I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   • Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL
   Councilor Anest
   Councilor Arace
   Councilor Budrejko
   Councilor DelBuono
   Councilor Manke
   Councilor Marocchini
   Councilor Miner
   Councilor Serra
   Mayor Zartarian

   Staff Attendees:
   Tanya Lane; Town Manager
   Janet Murphy, Finance Director
   Lisa Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director
   James E. Krupienski, Town Clerk

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
   • Motion to approve the agenda by Councilor Anest seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion carried unanimously 9-0

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)
   (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)
   • None

V. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
   • None

VI. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS
   A. Adoption of Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20
      • Town Council took a recess at 7:03 P.M.
      • Meeting reconvened at 7:23 P.M.
1. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Economic Development Director by $45,480. Account Number 10471-8220.
   • Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
   • Councilor Manke proposed the change to have a Full-time Economic Development Director as of January, 2020. Felt there was enough work regarding development in town to justify a Full-time Director.
   • Mayor Zartarian indicated that this proposal is a package arrangement. The CERC presentation presented information that should be being done in town but is not possible with a Part-time Director to accomplish.
   • Councilor Budrejko stated updated contract was just revised but may be difficult to achieve during limited work hours.
   • Councilor DelBuono stated that State workshop outlined the need for increased marketing of development opportunities in Town, interactions with local businesses and retaining existing businesses. Part-time limits the work that can be completed.
   • Councilor Anest felt this change would be a discussion as part of the following year budget based on the 2-year contract. Have not heard from the Economic Development Director to speak to the Council after attending the CERC meeting.
   • Councilor DelBuono the existing contract does have language to terminate with notice.

   Roll Call Vote:
   - Councilor Anest - No
   - Councilor Arace - No
   - Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   - Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   - Councilor Manke - Yes
   - Councilor Marocchini - No
   - Councilor Miner - No
   - Councilor Serra - No
   - Mayor Zartarian – Yes

   • Motion failed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

2. Councilor Manke moved to increase Transfer to Community Public Television by $2,000. Account Number 10956-8218
   • Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
   • Councilor Manke suggested the increase to match the Fire Veterans as approved at the prior meeting for all of the community services they provide.
   • Councilor DelBuono indicated that the NCTV service allows for individuals to review to see and hear the information first hand.

   Roll Call Vote:
   - Councilor Anest - No
   - Councilor Arace - No
   - Councilor Budrejko - Yes

   Newington Town Council Special Meeting (4/16/2019)
3. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Transfer to CIP for Synthetic Turf Replacement Reserve by $12,500. Account Number 11100-8501
   • Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
   • Councilor Manke proposing to reduce but cut proposed transfer amount in half, believes that the proposed replacement should come from the Parks & Rec CIP Fund.
   • Councilor Budrejko indicated that the Parks & Rec CIP Fund will grow and should be able to utilize those funds.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Councilor Anest - No
   Councilor Arace - No
   Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   Councilor Manke - Yes
   Councilor Marocchini - No
   Councilor Miner - No
   Councilor Serra - No
   Mayor Zartarian – Yes

   • Motion failed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

4. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Transfer to CIP for Parks and Playgrounds by $50,000. Account Number 11100-8501
   • Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
   • Councilor Manke indicated that the fund will still be increased by $75,000 with the proposed reduction.
   • Councilor Marocchini stated that the Parks, Pools and Playgrounds maintenance utilizes this fund directly, and the aging pools will require these funds.

   Roll Call Vote:
   Councilor Anest - No
   Councilor Arace - No
   Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   Councilor Manke - Yes
   Councilor Marocchini - No
   Councilor Miner - No
• Motion failed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

5. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Parks and Grounds – Equipment Rental by $2,000. Account Number 10831-8210
   • Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
   • Councilor Manke indicated that the 17-18 equipment rental was $8,500, 18-19 equipment budget increased to $16,662, 19-20 proposed at $17,108.
   • Councilor Anest stated that the increase was for portable bathrooms.
   • Councilor DelBuono indicated that the fund has double over the last two years, could tighten budget slightly.
   • Councilor Serra suggested that a rental cost increase may have been the reason for the budget increase.

   **Roll Call Vote:**
   Councilor Anest - No
   Councilor Arace - No
   Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   Councilor Manke - Yes
   Councilor Marocchini - No
   Councilor Miner - No
   Councilor Serra - No
   Mayor Zartarian - Yes

   • Motion failed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

6. Councilor Manke moved to decrease Transfer to CIP for Townwide Fiber Optic Deployment by $75,000. Account Number 11100-8501
   • Seconded by Councilor DelBuono
   • Councilor Manke indicated that the proposed reduction would still be an increase over last year
   • Councilor Marocchini indicated that they had proposed a $50,000 reduction to this item. Indicated that this is tied into the Town Hall project for the next two years. Proposed funding for the project is around $2.0 million.

