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CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Trumbull Town Council was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr. All present joined in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The Clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

Present:

David Pia	Debra Lamberti	Chad Ciocci
Suzanne Testani	Kristy Waizenegger	Daniel Helfrich
Michael Rappa	John DelVecchio, Jr.	
Jane Deyoe	Ann Marie Evangelista	
Robert J. Pescatore, Jr.	Martha Jankovic-Mark	
Mary Beth Thornton	Carl A. Massaro, Jr.	
Roberta Bellows	Michael J. London (arrived at 8:01 p.m.)	
Jeff Jenkins	James Meisner	
John Rotondo	Tony Scinto	

Absent: Mark Altieri

Also Present: First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst, Director of Finance Maria Pires, Town Attorney Robert Nicola, Town Attorney Edward Walsh, Chairman of the BoE Mr. Ted Lovely and BoE Member Lisa Labella.

The Chair stated that the Town Council will adopt a budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. A total expense budget of \$140,318,712 has been presented to the Town Council, this comprises of general government spending of \$148,295,148, Tashua Knolls Enterprise Fund of \$1,953,069 and the Water Pollution Control Authority Enterprise Fund of \$6,070,495. Chapter IV of the Trumbull Town Charter states the duties and authorities of an adoption of our annual budget beginning with the delivery of the proposed annual budget from the First Selectman to the Board of Finance by February 10<sup>th</sup>, and then a recommended budget from the Board of Finance to the Town Council by March 24<sup>th</sup>. However, we have come to understand that the process of creating this budget proposal starts much earlier than February 10<sup>th</sup>. In November of the prior year, our departments, boards, commissions and enterprises compile their respective needs into expenditure requests, which are submitted to the First Selectman who then assembles the budget proposal. In this nearly six month process, countless man hours, paid and volunteer time is expended to appropriate funding for the quality services our community deserves. The Chair extended his gratitude to all town government personnel for their time and honest effort in this process, also acknowledged our citizens who gave up their time to appear at three public hearings, to e-mail and to call the councilmen and councilwomen with their questions, concerns and

informed opinions. To our Finance Committee, our Finance Director and staff, and the First Selectman's staff, gratitude was extended for their tireless review of the proposals. At the conclusion of this meeting there will be 148 million reasons, give or take a few, to like or dislike this budget, reasonable people will differ about it, the Chair asked that all respect the process and the effort of their public servants.

Tonight is like any other budget adoption by the Town Council with one exception; Chapter IV, Section 3D of the Town Charter vested in the Town Council the authority to increase or decrease any line item without limitations and to add new appropriations all by majority vote of those council members present and voting.

The Chair requested that audience members' cell phones be turned off or silenced, to refrain from audible reaction and/or comments allowing for discussion to continue unabated, and that the Town Council use their microphones when speaking. The Chair reminded the council per the Town Council Rules & Procedures cell phone use during the course of the meeting is prohibited.

Mr. DelVecchio extended his gratitude to Maria Pires, Director of Finance and Margaret Mastroni, Council Clerk for their time and effort during this budget season, explaining that budgets are very difficult as they take up a lot of time and have to be passionate about the work. Mr. DelVecchio congratulated his peers on their professionalism.

Mr. Pia echoed Mr. DelVecchio's statements noting that there have not been unanimous decisions throughout this process, but there has been mutual respect for different opinions. Mr. Pia extended his gratitude to all involved in the budget process and especially extending his gratitude to the Town Council Finance Committee for the extensive time put into the budget review.

\*Chairman Carl A. Massaro, Jr. exercised his right not to vote unless otherwise noted.

1.RESOLUTION TC23-154: Moved by Mr. Ciocci, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the annual budget for the Town of Trumbull for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, as proposed by the First Selectman and amended by the Town Council, be and the same is hereby adopted and that the sums stated therein as amended for their respective purposes be and the same are hereby appropriated.

The Chair stated that the Town Council would proceed through the budget as presented starting with general government and will call on council members at each department for requests of modifications.

## **01 – General Government**

### **First Selectman 01010400**

Mr. Scinto moved, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend account #556601 (Professional Dev-Seminars) with a reduction of (\$3,500).

Ms. Lamberti explained that CCM funds not appropriated for CCM membership had been allocated to various accounts; this reduction leaves a balance of \$3,000 in the account. In response to Ms. Mark, Ms. Lamberti explained that the \$3,000 remaining was for seminars for staff and the mayors' conference.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 18-0.

Moved by Mr. Meisner, seconded by Mr. Helfrich to amend account #501101 (Salaries FT/Permanent) with a reduction of (\$38,931).

Mr. Meisner stated that the reduction represented the First Selectman's salary raise and keep the secretarial support at a part time position.

Ms. Testani stated that the First Selectman's office is currently running at a 22% cost savings over the former administration.

In response to Ms. Thornton, Ms. Testani clarified that the 22% represents an overall cost savings.

In response to Mr. Pia's request, Ms. Pires stated that the full time secretary's salary is \$37,492.

In response to Mr. Meisner, Ms. Pires stated that the part time salary of last year was at \$20,888. Mr. Meisner stated that his motion is to keep the secretarial levels as they were proposed. In response to the Chair, Mr. Meisner confirmed that he would not withdraw his motion and would leave it at the same number.

In response to Mr. Pia, Mr. Meisner clarified the original motion was reduction of (\$38,931) keeping the amount where it is in the current year, only with a slight increase, to keep the secretary position and First selectman's salary this year's level.

Mr. Pia stated Mr. Meisner's motion includes two (2) different items.

(Mr. London arrived at 8:01 p.m.)

Mr. Pia stated that he would support a move to a secretary and a half secretary, but to keep the increase for the First Selectman.

Mr. Meisner withdrew his motion.

Ms. Pires confirmed for Mr. Meisner the full time secretary salary as \$37,492; currently there is a full time secretary and a part time secretary. The budget includes a request to bring the secretarial support back to two (2) full time secretaries.

The Chair clarified that if Mr. Meisner wanted to reduce the staff that there were two individual line items; the first motion would be to reduce the full time, if approved then you would add back the part time position.

Moved by Mr. Meisner, seconded by Mr. Helfrich to amend account #501101 (Salaries FT/Permanent) with a reduction of (\$37,492).

Mr. Meisner stated that it was intention to reduce the full time position and to bring back the part time secretary is separate motion.

VOTE: Motion carried 13-6 (Against: London, Lamberti, Scinto, Bellows, Testani and Evangelista).

Moved by Mr. Meisner, seconded Mr. Helfrich to amend account #501102 (Salaries PT/Permanent) with an increase of \$20,888.

In response to Ms. Waizenegger, Mr. Meisner confirmed it was intention to staff the first selectman office with 1 ½ secretaries representing no increase to the secretarial staff.

VOTE: Motion carried 17-2 (Against: Testani and Lamberti).

