

Minutes of the Town of Westport Special Board Meeting on October 27, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Connell at 2:30 p.m.

The Assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present on a roll call were:

Councilperson Page
Councilperson Paquette
Councilperson Viens
Supervisor Connell
Excused: Councilperson McCormick

Others present:

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk
Jim Bullard, Anne Turek

BUDGET OVERVIEW

- Elected officials and appointed department heads' salaries will remain the same. Union workers, non-elected and non-appointed employees, and the town clerk will receive a 3% increase.
- The tax cap is .073%. Using an online formula, Supervisor Connell calculated that, to stay under the cap, the total levy should not exceed \$927,000. The total levy in the 2016 Budget is \$910,984.
- The tax rate for property owners outside of the water and sewer districts has decreased from \$3.99 (in 2015) to \$3.86.
- Two justice positions are still budgeted for.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Jim Bullard asked if the tax rate is reasonable compared to our neighbors. Supervisor Connell believes that it is.

ADJOURNMENT – Supervisor Connell adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Julie Schreiber, Town Clerk