

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT**

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

These minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.

Members Present: Denise Menard, Jason E. Bowsza and James C. Richards
Members Absent: Steve Dearborn and Dale Nelson
Others: Cynthia Herms and Sharon Tripp
Press: None

I. Call to Order

First Selectman, Denise Menard called the Budget Workshop Meeting to Order at 5:38 p.m. in the East Windsor Town Hall.

II. Attendance

Denise Menard, First Selectman
Jason E. Bowsza, Deputy First Selectman
James C. Richards, Selectman

III. Budget Presentations

There were no budget presentations

IV. Other Business

Kimberly Lord gave a power point presentation showing the changes she has made to the way revenues are calculated. She said next year's budget will be easier to read and in real time. Kim said the collection rate for current taxes is 97.5% and that does not include motor vehicle taxes. She said that rate is being conservative.

There was discussion about how the collection rate will affect the Mill Rate. Ms. Lord said she is using a more accurate way of recording. She said the Town has gone after taxes from delinquent taxpayers. Ms. Lord said the Grand List went down \$200,000.00 last year and it is best to be conservative with revenue numbers. She said the Grand List is up this year because of Walmart.

Mr. Bowsza asked Ms. Lord what the Town does with a surplus and she said it goes into the fund balance which is reflected in the Mill Rate. Ms. Herms asked if there is a line item for uncollectable taxes and Ms. Lord said there is not. Ms. Lord said by having real revenue figures the Town can save money and the town can understand the budget.

V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

It was MOVED (Bowsza) and SECONDED (Richards) to approve the Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2014. Motion PASSED. In favor – J. Bowsza and J. Richards; Opposed – None.

VI. Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn at 6:22 p.m. It was **MOVED** (Bowsza) and **SECONDED** (Richards).

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Vane
Recording Secretary