

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2018
7:00 PM
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jim Persano.

2. Members Present

In attendance were Jim Persano, Bill Salka, Tim Geib, Michael Parker, Tom Mazzoli, and Joe Tolisano. Also in attendance were CFO Mike Marinaccio, Superintendent Brian Czapla, Business Manager Bill Boutwell, members of the Board of Education, First Selectman Bud Knorr, and Selectman Kathy Devlin.

3. FY19 Budget Presentations

a. Board of Education Budget – Expenditures

Superintendent Czapla presented the budget for the Board of Education. The education budget is a \$445,384, or 1.97%, increase over fiscal year 2018. The driver of the increase is contractual salaries for employees. The Board of Ed was able to negotiate a flat rate insurance premium by putting out an RFP and ultimately switching healthcare providers.

Michael Parker requested the Board of Education bring back FY18 actuals/end of year projections compared to their FY19 requests to justify all costs requested.

Tim Geib asked about class sizes and justification for the hiring of more teachers while trends continue downwards for school population.

Czapla agreed to bring the requested materials to the next meeting of the Board of Finance.

b. Board of Selectmen Budget – Expenditures

Michael Marinaccio presented the budget for the Board of Selectmen. The Town budget is a \$286,776, or 3.70%, decrease from fiscal year 2018. After reorganizing the Police Department and changing healthcare to the State Partnership Plan, the Town was able to reduce its costs for the upcoming year.

c. Town Overall Revenue Budget

Currently as proposed, the overall expense budget is \$32,440,077 while revenues are only \$31,494,534, leaving a shortfall of \$945,543 or 1.11 mills. State Aid continues to shrink and is \$1.4 million less than fiscal year 2018.

4. FY 2019 Budget Discussion

A motion was made by Joe Tolisano to hold a special meeting on March 28, 2018, and cancelling the regular meeting scheduled for March 26, 2018, seconded by Tom Mazzoli. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

5. Budget Flyer Content Discussion

A template of the budget flyer was given to all members of the Board and Marinaccio requested input on any changes.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Tom Mazzoli to adjourn at 8:01 pm, seconded by Bill Salka. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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