

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 14, 2021**

A Virtual Public Hearing of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Acting-Chair Szewczak on Wednesday, April 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Acting-Chair Szewczak stated this meeting is available live on YouTube and the meeting will also be aired on ETV-Channel 16 the following evening.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Bosco, Hemmeler, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Szewczak and Unghire. Councilors Cekala, Cressotti, Ludwick and Sferrazza were absent. Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Director of Finance, John Wilcox; Superintendent of Schools, Christopher Drezek; and Chairman of the Enfield Board of Education, Walter Kruzel.

Acting-Chair Szewczak stated this Public Hearing has been scheduled to allow interested citizens an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the proposed annual operating and capital budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Orders, public comment on the proposed budget was received by written testimony only. Electors or taxpayers submitted comments to an email address dedicated to receiving public comment on the budget. PHBudgetComments@enfield.org. The Town received 0 public comments concerning the proposed budget.

Acting-Chair Szewczak invited Town Manager, Christopher Bromson and Superintendent of Schools, Christopher Drezek to speak concerning the budget.

BUDGET – TOWN OF ENFIELD

Mr. Bromson stated that the entire budget presentation has been available online and the notice of the Public Hearing was posted according to Governor Lamont's Executive Order. The proposed budget totals \$146,551,970 and is a combination of the Town and the Board of Education budget for FY21/22. The mill rate will remain flat at 34.23 with zero tax increase.

He would like to formally thank Mr. Drezek, Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education for their collaboration in providing and maintaining excellent services both on the Town and the Board side without necessitating a tax increase.

BUDGET – BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Drezek stated that since he and the Town Manager have been presenting their respective budgets, it has been a collaborative effort and you can tell by the results. They have gotten a lot done these past couple of years based upon Mr. Bromson's leadership as well as the leadership of the Council and the Board of Education working together instead of working against each other for the betterment of the town.

He is proud to be able to continue to do this and hopefully get past this dark time and start building upon the things we have accomplished.

Acting-Chair Szewczak would like to thank Mr. Bromson, Mr. Drezek and the staff of both the Town and the Board of Education for the excellent job they've done, as well as the Council for being honest, informed and leading Mr. Bromson to understand where the Council would like to move to in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5747 by Councilor Mangini seconded by Councilor Muller to Adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Vice-Chair declared **MOTION #5747** adopted 7-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council