

**BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
BROAD BROOK, CONNECTICUT, 06016**

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

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Regular Members Present: Jerilyn Corso (Chairman) Tom Lansner, Bill Syme, Karen Christensen, Tom Talamini, David King

Regular Members Absent: None

Alternate Members Present: Noreen Farmer

Alternate Members Absent: Danielle Godeck

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Jerilyn Corso called the Public Hearing to Order at 7:00 p.m.

2. TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

Wednesday, March 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m., Virtual Meeting via Zoom.

3. ATTENDANCE/APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES:

All Regular Members were present.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comment and input from the public on the FY 2021-2022 proposed Town Budget and East Windsor-Broad Brook Fire Department Budget.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Paul Anderson, 89 Main Street, Broad Brook – President of Broad Brook Library, stated he has a problem with the projection budget amount or the First Selectman's Budget comparing it to previous budget actual amount as opposed to the requested amount. The percentage of 60% increase that shows he considers to be way out of whack. It is very misleading. He states it is 20% less than the request, their request has been consistent for three years running and the amount that the Selectmen chose to put in is 80% of roughly of the request they placed. It is not a 60% increase of a request over the previous year. He thinks it is very misleading to the public and it looks like they are asking for an outrageous amount of money. They have been asking for the same amount for years but they don't seem to get it. He thinks everyone is doing a fantastic job. He also want to say he has been saying it for years to allow the public to vote on what the

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Selectmen have proposed before any changes are made to their budget for the Town side. The idea that the Selectmen have adjusted the budget based on the requests and their deliberation and if the Board of Finance also changes the amount after their deliberations. It is like a double whammy and the public never got to say anything other than comment. He would like to see the public vote on the budget as presented by the Selectmen and maybe accept it and it would be all done. He doesn't know the likelihood he can't speak to that but they need, as the public, to vote on what is being proposed right now.

Martha Ceppetelli, 42 Skinner Road, Broad Brook – Stated that she may have missed it but she wanted to know if there are is any money in the budget to replant the 550 trees that were removed from the park. The trees served as a buffer between personal property and public property. She would like to know what is allocated in the budget for the replanting

Laura Briggs, 50 Skinner Road, Broad Brook – She would like to mirror what Martha Ceppetelli commented. They had privacy and now they have no privacy, her back yard is basically part of the baseball field. They heard kids playing over there yesterday, every crack of the bat echoes through the park. They have zero privacy it is really disturbing and upsetting. She would also like to know what the Town do to help them to get some of their privacy back.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman Corso.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca D'Amicol
Recording Secretary