

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 28, 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, 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, and Selectman Tim Potrikus.

**3. FY19 Budget Discussion, Recommendations and Decisions**

Mike Marinaccio gave an overview of the budget of where the Board left off after the last meeting. The current budget has a revenue shortfall of \$944,508.

Superintendent Brian Czapla then presented his responses to the questions that were asked of him from the prior meeting. He laid out 3 different reduction scenarios and what each reduction would take to meet.

Mazzoli expressed his concern with the budget on a State level. He also stated that the Board still does not want to reduce any positions. He then asked what a \$300k reduction would result in, in reference to the Board of Education.

Czapla stated that while he did not have the exact numbers in front of him, he would anticipate 1-2 positions would be cut at that level.

Joe Tolisano stated that the reason people love this Town is because of the school system and expressed the need to reduce the Town's dependency on State Aid. He recommended that the Board go for a 1-mill tax increase in the budget.

Mazzoli did not want to go as high as 1 mill.

*A motion was made by Bill Salka to accept the budget with an \$181,500 reduction to education and increasing the mill rate by .90 from 26.47 to 27.37, seconded by Tom Mazzoli. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**4. Budget Flyer, Content Finalization and Approval**

*A motion was made by Joe Tolisano to approve the Budget Flyer for Fiscal Year 2019, seconded by Tom Mazzoli. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

**5. Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Bill Salka to adjourn at 7:32 pm, seconded by Tom Mazzoli. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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