

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Selectmen Budget Workshop was called to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Simsbury Town Offices. Present were: First Selectman Eric Wellman; Board members Michael Paine, Christopher Kelly, Sean Askham, Cheryl Cook and Chris Peterson. Others in attendance included: Town Manager Maria Capriola; Deputy Town Manager Melissa Appleby, Finance Director/Treasurer Sean Kimball; Public Works Director Tom Roy; Culture, Parks and Recreation Director Gerard Toner; Director of Planning and Community Development James Rabbitt; Kristen Formanek, Social Service Director; Town Engineer Jeff Shea; UConn Student Muhammed Razzaq; and other interested parties.

PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Joe Shiman, 9 Aruja Drive, representative from the Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the Visitor's Center. He said the Center is needed as it provides successful services to our Town. He asked that the Board resume funding for the Visitor's Center.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION REGARDING FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET

Mr. Kimball made a presentation with all of the proposed changes to the budget, which would bring it to 4.36%. He presented a chart on the estimated tax impact on bands of single family homes, single family homes and condos and the estimated tax impact on bands of single family homes and condos including value of cuts to 1.75%.

Mr. Kelly said he would like to get the budget down to 2.25% – 2.75%. He feels the Board needs to take another \$50,000 - \$60,000 out of the budget to show a good faith effort to the Board of Finance.

Ms. Capriola said they did a number of service reduction scenarios that are not staff recommendations or endorsements. They included modifications to operating schedules for Town facilities, rescissions of service improvements approved within the last three fiscal years, and other service reduction scenarios.

There was a lot of discussion about the Town giving good services to the residents. We need to increase services as the Town grows and needs more services including social services.

There was discussion on bringing this proposed 4.36% budget to the Board of Finance and if they reject it going back through all the scenarios and departments to see what actual cuts can be made even if there are little amounts from different places.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Board of Selectmen 2018-2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$20,982,401 to include the following changes from the Town Manager's Proposed Budget:

\$ 8,000	Increase for Youth Services (budget shift correction)
\$ 1,400	Increase for Police – Collective Bargaining (Education Stipend) correction

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\$60,000	Increase for addition of Social Services MSW Employee
\$18,000	Increase for Addition of Social Services MSW EE – Benefits
\$ 5,825	Increase for Addition of Licensure Funding for Social Services Director
\$ 5,000	Increase for Chamber of Commerce (Visitor’s Center contribution)
\$(1,000)	Decrease for Social Services Public Agency Support correction
\$ (1,400)	Decrease for Police – Uniform Allowance correction
\$ (1,285)	Decrease for Probate Court updated budget request

Mr. Paine seconded the motion. Mr. Askham, Mr. Paine, Ms. Cook, Mr. Wellman and Mr. Peterson were in favor with Mr. Kelly not in favor. Therefore, the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Water Pollution Control 2018-2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$3,594,463 (including Avon & Granby CWF share). Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Residential Rental Properties 2018-2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$36,423. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Simsbury Farms Special Revenue Fund 2018-2019 Operating budget in the amount of \$1,981,983. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion approve the Debt Service & Cash for Capital Appropriation for the 2018-2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$6,179,600 principal and cash as discussed. Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund 2018-2019 Operating Budget in the amount of \$747,750 including:

- \$416,250 appropriated to be funded by the Capital and Non-Recurring Fund.
- \$176,500 appropriated to be funded by one-time Cash for Capital transfer.
- \$155,000 appropriated to be funded by State’s Local Capital Improvement (LOCIP) grant Program.

Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to add the following new projects to the Capital Improvement Plan for FY2018-2019 in accordance with Charter Section 803(b):

Multi-Use Trail – Town of Simsbury / Bloomfield	\$ 1,020,000
Ash Borer Tree Mitigation	\$ 110,000
DPW Dump Truck	\$ 180,000
School Facilities Master Planning / Reconfiguration Study	\$ 200,000
School Security Improvements	\$ 850,000
Tariffville Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000
Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation	\$ 75,000
Plant Water System Rehabilitation	\$ 80,000
1999 Jet / Flusher Truck Replacement	\$ 175,000

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Ms. Cook seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Program to include the following projects in FY 2018-2019:

		Recommended Funding
Greenway Improvements	\$ 300,000	Cash
Multi-Use Trail – Town of Simsbury/Bloomfield	\$1,020,000	Grants
Highway Pavement Management	\$ 850,000	Cash
Sidewalk Resurfacing	\$ 300,000	Cash
Ash Borer Tree Mitigations	\$ 110,000	Cash
DPW Dump Truck	\$ 180,000	Cash
Tariffville Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ 100,000	Sewer Use Fund
Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation	\$ 75,000	Sewer Use Fund
Plant Water System Rehabilitation	\$ 80,000	Sewer Use Fund
1999 Jet/Flusher Truck Replacement	\$ 175,000	Sewer Use Fund
School Facilities Master Planning/ Reconfiguration Study	\$ 200,000	Cash
District Network Infrastructure	\$ 400,000	Bonds
Henry James Middle School Renovation Phase 3 (LMC/STEM focus, auditorium)	\$23,965,620	Bonds-15 year
Boiler Replacement – Latimer Lane	\$ 900,000	Bonds
School Security Improvements	\$ 850,000	Bonds

Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Mr. Askham made a motion to refer the following capital projects to the Planning Commission in accordance with CGS Section §8-24:

Greenway Improvements
Multi-Use Trail – Town of Simsbury / Bloomfield
Highway Pavement Management
Sidewalk Resurfacing
Ash Borer Tree Mitigation
Department of Public Works Dump Truck

Tariffville Sewer Rehabilitation
Primary Clarifier Rehabilitation
Plant Water System Rehabilitation
1999 Jet/Flusher Truck Replacement

School Facilities Master Planning / Reconfiguration Study
District Network Infrastructure
Henry James Middle School Renovation – Phase 3 (LMC/STEM focus, auditorium)
Boiler Replacement – Latimer Lane

School Security Improvements

Mr. Paine seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m. Mr. Kelly seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Radocchio
Clerk