

BOARD OF FINANCE
MARCH 9, 2010

**VOTING SESSION ON FIRST SELECTMAN'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR
2010-2011**

Present: Kenneth Martin, William Crooks, Andrew Palo, Thomas Tesoro, Steven Lupien and alternates Dana Misner, Alexandra Remson, Perry Molinoff

Also: First Selectman Timothy Herbst and Director of Finance Maria Pires

The Voting Session for the First Selectman's Proposed Budget 2010-2011 was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Kenneth Martin. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by William Crooks to approve the First Selectman's Proposed Budget of \$142,928,833 including the requested funds for the Sewer and Golf Enterprise Funds; seconded by Steven Lupien.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

01010000...Town Council...SLupien moved the amount of **\$78,289**; TTesoro seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

01010100...Trumbull Nature Commission...TTesoro moved the amount of **\$6,171**; APalo seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

01010200...Ethics...TTesoro moved the amount of **\$120**; SLupien seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

01010400...First Selectman...TTesoro moved the amount of **\$249,450**; SLupien seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

01010600...Probate...TTesoro moved the amount of **\$13,309**; SLupien seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

01010800...Elections...APalo moved; SLupien seconded to increase 522203 Services and Fees-Ancillary by \$42,195. (This figure was inadvertently omitted in the budget we received from the First Selectman). Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by APalo; seconded by SLupien to approve amended total in the amount of **\$138,807**, an increase of \$42,195.

01011000...Finance...TTesoro moved; WCrooks seconded to approve total in the amount of **\$507,772**. Motion carried unanimously.

01011400...Board of Finance...TTesoro moved the total of **\$69,832**; SLupien seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

01011600...Tax Assessor...APalo moved; WCrooks seconded to decrease 522202 Services and Fees-Professional by \$10,000. (Usage factor indicates that additional money should not be continued) Motion carried unanimously. Motion made by APalo; seconded by TTesoro to approve amended total budget in the amount of **\$300,300**, a decrease of \$10,000. Motion carried unanimously.

01011800...Board of Assessment Appeals...TTesoro moved; SLupien seconded to approve total in the amount of **\$1,718**. Motion carried unanimously.

01012000...Tax Collector...TTesoro moved; SLupien seconded to approve total in the amount of **\$313,936**. Motion carried unanimously.

01012200...Purchasing...TTesoro moved; SLupien seconded to approve total in the amount of **\$74,513**. Motion carried unanimously.

01012400...Treasurer...TTesoro moved the total of **\$21,124**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01012600...Technology...TTesoro moved the total of **\$278,712**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01012800...Town Attorneys...TTesoro move to decrease 522202 Services & Fees-Professional by \$40,000; seconded by APalo. (This is based on last year's run).

Mr. Crooks stated that prior to tonight's meeting the First Selectman presented the Board with a memorandum asking that we not make this adjustment. He further stated that since he did not have time to review this request he will support this adjustment at this time but if the contents included in his memorandum proves to have merit, and if the rationale comes to fruition at a later date, he would have no problem supporting a supplemental appropriation to this particular account. APalo second what Mr. Crooks said as did TTesoro.

SLupien moved; TTesoro seconded to approve amended total of **\$235,000**, a decrease of \$40,000. Motion carries 5 – 1 (Martin)

01013000...Human Resources...TTesoro moved the total of **\$186,223**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

