

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
6th FLOOR COUNCIL ROOM
MARCH 20, 2018**

Present: Bill Eccles, Dave Skoczulek, Paul Reynolds, Tammy Nuccio and Brenda Falusi

Also Present: Steven Werbner, Town Manager
Michael Wilkinson, Director of Administrative Services
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records
Chris Jordan, Asst. Finance Director

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Town Council Chair Bill Eccles started the meeting as an open discussion on the budget. Brenda Falusi stated she liked the budget setup. Tammy Nuccio stated the process was informative but was concerned about the State revenue issue. Bill Eccles stated the budget was a safe and prudent course. Dave Skoczulek stated his concern about what is to come beyond the budget. Town Manager Steve Werbner stated at some point down the road the Town may need to go to priority based budgeting. Tammy Nuccio stated at some point we need a marketer of developable land in Town and that she ran for the Town Council promising to understand the budget. Paul Reynolds stated the low cost of services at Town and BOE can allow us to use fund balance to market to other Towns to regionalize. Dave Skoczulek commented on the desire to see the ratio between commercial and residential tax base for the Towns we use as comparisons. Steve Werbner suggested a realtor symposium relating to input on the crumbling foundation issue. Steve Werbner clarified that the BOE budget he forwarded to the Town Council had an increase of five positions. Steve Werbner stated the next meeting on the budget is the Public Hearing at Tolland High School on Thursday, March 22 at 7pm. Several residents had questions/comments relating to the Town's appetite for development; no magic bullet with business development; need to tell residents the true picture of development; and if there were going to be future employee cuts at BOE.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson
Director of Administrative Services