

Board of Selectmen
Tri-Board Meeting with Boards of Finance and Education
Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School Cafeteria
December 10, 2018
Special Meeting Minutes

Selectmen Present: Emmett Lyman, First Selectman, Susan Link, Robert Smith

Board of Finance Members: William DiCristofaro, Chairman, Gregory Lauria, Secretary, Bruce Dutch, Todd Gelston, Tracey Gionta, Harvey Thomas

Board of Education Members: Bryan Perry, Chairman, Marc Piscioti, Secretary, Erik Anderson, Karin Blaschik, Nicole Hendry

Also present: Brian Reas, Superintendent of Schools, Cindy Varricchio, Finance Director, Cindy Hughson, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Approximately 12 citizens and staff.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Lyman called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Mr. DiCristofaro called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Mr. Perry called the Board of Education meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Tri-Board Meeting, 2019-2020 Proposed Budget-Boards of Finance, Education and Selectmen

A. Review and Discussion: Mr. DiCristofaro welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Jack Rogerson for video recording (live streaming) the meeting.

Mr. DiCristofaro stated the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for citizen input. He indicated that the town leaders would like to hear from citizens what is acceptable and unacceptable.

He stated that the format of the meeting would be to receive questions and then post the questions and answers on the Town's website so that everyone can see them. Mr. DiCristofaro noted that immediate answers to inquiries were not intended, but that we would endeavor to provide timely answers. He indicated that people would be allowed to speak and asked that when they did they provide their name, address and limit their comments to three minutes.

Each Board Chairman introduced the members of their respective Boards. Mr. Perry introduced Superintendent Reas as well.

A brief PowerPoint presentation was provided that discussed the key points of the upcoming budget process, current state of East Haddam finances and the key factors that each Board reviews when determining a new fiscal year budget. A copy of the presentation is available on the Town's website for review.

B. Guest and Audience Comments

Resident Robert Morsch spoke of the changes to the Transfer Station and the importance of recycling. Mr. Morsch was grateful to all the Boards for holding these forums and allowing citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions.

3. Adjournment: Motion was made by Mr. Lyman to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:43 pm. Mrs. Link seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Piscioti to adjourn the Board of Education meeting at 7:43 pm. Mrs. Blaschik seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Gionta for the Board of Finance meeting to recess at 7:43 pm. Mr. Gelston seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Link, Secretary