#### Elections 01010800

Mr. DelVecchio moved, seconded by Mr. Pia to amend account #578801 (Mntnce/Repair Service Contract) with an increase of \$600.

Ms. Lamberti confirmed the amount of \$600 as having been requested by Mr. Holden, Registrar of Voters.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend account #581888 (Capital Outlay) with a reduction of (\$900).

Mr. Scinto stated this reduction was per Mr. Holden, Registrar of Voters' request.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Finance 01011000

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Deyoe to amend account #556601 (Professional Dev/Seminars) with a reduction of \$2,000.

Ms. Lamberti stated that this reduction is in professional development and reducing the request in half.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Mr. Pia stated due to contractual commitments he would be unable to make a motion to reduce or eliminate longevity payments. Mr. Pia spoke against longevity payments in this economy.

Ms. Testani noted that she is a Fairfield County municipal employee who receives the longevity payments, spoke against longevity payments and agreed with Mr. Pia.

Moved by Mr. Pia, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #501106 (Salaries-Longevity) with a reduction of (\$825).

In response to Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Pia explained that in the State of CT there are approximately 200,000 people out of work, at the state and municipal levels people are receiving longevity payments for not quitting their jobs. Mr. Pia spoke in favor of performance based increases, but spoke against longevity payments.

In response to Ms. Bellows Ms. Pires confirmed that 2 of the 3 longevity payments on this department are by contractual obligation.

Mr. Pia withdrew his motion.

Tax Assessor 01011600

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #581888 (Capital Outlay) with a reduction of (\$44,500).

Ms. Lamberti stated per the Tax Assessor the bid for property revaluation contract had come in \$44,500 less.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Tax Collector 01012000

(Mr. Scinto left the special meeting at 8:16 p.m.)

Ms. Lamberti moved, seconded by Ms. Testani to amend account ##581888 (Capital Outlay) with a reduction of (\$9,000).

Ms. Lamberti stated this reduction represents reduced renovation funding.  
(Mr. Scinto returned to the special meeting at 8:17 p.m.)

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Technology 01012600

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend account #522204 (Services & Fees-Contractual) with a reduction of (\$5,000).

In response to Ms. Mark, Mr. Scinto explained that the \$5,000 represents a contract for video streaming and encoders; the encoders will be removed, therefore the contract will not be necessary.

In response to Mr. Rotondo, Mr. Scinto clarified that the video streaming is a service which has not been contracted by the town to date.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Deyoe to amend account #556601 (Professional Dev/Seminars) with a reduction of (\$1,000).

In response to Ms. Mark, Ms. Lamberti was clarified that this reduction represents the seminar funding that has been allocated to various departments.

VOTE: Motion carried 18-0-1 (Abstention: Rotondo).

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Waizenegger to amend account #556602 (Professional/Dev-Assn Dues) with a reduction of (\$775).

Ms. Lamberti stated this reduction represents bringing the account to last year's budgetary level.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Deyoe to amend account #581888 (Capital Outlay) with a reduction of (\$13,500).

Mr. Scinto explained the reduction represents \$10,000 for wireless and \$3,500 for the encoders; the town does not have these items and/or services to date.

Ms. Mark agreed this is not the year for additional items yet cautioned that the town does not allow technology to fall behind.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Town Attorneys 01012800

Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Ms. Thornton to amend account #522202 (Services & Fees-Professional) with a reduction of (\$50,000).

Mr. Pescatore stated that this reduction is proposed based upon the understanding that \$15,000 will be shifted from the P&Z account to the town attorneys' account; noting that last year's town attorney amount was at \$235,000; with the addition of the \$15,000 and the proposed reduction would bring the line item to \$250,000.

Mr. London spoke against the motion, noting that the town attorneys are saving the town money by defending the town against lawsuits.

Ms. Bellows spoke against the motion due to the fact that reevaluation is coming up; the town attorneys will be spending a great amount of time handling the appeals and citing the additional travel necessary to New Britain for all appeals.

In response to Mr. Pia, Attorney Nicola stated that this not a specific number of attorneys; the line item represents the services of two law firms. Previous to this administration there were 3 sometimes 4 attorneys that were salaried employees of the town (with full benefits and pensions). This line item represents a far greater expanse of potential legal qualifications and a far greater number of attorneys to handle issues that may arise; this is a different format; every attorney in his office has worked on a town matter. The \$300,000 is a flat rate. The time expended by the two law firms exceeds the amount funded in this line item.

In response to Ms. Testani, Atty. Nicola explained that when the attorneys were sworn in November 2009, there had been four (4) attorneys, they reduced the number to three (3); two of which waived medical; there was a dramatic savings even before they went to the new format of a flat fee.

Mr. Pia spoke against reducing this line item; it is a benefit to the town.

VOTE: Motion failed 7-11-1 (Against: London, Pia, Ciocci, Scinto, Lamberti, Testani, Evangelista, Jenkins, Waizenegger, Bellows and Deyoe) (Abstention:DelVecchio).

#### Human Resources 01013000

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Pescatore to amend account #501101 (Salaries-FT/Permanent) with a reduction of (\$5,941).

Mr. DelVecchio questioned a 10% salary increase for an individual when other departments are getting lesser increases.

First Selectman Herbst stated that the personnel manager is responsible for the testing & hiring of all town employees under Civil Service. There are secretarial positions that make more per hour than this employee performing department head function. The personnel manager is responsible for sitting in on labor negotiations, works with labor counsel enforcing health policy. This decision had not been made lightly, a thorough analysis had been made; as a result of the analysis it was determined the department head is underpaid based upon comparison of department head job requirements.

Mr. DelVecchio spoke against the proposed increase during these slim economic times.

Mr. Pescatore spoke against the proposed increase to the current economic environment noting that the increase should be considered over a period of time not in one increase.

VOTE: Motion carried 15-4 (Against: London, Scinto, Lamberti and Rappa).

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend account #501101 (Salaries-FT/Permanent) with an increase of \$2,500.

Mr. Rotondo spoke against a 7.5% increase; noting that a 5% increase is very good.

Mr. DelVecchio spoke against the motion based upon the economic climate.

VOTE: Motion failed 2-16-1(Against: Thornton, DeVecchio, Rotondo, Meisner, Rappa, Helfrich, Pescatore, Mark, Pia, Ciocci, Testani, Evangelista, Jenkins, Waizenegger, Bellows and Deyoe) (Abstention: Scinto).

(Mr. DeVecchio left the special meeting at 8:36 p.m.)

Town Clerk 01013600

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend account # 556601 (Professional Dev/Seminars) with a reduction of (\$480).

Ms. Lamberti stated that professional development/seminars have been decreased across the board; this reduction leaves \$1,000 in the account.

(Mr. Rotondo left the special meeting at 8:38 p.m.)

VOTE: Motion carried 17-0 unanimously.

(Mr. DeVecchio returned to the special meeting at 8:39 p.m.)

Town Hall 01013800

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. London to amend account # 522205 (Program Expenses) with an increase of \$20,000.

