



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

May 6, 2026

6:00 PM - Town Hall - Scitico Room

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1. Roll Call

Present: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall (remotely until 7:56pm), Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, John Santanella (remotely from 6:05pm - 7:45pm), Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni

Absent: None

Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

Police Chief Alaric Fox and Sergeant Matthew Meier joined the meeting to answer the Council's PD budget questions from 7:00pm - 7:50pm.

2. Budget Deliberations

Director of Finance John Wilcox updated the Council on decisions made by the legislature during the state's budget adoption. There were no funds added to the ECS funding for the current year. However, the legislature approved supplemental funding in the form of Educational Aid of \$1,192,946, Pequot funding of 575,188, and Pilot funding of \$87,842. The supplemental funding comes directly to the town but must be spent on education. CCM is currently researching what that stipulation means, but Mr. Wilcox's understanding is that considering that the increase the town is deliberating on giving the Board of Education is more than the amount the town is receiving in supplemental aid, the town can use the entire amount towards mitigating the mill rate.

Town Manager Coppler informed the Council that he reviewed the open CIP accounts and between completed projects and active projects with no additional encumbrances, he determined that he could reduce the budgeted CIP expenditure by \$600K.

The Town Council continued deliberating on the FY2026/2027 budget.

3. Adjournment

MOTION by: Cynthia Mangini, seconded: Maya Matthews to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk

Clerk of the Council