, L.
Houlihan-Town Planner, J. Palombizio-Emerg Mgt Dir, Sgt B. Santa, G.
Feldman-Chief EVFD, C. Pippin-Chief CLFD, N. Stillman-Pres EVAC, J.
Hollister-Dir Human Svs, E. Graziani-Dir Sr. Ctr., R. Tedford-Dir P&R, D.
Lasher-Penti-Dir Youth Svs, Members of the Fire Departments,
Ambulance Corps and members of the Rescue Post 512, Residents

Chairman John Rachek called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

Citizens Forum

Matthew Lontz, 19 Sunset Rd, stated that he was misstated in the minutes of April 13. He is in favor of the Rescue Post but not the funding.

April Phelps, President of Rescue Post 512 reiterated that they feel that the Post should be funded, and that clearly there is enough money in the charging fund. They feel that EVAC wants to eliminate the rescue post. They came back tonight because they saw that the Board of Finance took no action on Thursday night. They work with paid staff, they are paid when they are on the ambulance and during the hours that they staff the building.

Mr. Olender stated that it doesn't make any sense to be paid to learn and then after graduation come back and volunteer. Ms. Phelps stated that she feels it is the organization and the members that are the reason for the low retention rate. She stated that the Post members started being paid in the year 2000.

Dan Cargill, 151 Maple St stated that the Post members are trained emergency management responders and emergency management technicians licensed by the State. They are not just apprentices.

Michael Varney, stated that he is a part post member and president and that he understands their concerns. However, the Ambulance Corps is the sponsor of the program and should be the one to address this matter. He does not support funding this tonight. He feels that the program should be looked at in its entirety to find the best solution.

Mr. Rachek agreed that that it is an EVAC issue not to be solved by the Board of Finance.

Mr. Cargill, 151 Maple St stated that this is a community issue and perhaps a motion should be made to review the program.

Mr. Mahon, 55 Hillside Dr., stated that this is a good investment in our youth. He feels this is a youth service and growth prospect to the Town. He asked that the Board think about the youth before not funding the program.

Mr. Olender asked how much the Town contributes to the EVAC budget. Mark O'Donnell, Treasurer EVAC stated that there is \$120,199 in town funding requested and \$146,000 billing revenue this year.

Jeremy Killoran, 75 Cider Mill Rd, stated that the Post members volunteer a lot of hours at ball games, weekend events etc. They are only paid when sitting at the building with paid staff. He feels that cutting this funding will kill the program. The program builds character.

Nancy Stillman, President EVAC stated that in the past they were paid as part of the crew. They are not trying to eliminate the program. The State requirement to be on the ambulance is a minimum EMR and EMT. The laws have changed and the program should change. The volunteers are paid a stipend of \$1/hour and \$5-8 per call.

Alice Mahon, 5 Hillside Drive, stated that she feels more people on the ambulance is better, more minds, and more hands are better.

Mr. Rachek stated that the Post should meet with the EVAC management and work this out. This will not be resolved tonight. EVAC has not asked the Board of Finance to supplement the budget for this.

Logan McDonald, 4 Pioneer Dr. stated that in December they were told they were cutting the funding in January. The Post members feel that they are not being listened to and that is why they have come to this board.

Mr. Olender stated that they should get together and come back with a solution, and then the Board will listen.

Mr. Rachek stated that the Board of Selectmen should be the go between for the two groups if necessary. Mr. Joyse stated that funding the program will not solve the underlying problems.

Budget Deliberations

The Finance Officer reviewed the changes made on Thursday. The additional revenue is \$226,482 and the reductions are \$2,138,139 and \$10,000 reduced from Capital Improvements. He stated that the budget is short by \$150,843 to reach the goal of a 1.2 mill increase.

Several options for reducing the budget by \$150,000 were proposed. The Air Conditioner for Windermere School was discussed and Dr. Nicol stated that this item is the only item in the capital for the Board of Ed and that their Finance Committee prioritized it as the highest on the list to be done. He stated that additional cuts would mean a net loss of positions.

It was decided to reduce the Contingency by \$100,000 and the 950 Account for Insurance by \$25,000 as suggested by the Finance Officer. Mr. Webb stated that they could reduce the 440 account by \$15,000 and the 439 winter account by \$10,000.

MOVED (VARNEY) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY TO REDUCE THE BUDGET BY \$150,000; TAKING \$100,000 FROM 1010 CONTINGENCY, \$25,000 FROM 950 INSURANCE, \$15,000 FROM 440-6282 TOWN ROAD AID MATERIALS, AND \$10,000 FROM 439-6281 TOWN ROAD AID WINTER.

Mr. Olender asked Chief Feldman about the electrical loads needed for the Nutmeg Dr station as related to the new generator. He stated that a new generator of 22 KW could be purchased for \$8,800. The capital improvement item is for \$55,000. Mr. Varney stated that if his memory serves him it includes switching and other rewiring of the building to bring it up to code. Mr. Olender will contact the town's electrical contractor to find out what is included in the cost.

The meeting was recessed at 8:40 PM while the Finance Officer formulated the final motions.

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 PM.

MOVED (JOYSE) SECONDED (VARNEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE REVENUE INCREASES TOTALING \$226,482 AND OPERATING EXPENSE REDUCTIONS AND ADDITIONS TOTALING \$2,288,139 AND THE CAPITAL NON RECURRING FUND WITH REDUCTIONS TOTALING \$1,145,711 (SEE ATTACHED SHEET BUDGET DOCUMENT FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 FOR ACCOUNT LISTING).

Following Motions required to approve 2017-18 Budget:

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE SUM OF MONEY RECOMMENDED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 IS \$57,110,601.					
ALL EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANTS (ECS) ARE DEEMED TO BE APPROPRIATED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.					
TO RECOMMEND TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:					
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				\$	14,900,179
REDEMPTION OF DEBT:				\$	3,319,249
CONTINGENCY FUND:				\$	600,000
BOARD OF EDUCATION;				\$	36,871,969
CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND:				\$	1,419,204
				\$	57,110,601

TO RECOMMEND TO A TOWN MEETING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,419,204 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18 FOR THE CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND, SAID APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:						
1100 CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND						18-Apr-17
					2017-18	ADDS
					BUDGET	(REDUCT)
					REQUEST	FINANCE
Project Requests						RECOMMEND
Unimproved Road Improvement				\$	20,000	0
Local Capital Improvement Program				\$	195,651	0
Road Overlay				\$	500,000	
DPW-Snow Plow Dumptrucks Replmt				\$	190,000	
Pool Car/Town Staff Vehicle				\$	35,000	(5,000)
HML-Carpet Replacement				\$	95,750	
Townwide Sidewalks				\$	25,000	(5,000)
Sidewalk Extension-West Road (RTE83)				\$	97,303	
Parking Lot Renovations				\$	50,000	
Field Irrigation				\$	80,000	(80,000)
Plan of Conservation and Development 2018				\$		80,000
EVFD-Generator Station 243- Replmnt				\$	55,000	0
BOE-Windermere Air Conditioning Cafeteria				\$	85,500	0
DEPARTMENT TOTAL				\$	1,429,204	(10,000)
LESS-FEDERAL/STATE/TRUST FUNDS						
State Grant-LOCIP				\$	195,651	
Federal Grant-Sidewalk Exten-West Rd (RTE 83) 80%				\$	77,842	
TOTAL				\$	273,493	0
NET COST TO TOWN				\$	1,155,711	(10,000)
CAP NON REC FUND						
BOARD OF EDUCATION GRANTS						
MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT BOARD OF EDUCATION GRANTS AS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THEIR MARCH 22, 2017 MEETING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,430,455 (SEE ATTACHED SHEET).						

Approval of Leases for the Annual Town Budget Meeting May 9, 2017:

EVFD Triple Combination Pumper-CPNR Budget Amount \$657,500 BOS

MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (OLENDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO A 5 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE EVFD TRIPLE COMBINATION PUMPER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$657,500.

CLFD Forestry Truck-CPNR Budget Amount \$230,000-\$30,000 = \$200,000

MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (JOYSE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO A 5 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CLFD FORESTRY TRUCK IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000.

CLFD Breathing Apparatus Equipment-CPNR Budget Amount \$215,000-\$25,000 = \$190,000

MOVED (HARDING) SECONDED (OLENDER) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO A 5 YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CLFD BREATHING APPARATUS EQUIPMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$190,000.

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MOVED (VARNEY) SECONDED (HARDING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Lori Smith, Recording Secretary

ELLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE
BUDGET DOCUMENT FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

APPROVED AT BOF MEETING-April 18, 2017

INCREASES/REDUCTIONS

Account	Sub	Account Name		
REVENUE INCREASES(REDUCTIONS)				
FY 17-18		State-Federal Grant-Sidewalk Exten West Rd(RTE 83)	77,842	
FY 17-18		State-Education Cost Sharing Grant	128,640	
FY 17-18		Departmental Revenue-Special Duty	20,000	
		TOTAL REVENUE INCREASES:		226,482

OPERATING EXPENSE (REDUCTIONS) ADDITION

376-5103		Adhoc Emergency Services Comm-Part Time	(500)	
439-6281		Town Road Aid-Winter	(10,000)	
440-6282		Town Road Aid-Materials	(15,000)	
845-6241		Senior Center Building-electricity	(3,500)	
910		Principal-CLFD Forestry Truck \$230,000 - \$30,000= \$200,000 thus reduction in principal and interest estimate for 5 yr lease	(6,000)	
920		Interest reduction for CLFD Forestry Truck	(1,500)	
910		Principal-CLFD Breathing Apparatus \$215,000 - \$25,000= \$190,000 thus reduction in principal and interest estimate for 5 yr lease	(5,000)	
920		Interest reduction for CLFD Breathing Apparatus	(1,250)	
950		Insurance	(25,000)	
1010		Contingency Fund (500,000 -100,000)	400,000	
1100		Capital Outlay-Field Irrigation-wrong project s/b Plan of Conserv Dev	(80,000)	
1100		Capital Outlay-Plan of Conservation & Development 2018	80,000	
1100		Capital Outlay-Townwide Sidewalks	(5,000)	
1100		Capital Outlay-Pool Car/Town Staff Vehicle	(5,000)	
1200		Board of Education-Teacher's Retirement Contribution	(1,898,286)	
1200		Board of Ed-Special Ed-Estimated Excess Cost in Budget	(512,103)	
1200		Board of Education-reduction to main budget	(200,000)	
		TOTAL EXPENSE REDUCTIONS		(2,288,139)

1100 CAPITAL NON-RECURRING FUND

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Scott V. Nicol, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

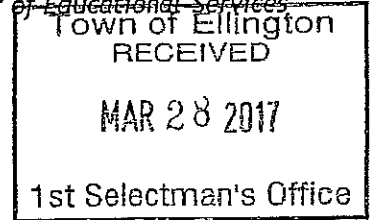
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March 24, 2017

Ms. Lori Spielman
First Selectman
Town of Ellington
55 Main Street
Ellington, CT 06029

Dear Ms. Spielman:

The Board of Education, at its regular meeting on March 22, 2017, unanimously approved the following motion:

"Move to recommend to the Annual Town Budget Meeting acceptance of prepaid grants and funds fully reimbursable for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018 and to appropriate the same to the Board of Education in a sum estimated at \$2,430,455 as detailed in Exhibit B attached."

Sincerely,

Dr. Scott V. Nicol
Superintendent of Schools

SVN:sel

cc: Nicholas DiCorleto

Exhibit B

2017-2018 Prepaid Grants

<u>GRANT</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>
<p>Title I - Part A: Improving Basic Programs Funds are targeted to improve achievement in reading and mathematics with grant entitlements based on family income indicators.</p>	\$ 82,000
<p>Title II: Part A: Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Supports increased student achievement by improving teacher and administrator quality and increasing the number of highly qualified teachers.</p>	\$ 53,500
<p>Title III: Part A: English Language Acquisitions Funds are used to support programs and services for English Language Learners.</p>	\$ 8,500
<p>IDEA - Part B: Section 611 Special Education Entitlement Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children.</p>	\$ 422,923
<p>IDEA - Part B: Section 619 A Preschool Entitlement Designed to provide funds for the education of disabled children ages three to five.</p>	\$ 11,755
<p>Adult Education Matching state funds that help fulfill Ellington's legal obligations related to Adult Basic Education, the High School Adult Credit Diploma Program, the External Diploma Program, and GED Preparation Classes through the Vernon Regional Adult Ed. Program.</p>	\$ 13,269
<p>Perkins- Career & Technology Grant Funds are used to purchase equipment and support for career and technology programs.</p>	\$ 23,500
<p>Open Choice Funds Funds are used to offset magnet school tuition payments required by Parent Choice legislation and reflect</p>	\$ 552,000

the number of seats declared by the Board of Education
not the number of seats filled which will be significantly lower.

Open Choice Special Education Funds	\$ 575,058
Funds are used to offset special education costs of Choice students.	
School Readiness	\$ 150,000
Funding for children from income-eligible families to participate in NAEYC accredited preschool programs. Families pay on a sliding scale based on their income. Grant also provides for the School Readiness Council to offer parent education programs to assist with the development of skills that prepare students to be successful in school.	
Sheff Settlement – Open Choice Academic and Social Support	\$ 95,000
Funds facilitate the development of programs and activities to support the success of students in the Choice Program.	
Summer Programs	\$ 30,000
Fees paid by parents to allow their children to attend self-funded summer programs.	
Preschool Tuition Funds	\$ 112,950
Fees paid by parents of "typical peer students" attending the district's special education reverse mainstream preschool program.	
Academic Enhancement	\$ 50,000
Fees paid by families for extended day/year programs.	
Other federal and state prepaid grants which might be applied for.	\$ 250,000
TOTAL	\$ 2,430,455