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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 30, 2014

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

**PRESENT:** William Kingston, Chairman, Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering.

William Kingston called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Consideration of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget deliberation

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Bruce Cornwell, to reduce 240-404 Road Construction by \$100,000. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion: Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 400 - Non-Government Agencies by \$9,808 to fund at -0-. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion. Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 435 - Library by \$12,500. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion. Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Bruce Cornwell, to reduce 380-105 Parks & Recreation PT Salaries (\*) by \$12,500. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion. Claudia Stephan. Abstention: Eileen Freebairn and Gary Regan. Motion passed.

(\*) While the 105 PT Salary line was the line reduced, it was with the understanding that the Director would confer with the First Selectman to find general reductions to the entire 380 account.

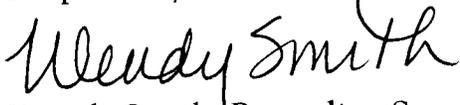
Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by Bruce Cornwell, to reduce the entire town side budget by 2%. Voting in favor of the motion: Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion. Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and Gary Regan. Motion failed.

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by Bruce Cornwell, to reduce the entire town side (with the exception of debt service and Board of Education maintenance) by  $\frac{3}{4}\%$ . Voting in favor of the motion: Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Claudia Stephan, Eileen Freebairn, and William Kingston. Motion failed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend to the reconvened town meeting, a Fiscal Year 2014-2015 recommended budget of \$26,693,369 (including debt service and Board of Education maintenance) on Monday, July 7, 2014 at the Bethel High School. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion. Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Patricia Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary