

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 16, 2019

Present:

Nancy W. Nickerson, Chair
Patricia Boye-Williams
Bruce Charette
Paul Cianci
Edward Giannaros
Beth Kintner
C.J. Thomas

Kathy Eagen, Town Manager
Paula B. Ray, Clerk

A. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Council and members of the public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Public Comment

Emily Kaliney of 30 High Street told the Council that she usually spoke about the Board of Education budget but that she was going to address the Town's budget. She wanted the money for the additional newsletters restored. She thought the survey done regarding the High School showed residents read the newsletters for information about the Town and that to counteract the rumor mill about Town issues it was important to get the correct information out to residents.

D. To consider and take action on the proposed 2019-2020 Budget

Motion was made and seconded (Thomas/Cianci) to create a \$40,000 item for the Board of Education non-certified employees defined contribution pension plan as its own line.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Community & Recreation, Stone House Renovations account by \$25,000.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Police, Communications Upgrade account by \$100,000.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Board of Education, Districtwide Mechanical Equipment account by \$527,000.

Motion was made and seconded (Kintner/Boye-Williams) to call the question.

Failed

Voting yes were Boye-Williams, Charette, Giannaros and Kintner.

Voting no were Nickerson, Cianci and Thomas.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to amend the motion to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Board of Education, Districtwide Mechanical Equipment account by \$320,000.

Passed unanimously

Passed as amended unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Thomas/Cianci) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Board of Education, Structural/Architectural account by \$300,000.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Board of Education, Technology account by \$50,000.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Town, School Parking Lots account by \$50,000.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Kintner/Giannaros) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Town, Town Hall Improvements account by \$50,000.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Cianci/Thomas) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Board of Education, Classroom Furniture account by \$50,000.

Motion withdrawn

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Town Council, Office Supplies account by \$15,000 for additional newsletters.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Police, Materials & Supplies account by \$5,000 for a new speed sign.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Highway & Grounds, Traffic, Materials & Supplies account by \$5,000 for sharrows.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Town Council, Consulting Services account by \$10,000 for the Farmington Village Center Committee.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Town Council, Part Time account by \$20,000 for Communications assistance.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Community & Recreation, Marketing account by \$6,450 for marketing brochures.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Thomas/Cianci) to set a budget with the Board of Education at \$67,708,094, the Town at a \$30,373,104, Debt Service at \$9, 298, 362, the Capital Improvement Plan at \$2,938, 000, Parsons at \$700,000 (fund balance), BOE pension at \$40,000 and Teachers Retirement at \$256,006 for a total appropriation of \$111, 313, 566.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to postpone indefinitely.

Passed

Voting yes were Boye-Williams, Charette, Giannaros and Kintner

Voting no were Nickerson, Cianci and Thomas

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to increase the Capital Improvement Plan, Education, Technology account by \$50,000.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to amend the motion to increase the Capital Improvement Plan, Board of Education, Technology account by \$30,000.

Adopted unanimously
Adopted as amended unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to appropriate an additional \$100,000 from Fund Balance.

Adopted unanimously

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to set the Board of Education Budget at \$67, 735, 605, to set the Town Budget at \$30,373,104, to set the Debt Service Budget at \$9,298,362, to set the Capital Improvement Plan at \$2,968,000, to set the Fund Balance Contribution for the Parsons Property at \$700,000, to set the Board of Education Non-certified Employees Defined Contribution Budget at \$40,000 and the Teacher's Retirement at \$256,006 for a total of \$111,371,077.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to amend the motion by reducing the Board of Education by an additional \$27,000 to \$67,708,605.

Adopted unanimously
Adopted as amended unanimously

E. To approve the Warning of the April 15, 2019 Annual Town Meeting and the April 25, 2019 Referendum

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to approve the attached Warning of the April 15, 2019 Annual Town Meeting and the April 25, 2019 Referendum.

Adopted unanimously

F. Adjourn to Executive Session

There was no Executive Session held.

G. Adjournment.

Motion was made and seconded (Charette/Giannaros) to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Adopted unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Paula B. Ray
Paula B. Ray, Clerk