

Minutes of the Town of Farmington
Regular Town Council Meeting
March 14, 2020

Present:

C.J. Thomas, Chair
Joe Capodiferro
Brian F. X. Connolly
Christopher Fagan
Edward Giannaros
Peter Mastrobattista
Gary Palumbo

Kathy Blonski, Town Manager
Devon Aldave, Administrative 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

Tim Kelly of 62 Westview Terrace urged the Council to emphasize emergency safety items for this budget rather than Stone House renovations or school roof repairs due to COVID-19 concerns. He also recommended a one-time catchup payment from fund balance for pension liability.

D. To consider and take action on the Town Manager's 2020-2021 Recommended Budget

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to consider and take action on the proposed 2020-2021 Capital Budget.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to take action on the proposed 2020-2021 Board of Education Capital Budget.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Board of Education, Technology Improvements account by \$90,000, to reduce the Roof Replacement-Noah Wallace School account by \$450,000, to reduce the Districtwide Mechanical Equipment account by \$160,000, to reduce the Structural Architectural account by \$219,000, to reduce the School Security account by \$25,000, to reduce the School Code/Safety Compliance account by \$15,000, for a total reduction of \$959,000.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to discuss the Town Capital Budget.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to reduce the Capital Improvement Plan, Town, Highway & Grounds, Bucket Truck account by \$105,000, to reduce the Engineering, Rails to Trails account by \$25,000, to reduce the Fire Department, Communications Upgrades account by \$75,000, for a total reduction of \$205,000.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to discuss the Town's Operating Budget as presented.

Adopted unanimously.

The Council asked Kathy Blonski, Town Manager, about the impact of reductions and increases to the Town Operating Budget.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Benefits, Pension account by \$150,000.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Engineering, Full Time salary account by \$35,0000 to fund a fulltime engineering position for part of the year.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Engineering, Seasonal account by \$5,000 for an engineering intern position.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to increase the Town's Operating Budget, Town Manager, Part-Time account by \$10,000 for a Land Acquisition Consultant Position.

Adopted unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to reduce the Board of Education's FY2020/2021 Proposed Operating Budget by \$308,175.

The Council asked Kathy Greider, Superintendent, about the impact of this reduction.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to amend the motion by modifying the reduction to the Board of Education's FY2020/2021 Proposed Operating Budget to \$210,000.

The Amendment was approved unanimously.

The Original Motion as amended was approved unanimously.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to set the Board of Education Budget at \$70,176,581, to set the Town Budget at \$31,478,237, to set the Debt Service Budget at \$9,302,449, to set the Capital Improvement Budget at \$3,171,983, to set the Board of Education Defined Contribution Budget at \$50,000 for a total Town Council proposed appropriation for 2020/2021 of \$114,179,250.

Adopted unanimously.

Each Council member expressed their support for the budget and thanked the Board of Education and Town staff for their collaboration.

E. To approve the Warning of the April 27, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and the May 7, 2020 Referendum.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to approve the attached Warning of the April 27, 2020 Annual Town Meeting and the May 7, 2020 Referendum.

Adopted unanimously.

F. Adjourn to Executive Session (if needed).

There was no Executive Session.

G. Adjourn.

Motion was made and seconded (Mastrobattista/Capodiferro) to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Adopted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Devon Aldave

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TOWN OF FARMINGTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING —APRIL 27, 2020
REFERENDUM — MAY 7, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Farmington and those qualified to vote at town meetings of said Town are hereby warned and notified that the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Farmington is called for Monday, April 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Farmington High School Auditorium, 10 Monteith Drive in Farmington, Connecticut, for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Town Council that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Town Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 be approved.

2. To consider and act upon the recommendation of the Town Council that the following resolution be adopted:

RESOLVED, that the budget recommended by the Town Council for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 be approved.

3. To consider and act upon any other business, which may properly come before said meeting.

4. The moderator shall adjourn this meeting and the resolution presented under item 1 of this Warning, as submitted to the Annual Town Meeting or as modified thereby, shall become effective unless rejected, and the resolution presented under item 2 of this Warning, as submitted to the Annual Town Meeting or as modified thereby, shall become effective only after having been submitted and approved, by a vote on voting tabulators of persons qualified to vote in town meetings on Thursday, May 7, 2020 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Electors residing in the First Voting District and assigned to polling places 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4 shall vote at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, 20 Wolf Pit Road, Farmington, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 1-5 shall vote at West Woods Upper Elementary School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington, Connecticut. Electors residing in the Second Voting District and assigned to polling place 2-6 shall vote at the Community & Senior Center, 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 2-7 shall vote at the Municipal Complex, Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Voters qualified to vote at town meeting who are not electors shall vote at their respective polling place at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, West Woods Upper Elementary School, the Community & Senior Center or the Municipal Complex. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

The resolution presented under item 2 shall be placed upon the voting machines under the following heading:

“SHALL THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON PRESENTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND RECOMMENDED BY THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BE APPROVED?

YES

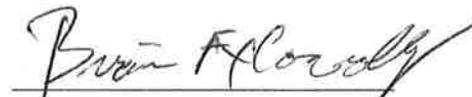
NO”

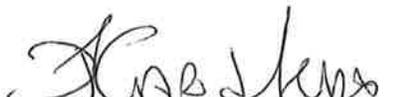
Voters approving a resolution shall vote “Yes” and voters opposing a resolution shall vote “No”.

Dated at Farmington, Connecticut this 14th day of March, 2020.

PER ORDER OF THE
FARMINGTON TOWN COUNCIL


Council Chair


Council Member


Council Member


Council Member


Council Member


Council Member


Council Member


Town Clerk