

**COMMITTEE OF THE CHAIRS**  
**Special Meeting Minutes**  
**April 4, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**  
**Town Hall – Finance Department Conference Room**

**Present:** Christopher Palmieri, Town Manager Mark Sciota, Brian Goralski, John Leary (via teleconference), Michael DelSanto, and Timothy Connellan

Call to Order

Chairman Palmieri called the meeting to order at 4:30.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved.

Board Communications

Mr. Goralski suggested an informal town meeting with all the committee chairs, open to the public.

Items for Discussion

Budget 2017/2018

Chairman Palmieri stated the Self-Insurance committee did not make a recommendation to the council. Information was forwarded but no recommendation.

TM Mark Sciota informed everyone he did attend the Self-Insurance meeting and Joe Labieniec, Chairman, will do a presentation to the BOF. The BOF will then make a recommendation to the Town Council, who will take action on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Goralski stated at the last BOE meeting, the board unanimously voted and has no plan to have any layoffs.

Chairman Palmieri stated if we have funds that are within the 15 percent of what the town has (\$450,000) with no future cuts from the state, then the town could potentially give money back to the BOE.

TM Sciota stated we do have \$525,000 in capital that will be used this fiscal year which is not part of the \$450,000. We may be able to assist the BOE.

Mr. Goralski stated all capital projects are on hold. Safety is not a concern in our schools.

### Budget 2018/2019

Mr. Leary stated the BOF has adopted both budgets, 6-0. BOF took an action to reduce the BOE budget by it \$1.5 million.

Chairman Palmieri announced the Town Council Public Hearing is set for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at DePaolo Middle School. Action will be taken at the next Town Council meeting, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Leary stated they recently found an interest income line to be \$100,000 more favorable. If nothing is done with it, the mil rate will go down .52.

Chairman Palmieri stated there is 1 million in our contingency for unknowns with the state budget. Town Council will make the final decision as to what to do with the funds.

### Medical Marijuana Application

Mr. DeSanto stated the public hearing was closed and denied, applicant did not present. The new application (Knotter Drive) is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup>, public hearing.

### SHS Roof Referendum

Mr. DeSanto informed everyone that solar was brought up during the Planning and Zoning meeting.

Chairman Palmieri state the roof is ten years beyond the life expectancy. Sending out for a referendum is the way to go. Has been discussed with TC.

Mr. Goralski stated he would like to make sure all the contracts are looked at by all committees involved.

TM Sciota stated there will be a solar presentation at the next Town Council meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Open Space Referendum

Mr. DeSanto announced there were concerns with the language regarding the developing rights.

Chairman Palmieri stated the last three referendums there were no specifics.

Mr. Goralski believes development rights should be open in all future open space items.

Chairman Palmieri stated we are not closing the door on development rights we are just not including development rights in the referendum that is going to the public due to it being a specific amount, 2 million dollars.

Mr. Leary suggested separate open space from development matter.

Chairman Palmieri stated doing the 2 million dollar referendum will save the town significant amounts of money.

TM Sciota stated the public hearing for this referendum will be at the BOF on the 11<sup>th</sup> and on May 29<sup>th</sup> to the Town Council. If all works out it will be going to the voters in November.

Public Communications

Susan Guarino, 191 Jubilee Drive, Plantsville. Curious to know why people are against the dispensary.

Mr. DeSanto suggest Mrs. Guarino come to the next public hearing meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> to speak in favor of it or state why you think it would be a viable option for Southington.

Jack Perry, 153 Moore Hill Drive, separating the two may help when it comes to open space.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 5:14p.m.