010136000...Town Clerk...APalo moved to increase 501103 Salaries-PT/Temp by \$500; seconded by TTesoro. (Based on request of Town Clerk and past history). Motion carried unanimously. SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$209,237**, an increase of \$500; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01013800...Town Hall...TTesoro moved the total of **\$1,834,281**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01014000...Custodial...APalo moved to increase 501105 Salary-Overtime by \$3,000; seconded by TTesoro. (There is a need for custodial overtime for special events and to keep this account at a level consistent with past history). Motion carried unanimously. TTesoro moved to approve amended total of **\$292,451**, an increase of \$3,000; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01014200...Planning & Zoning...TTesoro moved the total of **\$165,902**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01014400...ZBA...TTesoro moved the total of **\$7,650**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01014600...Economic Development...TTesoro moved the total of **\$97,400**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01014800...Inland Wetlands Commission...APalo moved to decrease 545501 Legal Notices by \$2,000; seconded by TTesoro. (Based upon past history to be consistent with usage). Motion carried unanimously. TTesoro moved to approve amended total of **\$10,375**, a decrease of \$2,000; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01015000...Recycling Commission...TTesoro moved the total of **\$2,750**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01015400...Conservation Commission...APalo moved to decrease 522201 Services & Fees-Clerical by !80; seconded by DMisner. Carried unanimously.
APalo moved to decrease 522502 Communications-Public Reports by \$75; seconded by SLupien. Carried unanimously.
APalo moved to decrease 556602 Professional Development-Assn. Dues by \$45; seconded by SLupien. Carried unanimously.
APalo moved to decrease 556604 Professional Development-Publications by \$52; seconded by SLupien. Carried unanimously.
SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$350**, a decrease of \$352; seconded by WCrooks. Motion carried unanimously.

01015600...Clean Energy Fund...TTesoro excused himself from this item allowing PMolinoff to speak to this.

PMolinoff moved to add 01015600-522205 Program Expenses in the amount of \$3,000; seconded by SLupien. (In 2005 the Town Council passed a resolution for Trumbull to become a clean energy community. In order to fulfill its commitment and qualify as a clean energy community, it would need to make a voluntary purchase of 13% of its clean energy by 2010. An additional 7% would come from the State.)

WCrooks would like to see this brought before the Board of Finance by the Administration. He feels it should come from the contingency account. Motion fails 3 – 3 (Crooks, Palo, Misner)

01015800...Transit District...TTesoro moved the total of **\$44,080**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY

01022000...Police...APalo moved to increase 501101 Salaries-FT by \$97,112; seconded by TTesoro. (This is for the restoration of two police officers) Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to increase 501105 Salaries-Overtime by \$20,000; seconded by SLupien (WCrooks did a run out on this account and right now we are running out at close to the \$488,000 that the department requested as well as a salary adjustment according to contract and also the added pressure to this account of some \$28,000 with the addition of the dog.) Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to decrease 556604 Professional Development-Publications by \$200; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to decrease 578801 Maintenance/Repair Service Contract by \$1,200; seconded by TTesoro. (This was for the Crime Reports) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to increase 581888 Capital Outlay by \$10,334; seconded by TTesoro. (This is for the purchase of an additional squad car) Motion fails 3 – 3 (Crooks, Palo, Misner)

WCrooks moved to approve amended total of **\$7,406,526**, an increase of \$115,712; seconded by APalo. Motion carried unanimously.

01022000...Special Detail...APalo moved in increase 522204 SVS-Contract by \$6,000; seconded by SLupien. (Run rate through 8 months was \$11,000. The projection for this coming year is going to be around \$17,000, allowing for a contract increase which will impact this account, we felt \$18,000 would properly fund this account and not involve potential deficit funding) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$18,000**, an increase of \$6,000; seconded by WCrooks. Motion carried unanimously.

01022400...Animal Control...TTesoro moved the total of **\$111,126**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01022500...Central Emergency Dispatch...-0-

01022600...EMS...APalo moved to decrease 502203 Services & Fees-Ancillary by \$9,000; seconded by WCrooks. (There was a \$60,000 fee for the billing service in this account. The account totaled \$67,480. The major component was the \$60,000 for the billing service. The administration presented us with an updated run rate through February 2010 to show that we paid out \$34,000 to this service. Assuming a pro rata run rate that this account would come in at \$51,000 as vs the \$60,000 that had been budgeted, we would like to make this adjustment. There is still \$7,000 for a number of other items in this account that could provide a comfortable margin if needed). Motion carried 4 – 2 (Lupien, Tesoro)

APalo moved to decrease 534402 Program Supplies by \$10,800; seconded by WCrooks. (We would be over budgeting based upon history). Motion carried 4 – 2 (Lupien, Tesoro)

APalo moved to decrease 545503 Communications by \$1,000; seconded by DMisner (We would be over budgeting based on past year usage). Motion carried 4 – 2 (Lupien, Tesoro)

APalo moved to decrease 556603 Professional Dev.-Inservice by \$500; seconded by WCrooks (reduce to current levels). Motion carried 4 - 2 (Lupien, Tesoro)

APalo moved to reduce 581888 Capital Outlay by \$35,200; seconded by WCrooks. (This would be first year payment on lease purchase of ambulance. The \$35,200 to be paid in equal amounts of \$8,800 over remaining four years.) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$880,969**, a decrease of \$56,500; seconded by APalo. Motion carried unanimously.

01022800...Fire Marshal...APalo moved to increase 501105 Salaries-OT by \$1,000; seconded by SLupien. (Department head felt account was underfunded, run rate indicated she was right). Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$239,936**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01022824...Fire Hydrants...TTesoro moved the total of **\$1,282,920**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01023200...Building Official...TTesoro moved the total of **\$261,746**; seconded by APalo. Motion carried unanimously.

01023400...Emergency Management...SLupien moved to decrease 501105 Salaries-OT by \$1,389; seconded by APalo. (Based on usage). Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$71,362**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

02 Total...SLupien moved to approve the total of the 02 accounts in the amount of **\$10,272,585**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS

01030000...Public Works Director...APalo moved to decrease 501106 Longevity by \$425; seconded by WCrooks. (Public Works Director retired) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$153,089**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01030023...Security-Building & Grounds...TTesoro moved the total of **\$120,634**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01030025...Street Lights...TTesoro moved the total of **\$400,000**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01030100...Public Works Highway...APalo moved to increase 501103 Salaries-Seasonal/Temp by \$15,000; seconded by TTesoro. (Department head stated they need the summer staff to cover for summer vacations.) Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to increase 522203 Services/Fees-Ancillary by \$21,000; seconded by TTesoro (to properly fund the leaf program). Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to increase 578804 Mntnce-RFS by \$173; seconded by WCrooks (this was a technical adjustment – correction related to the spread schedule. It will bring it in line with next year’s bid contract) Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to decrease 590012 Electricity by \$6,000; seconded by WCrooks (it seems to be that this account is over allocated and an adjustment could be made). Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to approve amended total of **\$3,017,106**; seconded by WCrooks. Motion carried unanimously. (APalo said that the leaf pickup was not easy to grasp in this budget as there has been no estimate of figures from the different people we asked. It would be very helpful in the future if someone could come up with some kind of number or ramifications if we do it or don’t do it.

01030100...Snow Removal...TTesoro moved the total of **\$550,000**; seconded by Dana Misner. Motion carried unanimously.

01030101...Highway-Construction...TTesoro moved the total of **\$250,000**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01030105...Public Works/Fleet...TTesoro moved the total of **\$907,430**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01030400...Disposal Area...TTesoro moved the total of **\$2,069,782**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01030500...Town Engineer...SLupien moved the total of **\$386,237**; seconded by APalo. Motion carried unanimously.

03 Total...SLupien moved the 03 accounts in the amount of **\$7,854,278**; seconded by APalo. Motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF HEALTH

01040000...Board of Health...APalo moved to decrease 522205 Program Expenses by **\$820**; seconded by SLupien. (The department and this staff are not accepting an 11% contribution toward their medical insurance like the nurses are being requested to do. They are only contribution a nominal amount toward their insurances and if you apply \$11,000 to the \$85,000 bill, it would be another \$8,000 or something). Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved the total of **\$235,572**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01040200...Vital Statistics...TTesoro moved the amount of **\$1,000**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01040400...Nursing-Senior/Well Child...TTesoro moved the total of **\$66,987**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

04 Total...SLupien moved the 04 accounts in the amount of **\$303,559**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

SOCIAL SERVICES

01050000...Social Services...APalo moved to decrease 578801 Service Contract by **\$400**; seconded by WCrooks. (This account has had no charges, no expenses reflected for the last several years. It seems to be an account of little purpose.) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved the total of **\$111,157**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01050200...Counseling Center...TTesoro moved the total of **\$204,493**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01050400...Youth Commission...TTesoro moved to increase 501101 Salaries-FT by **\$46,904**; seconded by SLupien. (To reinstate full-time position; administration needs to discuss with union how this position is to be staffed). Motion carried 3 – 2 – 1 (Martin)

TTesoro moved to decrease 501102 Salaries-PT by **\$29,650**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried 3 - 2 – 1 (Martin)