Mr. Scinto explained the increase of \$20,000 represents bank fees; this line item had been added after the proposed budget was submitted to the town council.

In response to a question from Mr. Pescatore, Ms. Pires state that in the past, bank charges, reconciliations and stop payments were taken from the interest income; it was determined that it was necessary to separate the two. Ms. Pires confirmed that these include standard fees.

Mr. Ciocci clarified that this line item does not town increase spending. Ms. Pires agreed and noted that in the past the bank fees were netted against the interest.

(Mr. Rotondo returned to the meeting at 8:40 p.m.)

VOTE: Motion carried 18-1 (Against: Rappa).

Planning and Zoning 01014200

Moved Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio to amend account #522202 (Services & Fess-professional) with a decrease of (\$15,000).

Mr. Scinto stated this amount had been moved to the town attorney budget.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Economic Development 01014600

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Pia to amend account #501101 (Salaries-FT/Permanent) with a reduction of \$1.

Mr. Scinto stated this line item was a place holder.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. Pia to amend account # 545503 (Communications-Public Relation) with an increase of \$3,000.

Mr. Rotondo stated this increase would allow the economic development commission to update the website and brochures; in order to be able to grow the business base in town; that our taxes depend upon, this is one area we should be less diligent .

Ms. Deyoe spoke in favor of the motion but at a lower amount of \$1,500, Ms. Deyoe proposed an amendment. The Chair clarified that only the person making the motion could amend.

Mr. London spoke in favor of the motion noting that \$3,000 buys precious little; other communities are spending in excess of \$40, \$50 and \$70,000 on publications.

VOTE: Motion carried 16-2-1 (Against Testani and Deyoe) (Abstention: Scinto).

#### Recycling Commission 01015000

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #534402 (Communications-Public Relation) with a decrease of (\$1,400).

In response to Ms. Mark, Ms. Lamberti explained that the number of blue bins will be decreasing due to the fact that the town will be moving to the single stream program. The Chair clarified that it is not necessary to purchase the blue bins if the town is switching programs.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

#### Conservation Commission 01015400

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Pia to amend account # 522201 (Services & Fess-Clerical) with an increase of \$420.

Mr. DelVecchio stated the amount is for clerk fees; bring the total amount equal to 10 meetings at \$60 per meeting.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio,, seconded by Mr. Pescatore to amend account #556602 professional Dev/Assn Dues with a decrease of (\$40) and account # 556604 (Professional Dev-Publications) with a decrease of (\$30).

Mr. DelVecchio stated that the reductions represent unused dues and publications.

\*\* The above motion/vote includes two motions.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously

#### Clean Energy Fund 01015600

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Rotondo to amend account # 522205 (Program Expenses) with an increase of \$1,600.

Mr. DelVecchio stated this item represents the town's commitment to purchase clean energy.

In response to Mr. Jenkins, Ms. Lamberti explained that this line item is a contractual obligation that the town incurred a few years ago and still needs to be funded.

Ms. Thornton stated that former Councilman Molinoff had encouraged the town to use a certain percentage of green energy; that was the contract the town had entered into through a resolution. The town is bound to this as an ordinance.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

## **02 - Public Safety**

### **Police 01022000**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio to amend account #501101 (Salaries-FT/ Permanent) with an increase of \$49,842.

Mr. Scinto explained that this increase represents two half-year police officer salaries and another matter, a small amount included in the \$49,842.

Mr. Rotondo stated that Chief Kiely had indicated that if this were approved they would start the search as soon as possible, then test; the police officers would start October, November.

In response to Mr. Meisner, the Chair had been informed by Chief Kiely that the force is at 72 officers; this increase would bring the force to 74. The low has been 68 and the maximum has been 75. The two officers would not come onto the streets as police officers until July 2012; but once hired are paid during their training. The additional two officers are within range of the normal force allotment and would cover any retirements which are forthcoming. If retirements were to take place the force would be down those officers; there is a lag time between the search and training; the police force would be without those replacements.

Mr. Meisner stated that some of the education cuts would mean cutting teacher positions; in this austere budget environment and the fact that it is unknown whether there will be police retirements it should be possible to forgo the additional officers this year.

Mr. Rotondo spoke in favor in favor of both education and safety; there are eight (8) police officers who are eligible for retirement this year; it can take up to 1 ½ years to have a police officer ready to take their place on the force. If all eight (8) were to retire the police department would be below the minimum number of 68 officers.

Mr. Pia spoke in favor of safety.

VOTE: Motion carried 18-1 (Against: Meisner)

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Testani to amend account #578801 (Mntnce/Rep Service Contract) with an increase of \$4,200.

Ms. Lamberti stated this motion represents \$1,200 for the contracts for the crime analysis report and \$3,000 for service for two (2) servers.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

### **Fire Marshal 01022800**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend account #501105 (Salaries-Overtime) with a reduction of (\$2,000).

Mr. Scinto stated that a full time fire marshal position had been added this past year.

Mr. DelVecchio spoke against this motion stating that the fire marshal had indicated at the budget hearing that the department had already exceeded the over time account due to several major house fires and the collapse of a building. Emergencies are impossible to predict.

In response to Ms. Mark, Mr. DelVecchio explained that the over time account is impacted only by emergency situations and can not be controlled; contractually they will be paid. The events had just taken place regardless of the amount of staff.

VOTE: Motion carried 12-6-1 (Against: Thornton, DelVecchio, Rotondo, Pia, Bellows and London) (Abstention Ciocci).

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Testani to amend account #581888 (Capital Outlay) with a reduction of \$700.

In response to Mr. Pescatore, Ms. Lamberti explained the reduction is a result of the computer having been purchased through the technology department.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

#### Building Official 01023200

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to amend account #501101 (Salaries-FT/Permanent) with a decrease (\$57,907).

Mr. Scinto stated this would reduce the request of one full time position and would propose to add a part time position on the next line.

VOTE: Motion carried 18-1 (Against: London)

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Pia to amend account #501102 (Salaries-PT/Permanent) with an increase of \$28,953.

Ms. Evangelista spoke against adding another position at this time.

VOTE: Motion failed 8-11 (Against: Thornton, DelVecchio, Testani, Bellows, Pia, Evangelista, Ciocci, Pescatore, Mark, Deyoe and Waizenegger).

The Chair clarified for Ms. Pires that the full time position was eliminated and the request for the part time position failed.

#### Emergency Management 01023400

In response to a question from Ms. Mark, First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst explained that Lt. Ronald Kirby is the Director of Emergency Management, Mr. William Chiarenzelli, the retired Westport Chief of Police is the Deputy Director of Emergency Management. This department in essence, coordinates emergency management response not only in Trumbull but in surrounding communities. This past winter the EOC had been activated a number of times and are responsible for coordinating emergency response locally and regionally; also in the event of a regional catastrophe such as the tornadoes in July, they are required to coordinate a regional response. The Town of Trumbull has an outstanding team, Lt. Kirby does an outstanding job and we are fortunate to have a person of Mr. Chiarenzelli's caliber, a retired chief of police.