   **Roll Call Vote:**
   Councilor Anest - No
   Councilor Arace - No
   Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   Councilor Manke - Yes
   Councilor Marocchini - No
   Councilor Miner - No
   Councilor Serra - No
   Mayor Zartarian - Yes
7. Councilor Anest moved to reduce **Transfer from General Fund Undesignated Balance** by $100,000.
   - Seconded by Councilor Serra
   - Councilor Anest stated that based on tentative budget they were able to determine it would not be necessary to utilize additional fund balance and proposing to reduce the amount utilized.
   - Councilor Manke did not support utilizing saving account before, would support the motion now.

   **Roll Call Vote:**
   - Councilor Anest - Yes
   - Councilor Arace - Yes
   - Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   - Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   - Councilor Manke - Yes
   - Councilor Marocchini - Yes
   - Councilor Miner - Yes
   - Councilor Serra - Yes
   - Mayor Zartarian – Yes

   - Motion passed unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

8. Councilor Anest moved to restore **Senior Center-Fitness Equipment** by $4,000. **Account Number 10644-8402**
   - Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
   - Councilor Budrejko questioned the reason for the restoration of the funds.
   - Councilor Anest indicated that they had reviewed the budget and determined they would be able to restore the funds.
   - Councilor DelBuono indicated that she was not in support of the reduction last meeting, would support the restored funds.

   **Roll Call Vote:**
   - Councilor Anest - Yes
   - Councilor Arace - Yes
   - Councilor Budrejko - Yes
   - Councilor DelBuono - Yes
   - Councilor Manke - Yes
   - Councilor Marocchini - Yes
   - Councilor Miner - Yes
   - Councilor Serra - Yes
   - Mayor Zartarian – Yes

   - Motion passed unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

9. Councilor Anest moved to increase **Parks & Recreation Construction & Maintenance Materials (Middle Pavilion Roof)** by $4,500. **Account Number 10831-8306**
• Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
• Councilor Anest stated that this was originally removed assuming they could utilize CIP funding but would not meet the criteria.
• Councilor Marocchini indicated that they would not be able to utilize Town CIP as Capital project must be approved in the budget. Good to make sure heavily utilized item are maintained for public use.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - No
Councilor DelBuono - No
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - No

• Motion passed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

10. Councilor Anest moved to decrease Transfer to CIP – Town Wide Fiber Optics by $50,000 Account Number 11100-8501
• Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
• Councilor Anest referenced Councilor Marocchini’s comments on item #6 above.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - Yes
Councilor DelBuono - Yes
Councilor Manke - Yes
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - Yes

• Motion passed unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

11. Councilor Anest moved to increase Board of Education by $50,000 Account Number 14000-8601
• Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
• Councilor Anest indicated that Board of Education had requested an English Language Learner position and are proposing to increase to allow for the filling of the position.
• Councilor DelBuono indicated their previous proposal was less, but with that restored funds was now moving in a better direction.

Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - Yes
Councilor DelBuono - Yes
Councilor Manke - Yes
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian – Yes

- Motion passed unanimously 9-0 as indicated in the above roll call vote.
- Motion by Councilor Marocchini

RESOLVED:

That the following General Fund appropriations of the Town of Newington are hereby adopted for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of the Town of Newington:

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Government Operations:

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<td>5,397,735</td>
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<td>Capital Improvements</td>
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<td>Employee Leave Liability Reserve Fund</td>
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<td>Board of Education</td>
<td>74,768,011</td>
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<td>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</td>
<td>$123,706,166</td>
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 805 of the Charter of the Town of Newington, the following General Fund estimated revenues be raised to meet these appropriations:
ESTIMATED REVENUES:

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<td>Investment Income</td>
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<td>Fines</td>
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<td>Charges for Services</td>
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<td>Refunds &amp; Reimbursements</td>
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<td>Sale of Town Property</td>
<td>5,140</td>
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<td>Federal Aid</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
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<td>Transfers from Other Funds</td>
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<td><strong>Total Estimated Revenues and Applied Fund Balance</strong></td>
<td><strong>$123,706,166</strong></td>
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General Fund Balance Applied 1,100,000

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPLIED FUND BALANCE  $123,706,166

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Clerk is hereby instructed to place the accompanying General Fund Budget Summary on the record of this meeting to illustrate the above appropriations and revenue estimates.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the following budget is hereby adopted for the Public School Capital Improvement Projects Reserve Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

APPROPRIATIONS:

