

**APPROVED MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
BUDGET VOTE
April 21, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lainie McHugh called the virtual zoom meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. All those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

The Chairman called the roll and the clerk recorded it as follows:

PRESENT

Lainie McHugh
Paul Timpanelli
Michael Barker
Marty Isaac
Elaine Hammers
Steve Choi
Marc Mascola - Alternate
Vincent DeGennaro - Alternate
Christine El Eris - Alternate

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

First Selectman, Vicki Tesoro; Maria Pires, Finance Director; Daniel Martin, Assistant Finance Director; Therese Keegan, Auditor; Cynthia Katske, Chief Administrative Officer; Kathleen McGannon, Chief Administrative Officer; Daniel Schopick, Esq., Town Attorney

Chairman McHugh thanked everyone for their hard work in putting the Budget together.

The Chair indicated that if there is no change in a department we will accept it and move on and when we vote the total, we will assume that we have accepted what we have not changed. If there is a change we will vote on it and it will roll into the total.

Mr. Isaac presented a recap of the 0% tax increase last year that was achieved by using the General Fund in order to fund the Board of Education 2.74%. This year, it appears that the town will have a surplus of \$1.2m and the Board of Education a surplus of \$2.0m. In addition, the following funds are also available for the BOE: American Re cue Funds \$.85 million for the BOE; Energy Rebates \$217,000; Bond savings of \$1.5m. There are over \$3m addition availability. In addition to these funds, there is the \$5million available from American Rescue Plan next year.

Proposed use these funds would include closing out the Special Revenue Account deficit; eliminate the tipping fee; close out the lunch deficit. The variance between the First Selectman's recommendation and the BOE request was \$886,000. This totals 2.9 million and fully funds the BOE request and recognizes additional funds would be available for next year. He went on to add that they are looking at a 1.92% tax increase; the BOE is fully funded with a surplus of \$780,000; and they are not using the General Funds.

01 GENERAL GOVERNMENT

01010000 Town Council

\$102,840

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase account 522202 by \$10,000 to \$71,580. The town audit bid was higher than the budgeted amount.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 6-0-0 motion passes

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote on the new total of \$102,840, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 6-0-0 motion passes

01010100 The Trumbull Nature Commission

\$5,420

01010200 Ethics Commission

\$120

01010400400 First Selectman

\$323,432

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase account 501101 by \$3,066 to \$320,932, to adjust the salary of the executive assistant to the First Selectman.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 6-0-0 motion passes

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote on the new total of \$323,432, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 6-0-0 motion passes

01010600 Probate
\$12,430

01010800 Elections
\$168,399

01011000 Finance Department
\$625,671

01011400 Board of Finance
\$94,679

01011600 Tax Assessor
\$678,799

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 501102 by \$20,000 to \$65,508 to ensure that we stay ahead with Vision Software.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails.

01011800 Board of Assessment Appeals
\$2,900

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 522201 by \$450 to \$1750 to increase the clerical fees to the department request, since it is a revaluation year.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 6-0-0 motion carries

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 545501 by \$500 to \$10000 to ensure there are enough funds to cover legal notices.

By unanimous consent the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$2,900 passes.

01012000 Tax Collector

\$354,867

01012200 Purchasing

\$124,464

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 501102 by \$15,975 to \$36,470 to increase the hours of the part time person.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 3-3-0 motion fails

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Choi to increase 501105 by \$1,000 to \$5,000 for additional overtime.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 5-1-0 motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$124,464 passes.

01012400 Treasurer

\$26,818

01012600 Technology

\$1,174,053

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 501105 by \$2,500 to \$7,500 to increase overtime.

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Mr. Barker to amend the motion to increase 501195 by \$5,000 to \$10,000 to increase overtime.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails

By unanimous consent, the motion to increase 501105 by \$2,500 to \$7,500 passes.

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 542204 by \$9,500.

Mr. Choi withdrew his motion.

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 542204 by \$4,750.

Mr. Choi withdrew his motion.

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 542204 by \$9,325 to 664,065 to restore the balance of contracts.

By unanimous consent, the increase of \$9,325 passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$1,174,053 passes.

01012800 – Town Attorneys
\$390,931

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to reduce 522202 \$60,000 to \$330,931 to move the retainer fee paid from the services and fees professional account. .

By unanimous consent, the reduction of \$60,000 passes.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 522203 by \$60,000 to transfer the retainer fee to services and fees ancillary.

By unanimous consent, the increase of \$60,000 passes.

