

TOWN OF CHESTER, CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF FINANCE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
JOINT MEETING
Thursday, February 16, 2023
Community Room
Chester Town Hall and via TEAMS

CALL TO ORDER/SEATING OF MEMBERS

Chairman O'Hare called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: John O'Hare, Deb Vilcheck, Bill Bernhart, Steve Cline, Andrew Gardner, John Chillock, and Bill Bernhart, Andrew Gardner, and Roger Labrecque.

Peter Evankow was in attendance.

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First Selectman Janecek called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance included: First Selectman Janecek, Selectman Meehan and Selectman Englert.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

The proposed budget, including revenues, was distributed to Board members and discussed.

Budget drivers include:

- Increase to legal budget
- Park & Rec – The Director has resigned effective May 2023. She developed the budget and arranged all programs for next year.
- Highway Building/Grounds – currently overbudgeted due to staff changes and OSHA deficiencies uncovered as a result of the voluntary inspection (no fines issued).
- The Boards discussed the school budget(s). Region 4 and CES budget are not yet finalized.
- Town Hall staffing.

To date, the lack of snow this season may result in a surplus in the snow removal line. These figures will be re-visited in April/May and potentially re-allocated.

The Fire Department budget has increased but note that the Fire Department does bring in revenue.

The Legislature is discussing the potential for early voting. If passed, it would be effective 7/1/23 and the Registrar's budget will increase (Contingency) to facilitate same.

Revenues

- Land Use Permit Fees are being reviewed and may be increased.
- The Assessor regularly identifies and inspects properties.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Suzanne Helchowski
Clerk