Moved by Mr. Pia, seconded by Ms. Mark to approve the 02-Public Safety Account Total of \$10,319,912 representing a reduction of (\$6,565).

VOTE: Passed 19-0 unanimously.

**02-Public Safety Account New Total \$10,319,912 (\$6,565 Reduction)**

**03 - Public Works**

Public Works-Director 01030000

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Rotondo to amend account #556601 (Professional Dev-Sem/Conf) with a reduction of (\$2,000).

Ms. Mark questioned why \$1,000 would be included in the budget if the Public Works had not requested it, suggesting eliminating the total amount.

The Chair clarified that the department request was for \$320.

Mr. DelVecchio withdrew his motion.

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Pia to amend account #556601 (Professional Dev-Sem/Conf) with a reduction of (\$2,680).

In response to Mr. Rotondo, First Selectman Herbst stated the decision to eliminate the CCM membership had made in light of the fact that CCM helped the town negotiate a 5-year energy contract, which locked the town into an energy rate at 9.977cents per kwh for 5 years, the current administration became aware of this five (5) months after taking office. After comparing that rate to other towns' rates they had become aware that other towns did not have contracts locking them into a rate. Other towns had more favorable rates. This has tremendous impact on the budget, it can represent \$250,000 in additional energy costs. CCM receives compensation for helping negotiate that contract, it was not appropriate for the town to be locked in to a 5-year contract; the First Selectman had made that known to CCM and elected to cancel the membership based upon this information. The town attorney has been involved in trying to break that contract and has proved to be unsuccessful. The CCM membership funds were taken an apportioned throughout various professional development accounts; allowing for certain departments to attend other seminars and/or programs which may allow them to apply for grant monies which are outside of Trumbull and or the State.

Ms. Mark spoke in favor of not reallocating the CCM money.

Mr. Meisner spoke in favor of respecting the First Selectman's opinion on keeping the money where it is to afford the town the opportunity to apply for additional grants.

Mr. DelVecchio stated he was aware that CCM had helped negotiate the contract at 9.977, it is unfortunate that it is more than what we could have negotiated in the current market. Electricity is a commodity, and there is always that chance when negotiating. There are 27 hospitals in the state of Connecticut which are paying approximately that price until 2014. Mr. DelVecchio spoke against CCM received a vig for helping negotiate the contract.

VOTE: Motion carried 17-2 (Against: Lamberti and Meisner)

(Mr. Pescatore left the special meeting at 9:25 p.m.)

(Mr. Pescatore returned to the special meeting at 9:27 p.m.)

Public Works-Street Lights 01030100

Mr. London requested that the Public Works Dept. work with the Police Department to turn off unnecessary select street lights representing a savings of \$250 per light could be realized per year by doing so.

Mr. Rotondo suggested LED streetlights be considered by the Public Works department; there is a true savings with using LED lights.

Public Works-Highway 01030100

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio to amend account #501101 (Salaries-FT/Permanent) with an increase of \$46,342.

This increase represents a MUNIS omission of one full time position.

Vote: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

The Chair called a recess at 9:30 p.m.

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 9:41 p.m.

Mr. Meisner moved, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio to take Education 01060000 out of order.

VOTE: Motion carried 17-0-2 (Abstention: Pia and Lamberti)

Education 01060000

Moved by Mr. Meisner, seconded by Mr. DeVecchio to amend account # 522205 (Program Expenses) with an increase of \$1,276,486.

Mr. Meisner explained due to the funding cliff this budget is an austere budget and does not include any increases of services, explaining that his motion is a reasonable compromise.

Mr. Pia noted that the budget has been a difficult process, has received and read all of the residents' e-mail correspondence. Mr. Pia is a parent of six children and is representing all the people who have been affected by the economic climate. Mr. Pia spoke on behalf of some individuals that were hit very hard by this economy. It is admirable to want the best for your children, but it is also important to see how that will affect your neighbor. Mr. Pia spoke in favor of the First Selectman's proposed budget.

Ms. Testani spoke as a parent of two children who have had an excellent experience in the town's school system, noting that it has not been an easy road for her family. Ms. Testani spoke favorably of the 0% teacher salary increase, this should have realized millions of dollars in savings; next year the town will have a 2% plus teacher salary increase included in its budget and the bonded debt of the renovation at the high school. It is important to hold the line on spending this year, otherwise the town could be facing some very difficult hurdles next year.

Mr. Pescatore appreciates Mr. Pia's comments. Mr. Pescatore is representing the entire town as a councilman and has to balance the needs of the town in a responsible manner, he will not support a full add back to the BoE request, but believes the First Selectman had cut too much from the BoE, speaking in favor of discussion with the BoE and of Mr. Meisner's motion as a reasonable compromise.

Ms. Mark stated that she was elected to exhibit fiscal responsibility and for education. Ms. Mark spoke against of a reduction which would affect class size, curriculum cuts or school closing. Ms. Mark indicated that she had family members who had recently applied for teaching positions in town and that they felt the class sizes are already too big. Ms. Mark had read all of the residents' e-mails sent and believes there many good points. Ms. Mark extended her gratitude to all of those who communicated with

the town council. If the funding goes below a certain level, scores will drop, top colleges will not accept our students, and property values will decrease. Ms. Mark spoke in favor of the motion.

Mr. London stated that there is no real discussion of closing of a school, to suggest that, would be to incite fear and to create an atmosphere of contention. All are gratified that the teachers accepted a 0% salary increase in the first year, noting his displeasure that the administration had not done the same. Mr. London spoke in favor of the budget as proposed; it allows for quality education. Mr. London spoke against adding back funding the Education budget.

Ms. Thornton stated that she had first heard about a school closing at a BoE meeting as stated by Mrs. Herbst a BoE member. Ms. Thornton has been involved in the budget for a number of years and was instrumental in hiring an outside firm to audit the BoE's budget; all of the findings were adhered to by the BoE and a transfer committee was created. The BoE is transparent now. If there was a surplus, the town had requested to return it and they have, the surplus was from the energy/utilities line item, they should be applauded for realizing the savings. The BoE has worked very hard on this year's budget; they have never provided this amount of detail. The Chairman of the BoE stands by this proposed budget. Ms. Thornton noted that the cuts represent real people.

Ms. Testani stated that the people of Trumbull are taxed on the original amount; not the give back.

Ms. Mark stated that it needs to be pointed out that a budget which is approaching \$100 million must have some leeway.

Mr. DelVecchio stated that anyone who does not have a genuine guaranteed income has been affected by the economy. Mr. DelVecchio has read every e-mail and also has a child in the school system that has had tremendous growth due to the school system. Mr. DelVecchio noted that he worries about class size and taxes; there are people who are on fixed incomes but is also worried about the proposed education cuts, he does believe they are real. Mr. DelVecchio spoke in favor of compromise.

