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FINANCE COMMITTEE FY 2020-2021 BUDGET VOTING SESSION  
MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2020

Call to Order: The Vice-Chair called the virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The clerk recorded the roll as follows:

Present: Vice Chairman Dawn Cantafio, Kevin Shively, Michael Miller, Lori Rosasco-Schwartz, Tony Scinto, Mary Isaac, Alternate, (voting), Donna Seidell, Alternate, (joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.)

Absent: Chairman Lisa Valenti

Also

Present: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Town Council Chairman Mary Beth Thornton, Chief Administrative Officers Kathleen McGannon, Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Daniel Schopick, Director of Finance Maria Pires, Assistant Finance Director Dan Martin

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The Vice-Chair explained they would go department by department, the Director of Finance Maria Pires will be assisting the Committee with the new total totals. She asked those who wish to speak state their name before speaking, to remember to mute themselves when not speaking and only one person is to speak at a time as this makes it easier to hear.

**01 General Government**  
**01010400 First Selectman**

**501101 Salaries-FT/Permanent**

Ms. Pires explained some of the salaries had already been settled, including non-union, civil service and part-time employees. Some of the other union contracts were already in contingency. In order to move it to the individual line items they thought it would be easier to just put a line item in contingency as a negative and then take it out of the individual departments. The police contract was not included in the salary reduction. That contract has two years, the department salaries are based on 2019, and they have three years of contracts not settled. They kept them in contingency, (2020 and 2021), public works non-supervisors has one year, (2020) that has to stay

in contingency. Additionally there was an amount for any retirements that may happen in the year, \$40,000 for the reorganization EMS and the other piece was the insurance for the settlement. MATHAS had offered a retirement package 5 years ago and that is for the medial insurance. Ms. Pires confirmed they are running a deficit of \$70,000 in contingency but feels comfortable, because there has always been savings in salaries and have been able to cover contractual changes because we don't normally fill vacancies right away. It was confirmed the increase of salaries has been eliminated from the budget yet the unions haven't agreed to it yet. If they don't agree they will have to look at possible lay-offs or furloughs. Attorney Schopick stated Ms. Pires laid out the options in broad terms, if the Committee was to get into more detail on negotiations with unions that would require executive session. The Committee decided to wait for the entire full Council for an executive session.

Mr. Scinto explained for those listening to the meeting that the Committee's votes are recommendations to the full Council and all votes will be done again at the full Council meeting. The Vice-Chair agreed and noted any recommendations they make at this meeting will go forward to the full Council and they will debate and go over this again at Thursday's full Council meeting.

567704 Transportation-Expense A/C

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to reduce 567704 Transportation-Expense A/C by \$2,000.

Expense reduced by half.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

**01011600 Tax Assessor**

522202 Services & Fees Professional

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to reduce 522202 Services & Fees Professional by \$215,000.

Mr. Shively explained the town has received permission to postpone the revaluation therefore the money isn't needed. Mr. Shively noted taking money out doesn't create a funding cliff.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

**01011800 Board of Assessment Appeals**

**522201 Services & Fees-Clerical**

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to reduce by \$250.

Mr. Shively stated the clerical fees would be reduced due to postponement of the revaluation.  
Ms. Pires added the fee is for the clerk at an appeal meeting.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

**01012000 Tax Collector**

**501103 Salaries-Seasonal/Temp**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to reduce 501103 Salaries-Seasonal/Temp by \$4,200.

Town Hall will be open, but limited in July as they will be scheduling appointments which alleviates the need for seasonal staff. there will be no walk-ins.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

**01013800 Town Hall**

**511160 Property/Liability Insurance**

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to reduce 511160 Property/Liability Insurance by \$20,383.

Reduction was based on anticipated rate reduction.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

522208 Contributions

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to reduce 522208 Contributions by \$11,106.

Reduction is based on CCM dues being cut in half by CCM.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

01014600 Economic Development

522202 Services & Fees-Professional

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to reduce by \$1,500.