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<td>District-wide Security and Safety</td>
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<td>District-wide Furniture Replacement</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<td>Technology Equipment</td>
<td>50,000</td>
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<td>System-wide Air Conditioning Installation</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Athletic Improvements</td>
<td>15,000</td>
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District-wide Bathroom Renovations  
Arts Facility Modifications  
District-wide Playground Renovations  
District-wide Lighting Improvements  
District-wide Corridor/Exterior Doors  
District-wide Blacktop/Paving  
District-wide Vehicles  
Town Hall Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FF&E)  
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS  

ESTIMATED REVENUES:  
General Fund Appropriations  
Interest Earnings  
Tuition Receipts  
School Rental Receipts  
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES AND APPLIED FUND BALANCE  

• Seconded by Councilor Serra  
• Councilor DelBuono indicated that she did not support the CIP budget based on Town Hall Reno project costs contained within it. Feels the budget has too large of an increase and will not be supporting.  

Roll Call Vote:  
Councilor Anest - Yes  
Councilor Arace - Yes  
Councilor Budrejko - No  
Councilor DelBuono - No  
Councilor Manke - No  
Councilor Marocchini - Yes  
Councilor Miner - Yes  
Councilor Serra - Yes  
Mayor Zartarian - No  

• Motion passed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.  

B. Adoption of Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan 2019-20 through 2023-2024  
• Motion by Councilor Anest  
RESOLVED:  
The Newington Town Council hereby adopts the "Town of Newington Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2019 through 2022-2023," a final copy of which will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.
NOTE: This vote is binding only for the funds committed for fiscal year 2019-2020; the proposed funding for 2020-2021 through 2023-2024 is for planning purposes only and is subject to change through future budget deliberations.

- Seconded by Councilor Marocchini
- Councilor Manke requested the CIP Total for expenditures
- Janet Murphy, Finance Director indicated, including Debt, a total of $6,797,799.
- Councilor DelBuono indicated an est. $1.6 million attributed to the Town Hall project and an extra tax payer burden.
- Councilor Budrejko indicated that an estimated 30% is attributed to the Town Hall project in the proposed CIP. Cannot support during this year.
- Councilor Marocchini indicated that the change in funding from $6.3 million to 5.8% of the budget enable to the town to absorb more for the project. Does not feel that the funding is affecting taxes.
- Councilor DelBuono indicated she had spoken with Councilor Manke about a possible future change to the CIP expenditure and the change to a budget percentage. Felt with State funding it may not be sustainable for the town.

**Roll Call Vote:**
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - No
Councilor DelBuono - No
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - No

- **CIP motion passed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.**

C. Set Mill Rate

- **Motion by Councilor Anest.**

**RESOLVED:**

In accordance with Section 805 of the Town Charter of the Town of Newington, the Town Council hereby fixes a tax rate of 39.45 mills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, which shall be levied on taxable real and personal properties and motor vehicles property in the Town of Newington listed on the October 1, 2018 Grand List, and said tax shall become due and payable in accordance with Section 43-1 of the Newington Code of Ordinances. The Town Manager is hereby authorized to make out and sign the rate bill in accordance with this motion.

- Seconded by Councilor Marocchini.
Roll Call Vote:
Councilor Anest - Yes
Councilor Arace - Yes
Councilor Budrejko - No
Councilor DelBuono - No
Councilor Manke - No
Councilor Marocchini - Yes
Councilor Miner - Yes
Councilor Serra - Yes
Mayor Zartarian - No

- Mill Rate motion passed 5-4 as indicated in the above roll call vote.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – ON AGENDA (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)
(3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

- Michael J. Fox, 1901 Main Street – Disappointed with the lack of public showing up at the budget meetings. Thanked the Town Council for their work on the budget with a Mil Rate increase under 1%.
- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive – Disappointed that the Park & Recreation cuts were not approved. Had issue with the Parks & Recreation CIP Funds and criteria for its use. Feels funding may not be being used to properly maintain the parks and grounds facilities. Concerned that NCTV increase was not approved.

VIII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS

- Councilor Marocchini thanked the members for their time on the budget. Was surprised how close each party was with their budget proposals.
- Councilor Manke appreciated that everyone was open about the budget process and the work and time that everyone put in to review it.
- Councilor Serra thanked everyone on the budget process. Had similar changes proposed by each side but were very close on holding the increase to a minimum.
- Mayor Zartarian spoke of previous year’s budget meetings and the public input that was received during the meetings. Proud of how the council reached their final budget.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Councilor Marocchini moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. Seconded by Councilor DelBuono. The motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Krupienski
Acting Recording Secretary