Mr. Rappa stated he has wrestled with being able to strike a balance between taxes and a good education system, it is important to compromise. The years of hidden surplus are gone; there is transparency. We are all struggling with the increases in insurance and energy costs. It is important to learn to motivate, negotiate and work with the system to keep everyone happy. Many people have chosen to live in Trumbull because of the benefits and its resources, speaking favorably of Mr. Meisner's motion; it is the first step to negotiating and keeping the system status quo and hopes that the decision to add something back is made and believes \$1.2 million is the correct number.

Mr. Pescatore requested a roll call vote.

The Chair noted that there were four (4) council members who approved..

Vote: motion carried.

\* The Chair voted.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Suzanne Testani-	Nay	Debra Lamberti-	Nay	Daniel Helfrich-Yes
David Pia-	Nay	Kristy Waizenegger-	Nay	Michael London- Nay
Michael Rappa-	Yes	John DelVecchio, Jr.-	Yes	
Jane Deyoe-	Nay	Ann Marie Evangelista-	Nay	
Robert Pescatore, Jr. -	Yes	Martha Jankovic-Mark-	Yes	
Mary Beth Thornton-	Yes	Carl Massaro, Jr.-	Nay	
Roberta Bellows-	Nay	James Meisner -	Yes	
Jeff Jenkins-	Nay	Tony Scinto-	Nay	
John Rotondo-	Yes	Chad Ciocci-	Nay	

Vote: Motion failed 8-12 (Against: Testani, Pia, Deyoe, Bellows, Jenkins, Lamberti, Waizenegger, Evangelista, Massaro, Scinto, Ciocci and London).

Moved by DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Helfrich to amend account #522205 (Program Expenses) with an increase of \$630,000.

Mr. Rotondo stated that balance is the key; he has had the opportunity to serve on the Finance Committee meeting this year many discussions took place with regard to class size and the effects on learning ability. Mr. Rotondo distributed the CMT's Goals vs. Class size data (See Attached) provided to him by Dr. Chialfi to the town council. The front side of the data represents a compilation of twenty (20) towns and CMT scores vs. class size. Turning to the second page the trend is clear, when class size increases, CMT scores go down. After speaking with Dr. Chialfi, if nine (9) positions could be restored, which is the equivalent of \$630,000, an increase to the BoE of 3.11% would allow us to maintain status quo and would be approximately a 2-2.5% increase for the town overall. Mr. Rotondo supports this motion.

Mr. DelVecchio stated that this motion represents a compromise.

\*The Chair voted.

VOTE: Motion failed 8-12 (Against: Testani, Pia, Deyoe, Bellows, Jenkins, Lamberti, Waizenegger, Evangelista, Massaro, Scinto, Ciocci and London).

Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Mr. London to create a new account number on the town side for the BoE Employee Healthcare Benefits. (Medical/Dental).

In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Pires provided the account as: 01060000511151(Medical/Dental). Ms. Testani amended her motion to include the following account #01060000511151.

Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Mr. London to amend the motion to include the account # provided by Ms. Pires to read as, " To create a new account number on the town side for the BoE employee healthcare benefits account #01060000511151 (Medical/Dental)."

The Chair clarified that the motion on the floor is to create a new account number on the town side for the BoE employee healthcare benefits account #01060000511151 (Medical/Dental).

Ms. Testani stated she would like the town to seek competitive bids for a merger of the town and BoE health benefits.

Ms. Thornton agreed with proposal if such a merger were to result in a benefit to the town, two (2) opinion letters were sent to the council via e-mail by the clerk at 5:00 p.m. this evening. The opinion letters are contradictory to one another and there was not sufficient time to review the legal opinions.

Mr. London stated that the motion was to create an account; the legal opinions would not be relevant to the decision to create a line item in the budget. The legal opinions were directed toward the combination of the health care benefits of the town and the BoE. There would be a need for a subsequent motion to separate within the BoE budget health care benefits from program expenses. They are not envisioning combining the health care of the town and the BoE with this motion.

In response to Ms. Thornton, Mr. London stated the discussion at the BoE meeting this week was the combination.

The Chair clarified for Ms. Thornton, that there was not a motion on the floor for moving any funds to the account.

Mr. DelVecchio agrees to the proposal of combining the town and BoE benefits; the BoE should not have to be in the health care negotiation business. Mr. DelVecchio stated he would be in favor of the motion as long as the line item includes \$.00, based upon the Attorney Mooney's, an attorney who specializes in school education, opinion.

In response to the Chair, Ms. Pires read the account number as "01060000511151". The account number would be within the Education Department's budget, separate from 522205 line item.

In response to the Chair, Ms. Testani stated that was not the intent of the motion. Ms. Pires clarified that the BoE's only line item is the 522205; for financial purposes the new account number needs to be part of the 06 Education accounts; the 522205 line item is the only account number the BoE is responsible for.

The Chair asked if the Town Council was clear on the account designation as explained by Ms. Pires, the Town Council confirmed they understood.

Ms. Mark stated that it would be imprudent for the Town Council to consider this motion, the BoE had discussed this issue at their meeting of this week; there is a process in place which is about to be implemented by the BoE and would like to see a bid on the combined insurances and a different procedure.

Mr. Rotondo agreed in principle, speaking to getting data first before the account is created.

Ms. Mark stated the purpose of the motion is to keep control of the funds on the town side rather than the BoE if there is any surplus.

Mr. Pescatore stated that there are two (2) legal opinions which conflict with another, to create an account even with nothing in it at this time; it is imprudent to do so until there is a firm answer. At the BoE meeting of this week there was no substantial data presented; the BoE has been cooperative, there is potential for a committee to look into this matter. Mr. Pescatore spoke against the motion.

Ms. Waizenegger stated that this motion creates a place holder account; if savings can be realized all would like it to as soon as possible and would not object to the motion; it allows the beginning of exploring the matter.

In response to Ms. Thornton, the Chair stated that the BoE had not agreed to monies for these benefits to go to the town side of the budget.

Mr. Pescatore stated that the BoE agreed unanimously to recommend the creation of a committee, comprised two members of the BoE (one member from each political party), two (2) members of the BoF(one member from each political party) and two (2) members of the Town Council (one member from each political party) along with the Business Manager and the Director of Finance to look into this matter. The idea needs more time. Mr. Pescatore quoted Mr. Herbst as directed at the Chairman of the BoE at the BoE meeting, "We want the BoE at the table, and we need the BoE table." Mr. Pescatore spoke against the motion at this time.

Ms. Waizenegger stated that this would have to wait one year if not acted on at this time, it would be a shame to put it off for a year when there is potential to explore and get some savings this year. If there is any way to expedite this work it should be taken full advantage of.

Ms. Mark stated this idea has been talked about for so long but has never been made to happen, the BoE had two motions at their meeting on Tuesday night and have already started the process and hoped that the BoE would fast-track it.