TTesoro moved to increase 522201 Services & Fees-Clerical by **\$360**; seconded by SLupien. (Based on request of Commission) Motion carried 3 – 2 – 1 (Martin)

TTesoro moved to increase 522205 Program Expenses by **\$1,000**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried 3 – 2 - 1 (Palo)

TTesoro moved to increase 534401 Material & Supplies by **\$41**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried 3 – 1 – 2 (Palo, Misner)

TTesoro moved to increase 534402 Program Supplies by **\$1,400**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried 3 – 1 – 2 (Palo, Misner)

TTesoro moved to increase 535503 Communications-Public Relations by **\$325**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried 3 – 1 – 2 (Palo, Misner)

SLupien moved the total of **\$55,430**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried 3 – 1 – 2 (Palo, Misner)

01050600...Senior Citizens Services...WCrooks moved in increase 522205 Program Expenses by **\$3,895**; seconded by APalo (Allowing for 3 new programs) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved the total of **\$199,468**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

05 Total...SLupien moved the total of **\$570,548**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried 5 – 1 (Crooks)

EDUCATION

01060000...Education...SLupien moved to increase 522205 Program Expenses by **\$1,450,000**; seconded by TTesoro ...Two concerns that my colleague and I have are program and curriculum effect of the F/S cuts. Also particularly concerned with are applying ARRA and ECS money towards the operating budget. It is our concern that that will create increasingly more problems for us in future budgets but we believe that by restoring the \$1,450,000 it will bring the BOE budget to a place where the BOE (those people we charge with educating our children) people feel they need to be to effectively do what they need to do.

WCrooks stated that with full restoration it would return the budgeted General Fund monies to 2.54% as an increase in the budget. Keeping in mind that there are ARRA and ECS monies currently in hand that neither this body nor the council can invade – those are dedicated monies and they create another 1.43%. That would bring the BOF funding back to 3.97%. Keeping in mind the BOE has yet to designate where the \$124,000 of this year's ECS monies are going, that would actually bring the total up to 4.10%.

Motion fails 2 – 4 (Crooks, Palo, Martin, Misner)

TTesoro moved to add 1.1 million dollars to 522205 Program Expenses; seconded by SLupien. Motion fails 3 – 3 (Palo, Misner, Crooks)

APalo moved to add back to the Education item the amount of \$750,000; seconded by WCrooks.

WCrooks stated that the number that was proposed (1.1 million dollars) in good times he could support. Keeping in mind the pressures on the overall budget on the town side, the impact of which tonight's work will be adding many dollars to the budget as proposed by the F/S. Personally Mr. Crooks is looking for a compromise. This figure (\$750,000) is the best figure that Mr. Crooks' side could compromise on. A lot has to be done from this point on if this motion were to pass. We would still have to get it through the Council. It's reasonably saleable to go forward with this compromising motion. Through conversations with the BOE they also may be returning funds at the end of this year based upon favorable operations that they believe we are incurring...primarily energy.

APalo agreed with some of what Mr. Crooks said. Mr. Palo further commented that we all started out with wanting to give back to education. Coming up with a number was the hard part. After talking with several department heads and that may be some energy savings would be coming back that is how Mr. Palo became comfortable with this \$750,000 number.

TTesoro commented that in discussing this today we have to think about all that is involved here and we could be foolish and tell you no on this or we could say if this is the best we can do then better this than nothing. I will be voting for the \$750,000 because I think this is the best compromise we can get from this board and I think it is important that this board send to the council a recommendation that we agreed on.

SLupien will support the \$750,000 only because half a loaf is better than no loaf at all. However, for the record, when professionals we hire to run our school system and make comments like Mr. Lovely that anything below this 2.45 will seriously disrupt the school system and that Mr. Iassogna made a couple of comments such as recent initiatives that we are doing now will be curtailed and any reduction will reshape programs and operations in the school system...when I hear them make comments like that I listen. I will support the \$750,000 because if we don't support it our budget will be passed to the Town Council where they have a much greater hurdle to add money back in.

DMisner stated that none of us are thrilled tonight to make this decision. We are not alone, there are many towns in Connecticut that are making more drastic measures than we are tonight.

KMartin does not feel this is a good number. It is a number that is going to be passed tonight but I feel this year we are going to do some damage to the school system. I think this whole process has been a little bit flawed. The number could have been 3.5% that Mr. Iassogna started at. We could have cut from there. The ARRA monies are not being used in the spirit they were intended. Education is an important asset as we move forward in the community.

Vote to increase Education Budget by \$750,000: Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$85,469,215**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve total of **\$92,887,878**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01060200...School Nurses...TTesoro moved the total of **\$721,781**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01060400...Non Public Schools...APalo moved to increase 501102 Salaries-PT by **\$5,000**; seconded by TTesoro (run rate indicates this has been underbudgeted). Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved amended total of **\$276,624**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01060600...Business Education Initiative...TTesoro moved the total of **\$35,352**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

06 Total...SLupien moved the total of **\$93,921,635**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

LIBRARIES

01070000...Libraries...APalo moved to decrease 501102 Salaries-PT by **\$4,220**; seconded by WCrooks. (Adjustment in hours – s/b 969 hours. Corrected amount came from Library). Motion carried unanimously.

07 Total...SLupien moved the total of **\$1,520,518**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC EVENTS

01080000...Public Events...APalo moved to increase 522205 Program Expenses by **\$5,000**; seconded by TTesoro (No clear indication of what events had been eliminated to warrant this decrease in funds. Average over last 3 years was \$24,600) Motion carries 4 – 2 (Martin, Misner)

SLupien moved the amended total of **\$25,000**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01080300...Trumbull Day...TTesoro moved the total of **\$720**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01080400...Recreation...APalo moved the total of **\$468,273**; seconded by WCrooks. Motion carried unanimously.

01080600...Parks...APalo moved to increase 501103 Salaries-Seasonal/Temp by **\$12,000**; seconded by WCrooks. (per department head request to enable department to sustain its normal operations) seconded by WCrooks). Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to add 522201 Services & Fees-Clerical, the amount of **\$2,000**; seconded by TTesoro. (clerical fees for Parks Clerk). Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to increase 589901 Annual Rentals/Leases by **\$7,000**; seconded by WCrooks. (Lease payment for one year for truck) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$1,608,827**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01080800...Tree Warden...TTesoro moved the total of **\$95,525**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

01080900...Arts Commission...TTesoro moved the total of **\$28,414**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

08 Total...SLupien moved the total of **\$2,226,751**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

DEBT SERVICE

TTesoro moved the total of **\$4,184,529**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

20100000...W.P.C.A...APalo moved to increase 501101 Salaries-FT by **\$55,536**; seconded by TTesoro. (Department initially had four inspectors, now have only 1 plus department head. The addition of this one would enable them to get an electrician to fill the vacated position) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$5,604,116**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

21100000...Tashua Knolls Golf...KMartin moved to increase 522202 Services & Fees by \$5,000; seconded by SLupien. (put bonus back for Bobby Brown)

Motion fails 1 – 4 – 1 (Lupien)

SLupien moved to approve total of **\$1,906,036**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

01013400...Employee Benefits...APalo moved to increase 511150 FICA by **\$18,159**; seconded by TTesoro (adding four positions...2 police, 1 youth, 1 sewer) Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to increase 511151 Medical/Dental by **\$76,000**; seconded by TTesoro. (4 positions added.) Motion carried unanimously.

APalo moved to increase 522106 Police Pension by **\$100,000**; seconded by TTesoro. (This is in keeping with past practice) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved to approve amended total of **\$10,810,312**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

TTesoro excused himself; PMolinoff voting in his place.

01013800...Town Hall...PMolinoff moved to increase 501116 Contingency by **\$3,000**; seconded by SLupien. (For Clean Energy Fund) Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved amended total of **\$1,837,281**; seconded by APalo. Motion carried unanimously.

01 Total...TTesoro moved amended total of **\$15,953,064**; seconded by APalo. Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved total of amended General Budget in the amount of **\$136,807,475**; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

WCrooks moved to correct the total of his original motion to **\$143,176,783**; seconded by SLupien. Motion carried unanimously.

SLupien moved the amended total of **\$144,317,627**, an increase of \$1,140,844; seconded by TTesoro. Motion carried unanimously.

TTesoro moved to adjourn; seconded by SLupien.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bokine, Clerk