

# MINUTES

## NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, March 24, 2008

I PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II ROLL CALL

Councilors Present

Councilor Banach  
Councilor Boni  
Councilor Bottalico  
Councilor Bowen  
Councilor Cohen  
Councilor Lenares  
Councilor Nagel  
Councilor Nasinnyk  
Mayor Wright

Staff Present

John Salomone, Town Manager  
Lori Verreault, Executive Assistant  
Ann Harter, Finance Director  
Lisa Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL - None

IV CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

- A Budget Review: Health  
Reflects the Town's contributions to the Central Connecticut Health District – no change
- B Budget Review: Insurance/Miscellaneous  
No major changes in the liability insurances; medical and life insurances are down slightly; donations to the Memorial Day Parade Committee and NCTV are increased.
- C Budget Review: Debt Service  
Interest expense is down \$71,000
- D Budget Review: MDC  
4.10% increase in the ad valorem tax, does not include the surcharge which will be charged to residents for the Clean Water Project
- E Budget Review: CIP  
The Town Manager briefly reviewed the proposed projects in his budget; the CIP Committee will meet on Thursday to make final recommendations after which the Long Range Capital Improvement Plan will be finalized and made available
- F Budget Review: Equipment Reserve  
Based on straight line depreciation; several vehicles are due for replacement

- G Budget Review: Employee Leave Liability  
No major changes
- H Budget Review: Special Revenue Funds / Other Funds  
There was discussion on completing more road construction projects now rather than phasing it in over several years. There was also discussion about the subsidy to the Parks and Recreation Department for programming – consider making the programs self-sustaining.
- I Budget Review: Revenues  
Major changes are anticipated decreases in Building Permits, Investment Income, and the Town Clerk’s Office due to effects of the conveyance tax which is supposed to sunset this year and the decline in the housing market. The ECS Grant reflects a slight increase.
- J Budget Review: Miscellaneous programs not previously discussed - None

V PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL - None

VI REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

Several Councilors spoke on the passing of BG Jack Carragher who had been a devoted servant of the Town as well as the country.

VII ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 9:15 p.m. by Councilor Bowen, and seconded by Councilor Cohen. Motion passed 9-0.

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Loretta R. Verreault, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager

**Audio verbatim transcript of meeting available in Town Clerk’s Office.**