



## Town of Burlington

### **BURLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING May 1, 2019**

A meeting of the Burlington Board of Finance was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2019, at the Town Hall. Board members present were: Chairman Anthony DiNicola, John Achilli, Sue Brault, Don Desiderato, John Kirschner, Andrew Klimkoski and Gerald Mullen. Also in attendance were First Selectman Theodore Shafer and Finance Director Eleanor Parente.

Vice Chairman Mullen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Meeting was turned over to Chairman DiNicola at 7:35 p.m.

#### **2019-20 Budget**

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2019-20 Town Budget. Mr. Shafer reported that he participated in a conference call with other towns in the Bristol Resource Recovery consortium regarding recycling handling costs. The outlook is even worse than expected. Previously, the Town made money on recycling, but as discussed in past Board meetings, China will only buy "cleaner" materials which has increased U.S. handlers' costs. The Town will now start paying for the disposal of recyclables. He recommended that the Board's estimated budget costs be increased by 30% to \$80,000 for the first year. The Board agreed. Other operating expense budgets were also discussed.

Discussion then focused on department capital budgets. Police capital was reduced to zero. Capital purchases will be taken from Police Private Duty Reserve Account. Reductions were made to all other department capital budgets.

It was noted that revenue is projected to be less next year even with a Grand List increase due to reductions in State aid. The Region 10 Budget Referendum will be held on May 7<sup>th</sup> prior to the Board's next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. The school budget as proposed, if passed, even with the cuts to capital budgets, will most likely mean an increase in the property tax rate of 1.0 mils.

#### **Adjournment**

Chairman DiNicola asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being no further business, on a motion made and seconded by Mullen/Desiderato at 9:46 p.m. it was unanimously VOTED TO:

*Adjourn the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Klimkoski, Secretary