Reduced per the department head to FY 2020 level. This was due to a typo.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

(Ms. Seidell joined the meeting)

**03 Public Works**

**501101 Salaries-FT/Permanent**

Ms. Pires explained employees who still have step increase will receive them, those who are at the top step will not receive a salary increase. Attorney Schopick stated discussion regarding union contracts needs to be in executive session.

**01030300 Fleet Maintenance**

**567701 Transportation-Gas, Oil, Grease**

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to reduce 567701 Transportation-Gas, Oil, Grease by \$70,000.

Ms. Pires explained this reduction reflects savings due to a lock-in rate for diesel and gas at a lower rate.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to accept the 03 Public Works NEW TOTAL of \$9,107,572.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

**05 Social Services/Human Services**

**01050600 Senior Citizen's Services**

522205 Program Expenses

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to reduce 522205 Program Expenses by \$5,000

Reduction based on lower usage of services due to COVID-19. The Committee discussed this with the department head reducing the budget by 1/12 could be done. She has been watching other communities, Wilton is opening in January and Fairfield in September. The department head is concerned because of the age of the people this impacts. They are going to go slow until they see how this population comes back and if they are willing to come back out.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to accept 05 Social Services/Human Services NEW TOTAL of \$801,244.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

**06 Education**

Mr. Shively explained there were no motions heard for this line item. He believed he could speak for the whole Town Council, that they all want to provide the very best for our children and fully understand the need to give our children all of the resources they need to make that happen, which is why this budget doesn't do as some of the neighboring communities have and even some of our own BOF members proposed, which is not give the BOE any increase over last year's funding. Instead this budget does give the schools' budget an increase of 2.6% which is larger than some increases in recent years. He understands some want us to increase this budget to the First Selectman's budget of a 3% increase but before they can offer that they need to consider how quickly this situation has been changing almost on a daily basis. Since the BOF budget the Town has settled an issue with the mall which is a loss of ongoing revenue, nearly \$750,000. The BOE has been able to identify savings of approximately \$270,000 and will receive \$158,000 from the CARES Act. There is an extra \$428,000 for the schools that wasn't

there when the BOF voted. This is a quickly moving target which is why tonight is not the night to make a decision. Everyone is working very hard trying to find every bit of savings on every expense we have, so that when they vote on Thursday with the full Council they are doing so with the big picture in full focus.

**08 Recreation and Parks**

01080400 Recreation

556601 Professional Dev-Sem/Conf

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to reduce 556601 Professional Dev-Sem/Conf by \$2,700.

Reduce attendance at the national conference/seminar.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

567703 Transportation-Travel Reimb

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to reduce 567703 Transportation-Travel Reimb by \$500.

Reduction based on less overall mileage.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-0-2 (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz, Scinto)

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to accept 08 Recreation and Parks New Total of \$3,350,485.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

**09 Debt Service**

Ms. Pires explained if they had refunded the bonds it could have been reflected here, but because they are not closing until the beginning of June they don't know what the savings will be, but do have an estimate. It will be captured as a revenue because the Council would have already voted and adopted a budget and wouldn't be able to be changed. The only way would be to record it as revenue. Ms. Pires confirmed this is acceptable as accounting standards and has been done before. At the end of the year when the year is closed we will be under budget by \$1 million in the revenue and under budget in the expenditure. This how the mill rate is not affected. Only for budget purposes is it a revenue.

**01 General Government New Total**

\$24,644,678

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to accept 01 General Government New Total of \$24,644,678.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

Ms. Pires stated the budget has removed all salary increases except the Enterprise Funds, if all others were done these should be as well. There are notations on the spreadsheet.

**General Fund New Total**

\$178,635,726

Moved by Miller, seconded by Shively to accept the General Fund New Total of \$178,635,726

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Mary Isaac, Alternate

          

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

**Grand Total**

\$189,969,868

Moved by Shively, seconded by Miller to accept the New Grand Total of \$189,969,868.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Dawn Cantafio	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Michael Miller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lori Rosasco-Schwartz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tony Scinto	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Isaac, Alternate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1-1 (AGAINST: Scinto) (ABSTENTION: Rosasco-Schwartz)

There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Shively, seconded by Miller the Finance Committee of the Town Council adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Margaret D. Mastroni  
Town Council Clerk