



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, February 16, 2021
3:30 p.m.
VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES

Direct link to the recording: <https://youtu.be/QFG5Gvfd9Jg>

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – First Selectman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
All members present.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Recited.
- III. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – Susan Esty stated that the Lions Club will be hosting another food pickup event on Thursday, February 18th from 10am -12n. The First Selectman thanked Ms. Esty and the Lions Club for their efforts.
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE SELECTMEN** - none
- V. BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**

- A.** Presentation of the FY 22 consolidated proposed budget to the Board of Selectmen by the First Selectman. Action requested

The First Selectman presented his budget to the Board of Selectmen and, as per the Town Charter, reported on the following categories: Revenue estimates, expenditure estimates and recommendations for capital items. He reviewed the present financial condition of the town, informing the board that the town finances are in excellent condition. Revenues are tracking well this year. For next year, there is an increase in the state aid assumption and a decrease in other areas such as transfer station revenue and interest on the town's general fund. Expenditures for the current FY are tracking well and the proposed budget estimate for FY22 is a dollar amount increase of \$167,292, inclusive of debt, general government and education. Additional revenues from an increased grand list will mean \$120,000 in new revenues. The first selectman then identified projects from both the capital non-recurring account and the yearly capital account. Overall the budget is flat and the mill rate is estimated decrease slightly. The First Selectman moved approval of the budget and that it be officially forwarded to the Board of Finance, seconded by Mr. Giegerich.

FORTUNA /GIEGERICH

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mr. Giegerich commented that this budget takes into account stakeholder needs given limited resources. He praised the budget process as deliberate, inclusive and is proud to be a part of it. He is excited to be offering Saybrook residents flat or reduced budget for the second time in 4 years.

Mr. Pugliese commended the First Selectman and Finance Director on putting together a responsible budget that places the town in such a good position. He was happy to see some additional resources for Youth & Family Services for interpretation services. He agreed with the denial of the promotion in Department of Public Works and asked what the formal process should be for such a promotion, thought the library position was handled

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appropriately and was concerned with the Estuary's request. The First Selectman assured Mr. Pugliese that he spoke with the Executive Director and the funds that remain to be sent to the Estuary in FY22 will be enough for the meals on wheels program. Mr. Pugliese then made a motion for a \$1 line item dedicated to diversity, equity and inclusion in the following budgets: Land Use, Economic Development, Police, Fire, Selectmen, Board of Finance, Parks & Recreation, Youth and Family Services. The motion was not seconded and failed. The budget was then called for a vote and approved unanimously.

VI. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn at 4:15pm

FORTUNA /PUGLIESE

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Respectfully submitted,

Carl P. Fortuna Jr., First Selectman