

**Revised  
COMMITTEE OF THE CHAIRS  
Meeting Minutes  
January 2, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.  
Town Hall – Finance Department Conference Room**

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

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 November 7, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Board Communications

None

Items for Discussion

Joint Statement

Chairman Palmieri stated him and Chairman Goralski sent out a joint statement regarding the racism video that was released from a Southington High School student.

Superintendent Connellan was very pleased with the way the Southington PD handled the situation. A program was implemented last year for students to introduce diversity and culture contents.

19/20 Budget Review

Chairman Leary stated workshops have been set up in the hopes to be proactive when approving the budget and setting the mill rate.

TM Sciota stated we will give estimates. We hope the state grants would hold steady, state grants are out of our control. The numbers will hopefully be known by the time the council acts. February 6<sup>th</sup> the Governor will give a speech and with that will be his proposed budget. No guarantees but we all hope we go back to the way it was 3 years ago where the Governors number was the floor, our base part of our budget.

Chairman Goralski stated the BOE budget will be given to us shortly by the Superintendent meeting scheduled for January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. Followed by our second workshop given on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The 24<sup>th</sup> is our regular BOE meeting where we will hopefully adopt our budget.

Board of Finance Budget Policy

Chairman Leary stated there is no policy change. If we ever decide to have a minimal mil rate increase we would have to have a policy in place.

TM Sciota stated the subcommittee itself will not make modification after the public hearing of the BOF. As part of its charter requirements the town council can ask for any information up until they vote.

Medical Marijuana Update

Chairman DelSanto stated the subcommittee has been working on the regulations. After a few applications we now had to revisit. Changes are being made and brought to our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

TM Sciota would like the committee to research Massachusetts regarding recreational marijuana, be proactive.

Chairman Goralski recommended that the ordinances align with federal law. Even if state law allows something, it doesn't mean we can't align our ordinances with federal law and be more restrictive

PZC Signage Update

Chairman DelSanto stated they met before Christmas, they gave information back to staff, and they are doing research and will be report back to our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Public Communications

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Chairman Palmieri will cancel the February meeting, we will regroup in March. The Community Chat will take place instead.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn.