

**MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING**

February 11, 2015

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2014. In attendance were First Selectman Stevenson, Selectmen Hall, Marks, Nielsen and Tierney. Also in attendance was Town Administrator Karl Kilduff.

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectman Stevenson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a) Discuss and Take Action on 2015-2016 Annual Budget Revisions

First Selectman Stevenson opened discussion of the budget and further revisions. Mr. Kilduff reported that the Noroton Fire Department supplied updated cost estimates for the replacement of Hurst tools and air bags which are part of the Capital Plan. The updated pricing suggested a cut in the total request by \$17,000. The Board endorsed a reduction of \$17,000 to the budget with the Noroton Fire Department being able to replace both the Hurst tools and airbags.

Mr. Kilduff reported on additional information from the IT Department in support of a project to replace the phone system at Town Hall and the Police Department. The proposed system would be harmonized with the Board of Education so all phones are on the same platform, the proposed system would include an intercom functionality, and a vendor has been identified to support the old system with a 2-3 day turn-around time.

The Board determined to keep the phone replacement project in the Capital Plan as proposed for FY16/17 rather than advancing the project as the objective of the budget was to reduce spending.

Representatives from the RTM Finance and Budget Subcommittee were asked for comments.

The Board expressed thanks to all involved in the budget process this year.

Robert Cardone of the RTM Finance & Budget Subcommittee asked for an explanation on the pension changes proposed. Mr. Kilduff noted that the budget was developed in advance of the actuary issuing their annual report. A reduction in pension contribution and increase in retiree health were a result of the actuaries work. It was emphasized that the Town has always contributed the sums calculated by the actuary to support the pension system.

b) Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution to approve the 2015-2016 Annual Budget and Six-Year Capital Plan and submitting the same to the Board of Finance for their consideration

First Selectman Stevenson read aloud the resolution which reflected the reduction of \$17,000 made earlier in the meeting.

WHEREAS, since its presentation on January 28, 2015, the Board of Selectmen have reviewed and evaluated the Town Administrator's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2015-16 and the six-year capital plan; and

WHEREAS, following completion of this review a number of changes and modifications have been made to the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Darien Board of Selectmen hereby approve the modified annual budget for 2015-2016 and the six-year capital plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2015-2016 budget and six-year capital plan be submitted to the Board of Finance for their consideration.

GENERAL FUND

General Operating Fund	\$31,203,915
Debt Service	11,767,966
Transfers out to Other Funds	<u>2,406,448</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$45,378,329

OTHER FUNDS

Sewer Fund	\$3,648,489
Parking Fund	\$786,668
Reserve Fund	\$2,412,392

Ms. Marks moved, seconded by Mr. Hall, to approve the resolution as read. The motion passed in a 5-0 vote.

First Selectman Stevenson asked Mr. Kilduff to report the percent change in the budget. He noted that the operating budget would increase by \$242,498 or 0.78% and the bottom-line of the budget would increase by \$423,155 or 0.94%.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Selectmen adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff

Town Administrator