

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
6th FLOOR COUNCIL ROOM
MARCH 10, 2016**

Present: Richard Field, Chairman
William Eccles, Vice-Chair
Robert Green
Kristen Morgan
Jeanne Schroeder
David Skoczulek
Paul Krasusky

Also Present: Steven Werbner, Town Manager
Michael Wilkinson, Director of Administrative Services
Michele Manas, Collector of Revenue
Heidi Samokar, Director of Planning and Community Development
Beverly Bellody, Director of Human Services
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records
Scott Lappen, Public Works Director
Jim Paquin, Building Official

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Town Manager, Steve Werbner began the discussion of his proposed operating budget indicating that expenditures are increasing 2.52%. Overall expenditure increases is 2.62% for Town, 2.99% for BOE. A list of Tolland measures were compared to State averages including equalized mill rate and total expenditures. It was stated that Tolland has much lower expenditures when compared to State of CT peer Towns. The Governor's budget was discussed including the uncertainty of the \$437,559 of municipal revenue sharing. Net Revenue increase is \$270,837. Mill rate impact and tax impact was discussed. New mill rate increase is 0.98.

Steve Werbner discussed Planning and Community Development, Public Works and Refuse and Recycling. Planning and Building was reviewed including other land use boards and the inclusion of an assistant planner position on the budget. Public Works was reviewed including the areas of Parks, Streets and Roads, Paving and Capital Equipment. Refuse was reviewed including the areas of Recycling and Bulky Waste.

Richard Field, Paul Krasusky and William Eccles had questions during the presentation on various topics including bulky waste; and public works, among other questions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson
Director of Administrative Services