

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
6th FLOOR COUNCIL ROOM
MARCH 16, 2016**

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

Also Present: Steven Werbner, Town Manager
Michael Wilkinson, Director of Administrative Services
Beverly Bellody, Human Services Director
Barbara Pettijohn, Director of Library Services
Rob DaBica, Fire Marshal
Betsy Tanner, Fire Department
Bruce Watt, Recreation Director
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records
John Littell, Public Safety Director
Dan McCarthy, Resident Trooper
Walter Willett, BOE Superintendent
Various Fire Dept. employees and officers

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm.

Steve Werbner discussed Human Services, Library, Recreation and Law Enforcement/Public Safety.

Steve Werbner began by discussing the recent reduction in state revenue in the area of school transportation and Pequot funds required the Mill increase to go from 2.94% to 3.33%. Trooper McCarthy discussed and crime statistics and the elimination of SRO Trooper in BOE budget and Steve Werbner discussed the impacts of Governor's proposed budget and other alternative police models. Public Safety Director John Littell discussed several issues that they feel need to be addressed going forward including animal control. Tolland has larger number of licensed dogs than Vernon, but only 30 total hours split among (2) part-timers for animal control. The Fire department discussed the CERT program. Beverly Bellody discussed working on in the area of grants and project administration. The Human Services budget is increasing \$4,484 mainly due to contractual salary increases. The new initiatives by Recreation Director Bruce Watt were discussed as well as the planned operation for the new Cross Farms Concession Stand and anticipated opening of Adam's Adventure. Library is increasing \$3,540 due to salary adjustments and the Library visits are slightly down.

David Skoczulek, Robert Green, Richard Field, William Eccles and Paul Krasusky had questions during the presentation on various topics including Library Statistics, Recreation Statistics, Fire department and the State budget.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson
Director of Administrative Services