

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
6th FLOOR COUNCIL ROOM
MARCH 18, 2015**

Present: Jack Scavone, Chairman
George Baker, Vice-Chair
Richard Field
Jan Rubino
Benjamin Stanford
Paul Krasusky

Also Present: Steven Werbner, Town Manager
Michael Wilkinson, Director of Administrative Services
Beverly Bellody, Human Services Director
Nancy Dunn, Asst. Human Services Director
Barbara Pettijohn, Director of Library Services
Fran Weigand, Senior Center Director
Stephanie Mansell, Case Manager
Rebecca Ellert, Outreach Coordinator
Bruce Watt, Recreation Director
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records
John Littell, Public Safety Director
Doug Racicot, Asst. Public Safety Director
Sgt. Todd Stevens, Resident Trooper

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

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

Steve Werbner began by discussing the special projects Beverly works on in the area of grants and project administration. The Human Services budget is increasing \$13,775 mainly due contractual salary increases. Recreation budget has utilities included this year change and includes \$4,000 for the Celebrate Tolland Festival. 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 \$22,383 due to salary adjustments and the Library project is scheduled to take 8-10 months. Trooper Sgt. Stevens discussed crime statistics and the SRO program and Steve Werbner discussed the impacts of Governor's proposed budget and other alternative police models. Public Safety Director John Littell and Asst. Public Safety Director Doug Racicot discussed several issues that they feel need to be addressed going forward including increased hours for the Fire Marshal, which is included in the year's budget at 40 hours. Tolland has the same number of licensed dogs as Vernon, but only 30 total hours split among (2) part-timers for animal control. The Fire department discussed the CERT program.

Jack Scavone, Richard Field, George Baker, Paul Krasusky, Jan Rubino and Benjamin Stanford had questions during the presentation on various topics including conservation pathways, Fire department, the State budget, crime statistics before and after SRO

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson
Director of Administrative Services