Mr. DelVecchio agreed with Ms. Waizenegger that it is important not to exceed deadlines cautioning that there are two different legal opinions, if this is not passed at this meeting it is important to revisit this in one or two meetings from now, it is an important proposal. Mr. DelVecchio spoke to postponing this.

Mr. Ciocci stated that this issue can not be revisited at another meeting; it would be an impossibility at any other meeting; if a line item is not created tonight and the budget is passed the money is the BoE's for the rest of the year. If a line item is created and money is taken out and placed in the account, then they can give more money if need be.

Ms. Mark disagreed with Mr. Ciocci stating that the process began at the BoE meeting of this week and it will be fast tracked. Mr. Iassogna has signed a waiver for us to obtain a bid and will happen soon.

The Chair directed Mr. Rotondo before he was to proceed with questions to Mr. Lovely to keep his questions to the motion.

In response to Mr. Rotondo, Mr. Lovely, Chairman of the BoE stated that it would be his recommendation to give this some time, there was a unanimous 7-0 vote at the BoE meeting to create a committee as described by Mr. Pescatore at this meeting; it would be prudent to proceed that way. To make a decision tonight would lead to legal problems down the road and would be imprudent. Mr. Lovely would rather sit down and determine what the advantages and the disadvantages are.

In response to the Chair, Mr. Lovely stated that there were two motions at the BoE meeting; one was to create the committee with Town Council members and BoF members.

Lisa Labella, BoE member stated at the request of the First Selectman the BoE agreed to grant him the authority to give a release to their insurance company so that he could work collectively with the town and the possible 5 town consortium; the release was approved. The BoE was looking to act on good faith and unanimously approved the committee, because the BoE believes in the long run this is a good thing to investigate. The BoE was concerned about legal implications from their bargaining units. The BoE was very specific that they believe this is the right thing to do; want to be collaborative and cooperative. The Chair thanked Mr. Lovely and Ms. Labella.

Mr. Rappa stated that he is a fan of committee work, spoke against this item being considered tonight and voiced his frustration at the last minute proposal, suggesting that the motion be tabled All are in agreement to combining the town and the BoE health insurance, if it saves then it should be done.

Mr. Ciocci stated that no one is saying not to join the committee or not to do the research, but even if the committee is formed no one would be able act for another year unless this line item is created.

Ms. Waizenegger the goal is to expedite; to allow us to take advantage of savings if they exist, that is not known yet. The grand plan is to allow us to save money as soon as possible, this year if it is out there.

Mr. Meisner spoke to doing a joint bid and does not see a legal opinion that this line item is required to combine the town and BoE. Mr. Meisner agrees with Mr. Rappa that this motion should be tabled.

Mr. Meisner stated that if it is the case that separate line item is not needed it will not be used, but if it is the case it is necessary and it is not created tonight, it can not be created for another year.

Ms. Mark stated the problem is the creation of the line item is in conflict with the two legal opinions.

Mr. Ciocci stated that there is no commentary about the line item in either of the two legal opinions.

The Chair clarified the motion on the floor as “to create a new budget account for the BoE Health care benefits labeled 01060000511151”.

VOTE: Motion carried 11-4-4 (Against: Mark, Rotondo, Rappa and Meisner)  
(Abstention: Pescatore, DelVecchio, Helfrich and Thornton)

The Chair called a recess at 10:45 p.m.

The Chair called the special meeting back to order at 11:05 p.m.

Moved by Ms. Testani, seconded by Ms. Lamberti to remove \$1,074,689 from account #01060000-522205 (Program Expenses) to account # 01060000-511151 (Medical/Dental).

Ms. Testani stated that this money does belong to the BoE, to echo Ms. Waizenegger’s comments, if nothing is done now the council will have to wait a year before they can take action

Mr. DelVecchio stated that at 10:40 p.m. it was said that the account was being created but we were not putting any money in it.

The Chair noted he had heard conflicting comments as well.

Ms. Testani stated it is BoE money and it can be returned.

Ms. Waizenegger stated that she was of the opinion that nothing could be done unless something was put into the account and would agree that the conversation did go in the direction that Mr. DelVecchio referenced.

Mr. Pia stated he had come to the meeting prepared to take all of the funds out of the account for healthcare and fund the new account as the conversation ensued someone said we will just create the account; someone else said let’s put some money in; the voice that was loudest and clearest was the voice that said just to create the account. If all who are present can look at this after more consideration is taken, it is not a bad proposal, if savings can be negotiated. Mr. Pia further explained that if all of the \$11 million is left in the account and savings are realized, the BoE can’t give any money back to the town, which creates an issue on how the taxpayers are affected. It really does make sense, but due to how the discussion ensued he would be not vote in favor.

Mr. Pescatore spoke against those that had implied that there would be no money moved to the new account.

Mr. Meisner stated it was his understanding that the \$1,074,689 has been reduced by \$200,000, if the entire \$1,074,689 is moved, \$200,000 more than the insurance cost is going to be also moved. Ms. Labella confirmed the number as \$223,000 less. Mr. Meisner suggested the motion be amended with the correct number. Mr. Meisner spoke against the motion as a whole.

Ms. Testani stated that the number was based upon the difference between last year’s budget and this year’s regarding employee health care benefits.

Ms. Mark stated that once the \$1,074,689 is removed that would leave \$942,878; that represents how much more is in the budget this year than last year.

The Chair stated that the account has been labeled for BoE Healthcare Benefits; Ms. Mark's statement is not an accurate statement.

In response to Mr. Rotondo Ms. Testani reiterated that the money could be returned to the BoE, it is BoE money.

Mr. Jenkins stated the line item amount for 2011 was \$10,456,694; the request for 2012 was \$11,531,383; the difference being \$1,074,689. By moving that over to the town side that still leaves the BoE with an account to pay for their insurance benefits. What it allows the town to do is to talk with Anthem and other carriers. The BoE and the town side both have Anthem, the town has been told that there will be a 0% increase for the year; the BoE increase was at 14%, then 11% and then 8%. The monies could be pulled in an efficiency way. The hope is to get both sides down to a 0% increase and maybe even more savings. If that does not happen and the allotment is more by a certain amount, that amount would come out of the new account created at this meeting. If this is not done now, nothing would be done this fiscal year, no efficiencies could be determined. This would save the town money, that is all that is being done, nothing more than that, Mr. Jenkins wife is a teacher at THS and share in this insurance, there are minor differences between the teachers and the town's side insurance this would not effect negotiations with the bargaining units The intent is to pool the two groups together to negotiate a lower rate for the town.

Mr. London this action will not in any way affect benefits for any employee and will not in any way impinge on negotiations with any union; it does not change any benefits in any way other than taking money from pot A and putting it pot B to pay for the same insurance. It does allow for significant savings down the road; if those savings do not materialize nothing is gained or lost. This will not affect school programming, number of teachers in the schools, or school supplies.

(Ms. Mark left the special meeting at 11:18 p.m.)