The total did not change.

01013000 Human Resources
\$326,788

01013400 Employee Benefits
\$18,511,526

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Isaac to increase 511152 by \$100,000 to \$1,500,000, since we have been under budget in worker's compensation for several years.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 511150 to \$570.

The new total in Employee Benefits is \$18,511,526.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 5-1-0 motion passes.

01013600 Town Clerk
\$300,650

01013800 Town Hall
\$1,611,150

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli, moved to reduce 501102 by \$18,252 to 0, to eliminate the floater position and keep the headcount the same.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi		x
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 3-3-0 motion fails.

1014200 Planning & Zoning
\$332,671

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 545501 by \$5,000 to \$30,000 for legal notices and fees.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails.

01014600 Economic Development
\$186,820

01014800 Inland Wetlands Commission
\$7,925

01015400 Conservation Commission
\$1,384

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to reduce 522202 by \$5,000 to 0, since this bill has been paid.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$1,385 passes.

01015800 Transit District
\$44,084

01 General Government Total: \$25,408,822

The new total for General Government is \$25,408,822, an increase of \$22,411.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi		x
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 4-2-0 motion passes

02 PUBLIC SAFETY

01022000 Police
\$10,158,315

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 501101 by \$3,064 to \$7,757,747 to increase the salary of Chief Lombardo's administrative assistant.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 581888 by \$13,400, since we cannot take the cost of three cars out of special detail.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$10,158,315 passes.

01022400 Animal Control
\$149,041

01022600 EMS
\$1,490,736

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 501104 by \$34,218 to restore vacations.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

Mr. Barker, moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 581888 by \$34,000 for an ambulance and equipment associated with it.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$1,490,736 passes.

01022800 Fire Marshal
\$380,796

01022824 Fire Hydrants
\$1,523,149

01023200 Building Official
\$415,858

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 501105 by \$1,000 to \$8,000, since there is a concern that they may start to use comp time.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 5-1-0 motion passes

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$415,858 passes.

01023400 Emergency Management

\$101,426

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 581111 by \$17,950 to \$17,950 to reinstate the department request for 2 signboards.

Ms. Hammers withdrew her motion, and Mr. Choi withdrew his second, since they purchased the signboards last month with a transfer.

02 Public Safety Total: \$ 14,219,321

By unanimous consent, new total in Public Safety of \$14,219,321 passes, an increase of \$72,287.

03 PUBLIC WORKS

01030000 Public Works Director

\$320,389

01030025 Street Lights

\$344,100

01030100 Public Works-Highway

\$2,786,650

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 501105 by \$38,000 to \$108,000 to reinstate the original request.

Mr. Choi withdrew his motion.

01030100 Snow Removal

\$475,000

01030105 Highway-Construction

-0-

01030200 Public Works – Building Maintenance

\$986,914

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 501105 by \$19,800 for additional overtime for the building inspector.

Mr. Barker withdrew his motion.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 501101 by \$2,000 to \$416,285 for a 20% salary adjustment for the Assistant Parks Superintendent.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 581888 by \$15,000 to \$15,000 for security cameras for town hall.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$986,914 passes, an increase of \$17,000

01030300 Fleet Maintenance

\$1,103,929

01030400 Recycling Center

\$2,682,989

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 501105 \$14,000 to \$54,000.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 2-4-0 motion passes

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$415,858 passes.

01030500 Town Engineer

\$696,550

03 Public Works Total: \$9,396,521

By unanimous consent, the new total in Public Safety of \$14,219,321 passes, an increase of \$17,000.

04 PUBLIC HEALTH

01040000 Health Department

\$426,792

01040200 Vital Statistics

\$1,130

01040400 Nursing–Seniors

\$36,224

04 Public Health Total: \$464,146

05 SOCIAL SERVICES/HUMAN SERVICES

01050000 Social Services

\$127,160

01050200 Mary Sherlach Counseling Center

\$370,927

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 522202 by \$1,600 to \$4,600. Wants to make sure there are adequate funds for additional demand for counseling services due to Covid 19.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 6-0-0 motion passes

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$370,927 passes.

1050600 Senior Citizen's Services
\$335,129

05 Social Services/Human Services Total: \$833,216

By unanimous consent, the new total in Social Services/Human Services of \$833,216 passes, an increase of \$1,600.

