

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
6th FLOOR COUNCIL ROOM
MARCH 20, 2014**

Present: Jack Scavone, Chairman
George Baker, Vice-Chair
William Eccles
Richard Field
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
Resident Trooper Sgt. Stevens
Resident Trooper Merrill
Linda Farmer, Town Planner
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records
Glen LeConche, Building Official
Jim Luczak, Town Engineer
Sam Adlerstein, BOE Chairperson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Steve Werbner discussed Law Enforcement, Planning & Community Development and General Government.

Todd Stevens discussed the Law Enforcement budget. He stated there have been 37 calls for service since 9/1/13 at Tolland High School. Also, 39 school shooting incidents nationwide since 1/1/14. He also discussed school issues and school safety. He talked about Nancy Dunn working on the Voices program with Trooper Merrill. Steve Werbner reinforced that a number one need in schools is a School Resource Officer. He recommends that if 80% not found by BOE that the BOE budget figure be reduced by that amount and give to Town budget for the School Resource Officer. Sam Adlerstein, BOE Chairperson, thought that Todd and Steve articulated the need for the SRO well, but that there may be concern by some that issues in the school(s) will be elevated with a law enforcement presence. Steve Werbner went on to discuss the budgets of Planning, Building Official, Town Engineer, Town Manager, Town Council, Human Resources and the rest of General Government. Linda Farmer discussed her budgets also including the impact of municipal projects on the building office. It was stated that Health Insurance costs are now down to a 10% increase. Various accomplishments, goals and needs were reviewed for all departments.

Jack Scavone, Richard Field, George Baker, Paul Krasusky, Benjamin Stanford and William Eccles had questions during the presentation on various topics including the Law Enforcement budget, the School Resource Officer, Planning and Development and General Government.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson
Director of Administrative Services