Mr. Pescatore read from the memorandum dated April 13 addressed to Mr. Ralph Iassogna, Superintendent of Schools from Thomas B. Mooney from Shipman & Goodwin Counselors referring to the action proposed, "It would invite litigation that would almost certainly result in a court ruling ordering the town to appropriate that amount to the BoE". Mr. Pescatore spoke against opening the town to litigation. The BoE is willing to cooperate.

(Ms. Mark returned to the special meeting at 11:20 p.m.)

Mr. Meisner stated that the proposal is not quite as simple as saving money. The amount of money being removed is not the correct amount. The motion is not quite as innocuous and could open the town to future litigation.

Mr. London stated by moving the money into the new account does not immediately combine funds to joint bidding on health insurance, it allows for it in the future, the funds are still separate and is not a unilateral action. There are many other towns in the state that do this, if this were to invite litigation it would only be because some group opposed the point of view and is trying to make a statement. The BoE has already decided that they would want to pursue this, if they were to decide to litigate because their funds were being held in escrow on their behalf that would not make sense.

Ms. Waizenegger extended her gratitude to all who have contributed to a respectful debate on what could be a contentious, passionate discussion. It is recognized that there are two (2) different legal opinions.

Mr. DelVecchio stated that the attorney who specializes in education stated that this action would almost certainly invite litigation, the council should listen.

The Chair stated that the town attorneys are present at this meeting; it is their opinion under the law that the council is permitted to take the health care expenditure proposal in its entirety to the town's side of the budget; that is not the motion before the town council and is not the fact pattern discussed in the Atty. Mooney opinion. There are many statements at this meeting which make conclusions, many who are present are not lawyers and those that are, are not prepared to make a judgment of which opinion is correct. The shift of money leaves the money earmarked for program and is specifically tied to health care benefit cost to a separate account; it is an identified portion. The talk of litigation is disturbing, and can not imagine a board litigating against another board. There will be more discussion on this and other items moving forward.

Mr. Rappa stated that this is not the time or the place for this proposal, and respectfully disagreed that litigation is not the major issue, good will is not being built within the community, the BoE is being alienated, the parties are not working together, speaking in favor of taking time, doing our due diligence so that everyone can be happy.

In response to Ms. Deyoe, Town Attorney Walsh stated that he respects the hard work of the Town Council at this meeting. Attorney Kokenos wrote a very thorough opinion, the leading and only case in CT that was rendered in 1972 by the CT Supreme Court was not cited or addressed by the Shippman and Goodwin attorney; it is the only case that speaks indirectly to the issue before this Town Council. Atty. Walsh stands by Atty. Kokenos's legal opinion.

VOTE: Motion carried 10-9 (Thornton, DelVecchio, Rotondo, Meisner, Rappa, Helfrich, Pia, Pescatore and Mark).

Mr. Pia stated that he voted against the above motion based on the discussion that had alluded to not funding the new account. The money will still belong to the BoE.

VOTE: Motion to accept the 06 Education accounts total carried 11-8 (Against: Thornton, Rotondo, DelVecchio, Helfrich, Rappa, Meisner, Pescatore and Mark)

**06- Education Accounts Total - \$94,946,635 Remains Unchanged**

**03 - Public Works Continued:**

Public Works-Highway-Construction 01030105

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Meisner to amend account #522205 (Program Expenses) with an increase of \$250,000.

Mr. DelVecchio stated that the town is approximately 30 years behind on road paving, spoke against bonding for road paving and should be keeping up with it every year, bonding keeps the taxes lower but it is a false sense of security.

VOTE: Motion failed 7-12 (Against: London, Testani, Bellows, Pia, Evangelista, Ciocci, Jenkins, Scinto, Deyoe, Waizenegger, Mark and Lamberti).

Public Works-Fleet Maintenance 01030300

Moved by Mr. Pescatore, seconded by Mr. Meisner to amend account #501101 (Salaries-FT/Permanent) with a decrease of (\$75,000).

Mr. Pescatore stated that this is an unfilled supervisor position, and spoke against additional positions to the town budget.

In response to a question from Mr. DelVecchio, Ms. Pires stated this is a new position due to the reorganization of all of the Public Work's departments.

In response to Mr. Meisner, Ms. Pires stated that the Salaries-FT line item has increased to the reorganization of the department; the custodial department was added to the line item from a different line item.

In response to Ms. Mark, First Selectman Herbst explained that the Deputy Director of Public Works positions is being split up into different functions; the reason is to make sure that personnel are in place to implement the capital plan.

Ms. Mark clarified that this position is absorbing other positions.

In response to Mr. Meisner, Ms. Pires stated that there are two positions being added to the Public Works budget, but there was one Deputy Director position being eliminated; a net of one position added.

First Selectman Herbst stated that the town would like to go to single stream recycling, Mary Ellen Lemay of the Conservation Commission has worked very hard on this issue, the program has been supported by the current Public Works Director and the two previous Public Works Directors because of the cost efficiencies that can be achieved and it is good for the environment.

In response to Mr. Pescatore, First Selectman Herbst stated that the Deputy Director position was considered a union position, the two new positions would be union positions as well.

VOTE: Motion Failed 5-13-1(Against: London, Testani, Bellows, Pia, Evangelista, Ciocci, Jenkins, Scinto, Deyoe, Waizenegger, Meisner, Mark and Lamberti) (Abstention: Rotondo).

VOTE: Motion to accept 03 - Public Works Total carried 14-6 (Against: Pescatore, Thornton, Helfrich, DelVecchio, Rappa and Rotondo).

**03 - Public Works New Total- \$7,347,768 Increase \$43,662**

**04 - Public Health 01040000**

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Meisner to amend account #522205 (Program Expenses) with an increase of \$1,500.

Mr. DelVecchio stated this represents the lease for the copier, water-cooler and paper supplies

VOTE: Motion carried 18-0-1 (Abstention: Scinto)

**04 - Public Health Account New Total-\$275,873 Increase of \$1,500**

**05 – Social Services 01050000**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #581888 (Capital Outlay) with a decrease of (\$1,500).

Mr. Scinto stated the department head would purchase curtains instead of the \$1,500 for blinds.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

**Senior Citizen Services 01050600**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #581888 (Capital Outlay) with an increase of \$7,500.

Mr. Scinto stated the increase represents security upgrades to the building.

Mr. DelVecchio spoke against that the building does not have a central station security system.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

VOTE: The 05-Social Service total carried by unanimous consent.

**05 – Social Service Account New Total - \$581,610 Increase of \$6,000**

**06 – School Nurses 01060200**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #501102 (Salaries-PT/Permanent) with an increase of \$1,125.

Mr. Scinto stated the increase was left out of the proposed budget.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

**Non-Public Schools 01060400**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account # 501102 (Salaries-PT/Permanent) with an increase of \$1,082.