06 EDUCATION

01060000 Education
\$120,114,245

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 522205 by \$886,501 to \$113,183,159 to fund the Board of Education request.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi		x
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails

01060200 Public School Nurses
\$921,002

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 501101 by \$24,122 to \$837,071 to increase hourly pay rate of the nurses.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$921,002 passes.

01060400 Non Public Schools
\$330,626

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 501101 by \$9,431 to \$316,034 to increase hourly pay rate of the nurses.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$330,628 passes.

01060600 Trumbull Business Education Initiatives
\$10,800

Mr. Timpanelli moved, seconded by Mr. Barker to reduce 01060600 by \$10,800 to 0. These funds belong in the Board of Education; it is a good service and good program but should not be a part of the town. He would like to see it handed over to the BOE next year.

Mr. Timpanelli withdrew his motion.

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 534402 by \$3,750 to \$4,600 to restore funds.

Ms. McGannon indicated that the BOE already the \$4,600.

Mr. Choi withdrew his motion.

01060800 Trumbull Community TV
\$115,288

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 581888 by \$11,800 to \$13,800 to provide for the purchase of the replacement encoders.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$115,288 passes

06 Education Total: \$121,492,063

The new total for Education is \$121,492,063, an increase of \$45,353.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi		x
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 4-2-0 motion passes

07 LIBRARIES

01070000 Libraries
\$1,711,122

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 501102 by \$8,179 to \$380,057 to restore part time hours for Sundays.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 501105 by \$14,679 to \$32,247 to restore all overtime Sunday hours.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$1,277,122 passes.

07 Libraries Total: \$1,711,122

The new total for Libraries is \$1,711,122, an increase of \$22,858

08 PARKS AND RECREATION

01080000 Public Events

\$20,000

01080300 Trumbull Day

-0-

01080400 Recreation

\$899,363

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 501103 by 18,650 to \$228,650 to increase the hourly wage of the returning lifeguards to \$15.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 3-3-0 motion fails.

01080600 Parks

\$2,246,241

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 501101 by \$8,000 to \$1,088,470, to make a salary adjustment of 20%.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$2,246,241 passes.

01080800 Tree Warden

\$158,743

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to reduce 501101 by \$51,608 to -0- and not hire a second tree warden.

Mr. Barker withdrew his request.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to reduce 501101 by \$51,608 to -0- to reduce the existing full time tree warden position to a part time position.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 501102 by \$31,243 to \$31,243 to fund the part time tree warden position and eliminate a new part time position.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 6-0-0 motion passes.

Ms. Hammers moved, seconded by Mr. Choi to increase 522205 by \$25,000 to \$125,000 to provide additional funding for keeping the parks and roads safe from the trees that need work.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 3-3-0 motion fails.

Mr. Choi moved, seconded by Ms. Hammers to increase 578806 by \$25,000 to \$50,000 for keeping roadways and parks safe from fallen trees.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli		x
Michael Barker		x
Elaine Hammers	x	
Steve Choi	x	
Marty Isaac		x
Lainie McHugh		x

Vote: 2-4-0 motion fails.

The new total for the Tree Warden is \$158,473 a reduction of \$20,365.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi		x
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 4-2 motion carries

08 Parks and Recreation Total: \$3,324,347

The new total for Parks and Recreation is \$3,324,347, a reduction of \$12,365.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$3,324,347 passes

09 DEBT SERVICE

01090000 Debt Service

\$7,195,609

09 Debt Service Total: \$7,195,609

GENERAL FUND: \$184,045,167

The new total for the General Fund is \$184,045,167, an increase of \$169,144.

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi		x
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 4-2 motion carries

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

20100000 W.P.C.A

\$11,356,545

Mr. Barker moved, seconded by Mr. Timpanelli to increase 522202 by \$50,000 to \$150,000 to restore the consulting fees.

By unanimous consent, the motion passes.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$11,356,545 passes.

21100000 Tashua Knolls Golf

\$2,118,387

Enterprise Funds Total: \$13,474,932

The new total is \$13, 474,93,2, an increase of \$50,000.

By unanimous consent, the new total of \$13,474,932 passes.

GRAND TOTAL: \$197,520,099

The new grand total is \$ \$197,520,099, an increase of \$219,144

The Chair called the roll and the clerk recorded the vote, as follows:

	AYE	NAY
Paul Timpanelli	x	
Michael Barker	x	
Elaine Hammers		x
Steve Choi		x
Marty Isaac	x	
Lainie McHugh	x	

Vote: 4-2 motion carries

By unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis C. Collier

Phyllis C. Collier - Board of Finance Clerk