Mr. Scinto stated the increase was left out of the proposed budget.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Pia, seconded by Ms. Bellows to accept the 06 – Education Total.

VOTE: Motion carried 11-8 (Against: Thornton, Rotondo, DelVecchio, Meisner, Rappa, Helfrich, Pescatore and Mark)

**06- Education New Total - \$96,006,538 Increase of \$2,207**

**07 – Libraries 01070000**

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Ms. Thornton amend account #501102 (Salaries-PT/Permanent) with an increase of \$1,648.

Ms. Evangelista stated this is 2.5% salary increase for the part time shelvers.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Ciocci to accept the 07-Libraries Total.

VOTE: Motion carried 18-0-1 (Abstention: Scinto)

**07- Libraries Accounts New Total - \$1,561,955 Increase \$1,648**

In response to Ms. Mark, the Chair stated that the Trumbull Day fees in the amount are clerical fees.

**08 – Recreation 01080400**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. London to amend account #501102 (Salaries-PT/Permanent) with an increase of \$13,460.

Mr. Scinto stated the motion includes a part time field scheduler and the youth department salaries.

Ms. Pires stated the break down as \$5,460 for the recreation department to coordinate the field use; the other amount was \$8,000 to increase the youth department salaries.

Ms. Testani stated the \$8,000 allows for the TYA to run year round programs for children in the arts speaking in favor of this cause.

(Mr. DelVecchio left the special meeting at 12:00 midnight.  
(Mr. DelVecchio returned to the special meeting at 12:02 a.m.)

VOTE: Motion carried 16-2-1 (Against: Ciocci and DelVecchio)(Abstention: Pescatore).

Moved by Ms. Evangelista, seconded by Mr. Pia to amend account # 501105 (Salaries-Overtime) with a decrease (\$1,680).

Ms. Evangelista stated this decrease represents the use of comp time as recommended by some of the BoF members.

VOTE: Motion carried 15-4 (Against: DelVecchio, Helfrich, Rappa and Rotondo)

#### Parks - 01080600

Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #501103 (Salaries-Seasonal/Temp) with an increase of \$15,000.

Mr. Rotondo stated that Director of Parks had requested \$27,000 for a pilot plan for attendants at the parks, the parks have been used by non-residents. This will monitor and give the town the ability to determine what kind of use they do get and may be able to implement a program in the future which would generate income.

Mr. Ciocci stated \$15,000 would cover only some of the parks, recommending either voting no on the \$15,000 or putting in \$27,000.

Mr. Rotondo withdrew his motion

Moved by Mr. Rotondo, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #501103 (Salaries-Seasonal/Temp) with an increase of \$27,000.

Ms. Mark spoke against this motion and spoke to the money be saved and/or used elsewhere.

Mr. Jenkins spoke against the motion.

Mr. Ciocci stated the parks belong to the residents, it is only the Trumbull residents' money that pays for the parks, it is the principle at stake.

Mr. Rotondo agreed with Mr. Ciocci, but noted this is a pilot program that could lead to fee generation, it is a one time program; the part timers do not have to be brought back next year.

Mr. Pia spoke against the motion

Mr. DelVecchio spoke against the motion.

VOTE: Motion failed 5-14 (Against: Testani, London, Pia, Jenkins, Scinto, Deyoe, Lamberti, Pescatore, Mark, Waizenegger, DelVecchio, Thornton, Meisner, Rappa)

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Ms. Testani to accept the 08-Recreation Account Total.  
VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

**08 – Recreation Accounts New Total- \$2,430,784 Increase \$11,780**

**09- Debt Service 01090000**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio to amend account #596888 with an increase of \$39,375.

Mr. Scinto stated this increase represents short term notes interest.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously 19-0.

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Ciocci to accept 09- Debt Service Accounts New Total - \$4,910,634 Increase \$39,375

VOTE: Motion carried 18-1 (Against: DelVecchio).

**09- Debt Service Accounts New Total - \$4,910,634 Increase \$39,375**

**01 – General Government Cont'd.**

**01 - Employee Benefits 01013400**

Moved by Mr. Scinto, seconded by Mr. Rotondo to amend account #511151 (Fringe Benefits-Medical/Dental with a decrease of (\$200,000)).

Mr. Scinto stated that town health insurance increase came in at 0% increase, \$200,000 had been included in the budget until the actual amount was confirmed by the health insurance company.

First Selectman Herbst suggested taking the health insurance savings realized and apply it to the Pension Contribution in addition to the \$400,000 recommended this year, noting that adding more money into the pension fund is not the only way to work towards fully funding the pension. If the First Selectman becomes eligible for a pension he will refuse it and go to the defined contribution plan, as well all appointed, elected and new hires and will have to have a seat at the bargaining table for all non-certified BoE employees.

VOTE: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously.

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. Meisner to amend account #522107 (Pension Contr-Town & BD of ED) with an increase of \$275,000.

Mr. DelVecchio stated the only fix is infusion of cash and would like to make it an even \$3 million in total.

Mr. Pescatore spoke in favor of the motion noting that the audit team suggested adding in pieces as opposed to all at once by bonding plan encouraging the First Selectman and the BoF to appropriate the town's realized surplus to this account.

VOTE: Motion carried 18-1 (Against: Scinto).

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Ms. Testani to amend account #511150 (Fringe Benefits/FICA) with an increase of \$4,773.

VOTE: Motion carried 17-2 (Against: Pescatore and Rappa).

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Mr. Pia to accept the 01 – General Government Total.

VOTE: Motion Carried 18-1 (Against: Pescatore)

**01 – General Government New Total- \$16,490,806 (\$14,278 Reduction).**

Moved by Mr. DelVecchio, seconded by Mr. London to accept the General Fund Total

VOTE: Motion carried 11-8 (Against: Thornton, Rotondo, DelVecchio, Meisner, Rappa, Helfrich, Pescatore and Mark).

**Total General Fund - \$140,380,477 Increase \$85,329**

**10 Enterprise Funds**

Sewer-WPCA-Enterprise 01100000

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Ms. Testani to accept the Sewer-WPCA-Enterprise total as presented \$6,070,495.

VOTE: Motion carried 17-02 (Abstention: Pescatore and Mark)

Tashua Knolls-Golf-Enterprise 21100000

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Ms. Testani to accept the Tashua Knolls-Golf Enterprise as presented \$1,953,069.

Vote: Motion carried 19-0 unanimously

Moved by Mr. London, seconded by Ms. Testani to Adopt the 2011-2012 Town of Trumbull Grand Total Budget as amended at \$148,404,041- Increase \$85,329.

Vote: Adopted 11-8 (Against: Thornton, DelVecchio, Rappa, Rotondo, Helfrich, Meisner, Pescatore and Mark).

**Grand Total Budget New Total - \$148,404,041 (Increase \$85,329)**

There being no further business to discuss; upon motion made by Mr. Helfrich, seconded by Mr. DelVecchio the Trumbull Town Council adjourned at 12:21a.m. by unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk