

**TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW CANAAN
ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
April 16, 2008
7:30 pm Town Hall Auditorium**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Mark DeWaele	Stephen Karl
Kenneth Campbell	Tucker Murphy
Kathryn Devereaux	Thomas O'Dea
Paul Foley	Johnny Potts
Christine Hussey	Penny Young
Elizabeth Jones	

MEMBER ABSENT: Richard White.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeb Walker, First Selectman and member, Ex-Officio, Town Council; George Maranis, Administrative Officer; Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; David Abbey, Superintendent of Schools; Michael Lagas, Business Manager, New Canaan Public Schools; representatives of the press.

Dr. DeWaele convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mr. O'Dea read the Notice of Meeting and called the roll, noting the presence of all the members except Mr. White.

Mr. De Waele thanked everyone for their efforts in the budget process and read the budget of the Town of New Canaan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, in totals, as per the categories below. The detail line items comprising each of these categories are attached to these minutes and form an integral part thereof:

	<u>2008-09 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
<u>General Government:</u>	\$ 9,697,926	\$912,308

Mr. Potts moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Mr. Karl, and it was approved unanimously

<u>Public Safety:</u>	\$ 8,946,139	\$412,011
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Mr. O'Dea moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Mr. Foley, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Public Works:</u>	\$ 7,646,992	\$340,321
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Mr. Campbell moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Ms. Devereaux, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Recreation:</u>	\$ 1,472,765	\$84,263
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Mr. Karl moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Ms. Hussey, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Library:</u>	\$ 1,623,500	\$49,523
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Ms. Hussey moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Mr. Potts, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Human Services:</u>	\$ 447,333	\$86,638
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Mr. Foley moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Ms. Murphy, and it was approved unanimously.

	<u>2008-2009 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
<u>Other Agencies:</u>	\$ 614,894	\$31,187

Mr. Foley moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Ms. Hussey, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Human Services Agencies:</u>	\$ 156,500	\$(11,000)
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Ms. Murphy moved the approval of this budget, it was seconded by Mr. Foley, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Total Town Operating Expense:</u>	\$ 30,606,049	\$1,905,2
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Mr. Karl moved the approval of the budget for Total Town Operating Expense, it was seconded by Mr. O’Dea, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Capital Expenditures - Town</u>	\$ 2,044,759	\$369,159
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Ms. Hussey moved the approval of this item, it was seconded by Mr. O’Dea, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Capital Expenditures- Board of Ed.</u>	\$ 1,686,747	\$(413,999)
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Ms. Hussey moved the approval of this item, it was seconded by Ms. Murphy, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Debt Service:</u>	Town	\$ 4,020,029	\$ 499,438
	School	<u>9,427,888</u>	<u>(29,029)</u>
	Total	\$ 13,447,917	\$ 470,409

Mr. O’Dea moved the approval of the budget for debt service, it was seconded by Ms. Murphy, and it carried unanimously.

<u>Board of Education:</u>	Operating-	\$ 59,066,500	\$ 3,525,710
	Health Insurance	<u>9,087,150</u>	<u>264,166</u>
	Total-	\$ 68,153,650	\$ 3,789,876

Ms. Murphy moved the approval of the Board of Education budget, it was seconded by Ms. Hussey, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Total Town Operating, All Debt Service, All Capital Expenditures and Board of Education Operating Expenses</u>	\$ 115,939,122	\$6,120,696
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Ms. Devereaux moved the approval of Total Town Operating, All Debt Service, All Capital Expenditures and Board of Education Operating Expenses, they were seconded by Mr. Foley, and they were approved unanimously.

	<u>2008-2009 Proposed</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
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GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

<u>Town:</u>	\$ 7,850,450	\$(776,192)
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Ms. Jones moved the approval of this item, it was seconded by Mr. Potts, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Board of Education:</u>	\$ 1,949,550	\$458,192
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Ms. Murphy moved approval of this item, it was seconded by Ms. Hussey, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Total Estimated Revenue:</u>	\$ 9,800,000	\$(318,000)
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Mr. Karl moved the approval of Total Estimated Revenue, it was seconded by Mr. Potts, and it was approved unanimously.

Amount to be raised by Taxation for General Fund	\$ 106,139,122	\$6,438,696
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Mr. Foley moved the Amount to be Raised by Taxation for General Fund, it was seconded by Mr. Campbell, and it was approved unanimously.

SEWER TAXING DISTRICT

<u>Total Sewer Operating Expense:</u>	\$ 1,186,005	\$58,837
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Mr. Campbell moved the approval of this item, it was seconded by Ms. Devereaux, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Total Sewer Capital Expense:</u>	\$ 60,500	\$(24,500)
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Ms. Jones moved the approval of this item, it was seconded by Ms. Hussey, and it was approved unanimously.

<u>Total Sewer Expenditures:</u>	\$ 1,246,505	\$34,337
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Ms. Devereaux moved the approval of Total Sewer Expenditures, they were seconded by Ms. Jones, and they were approved unanimously.

<u>Total Sewer Revenues</u>	\$ 103,875	\$(2,250)
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Ms. Devereaux moved the approval of this item, it was seconded by Mr. Campbell, and it was approved unanimously.

Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Sewer Fund	\$ 1,142,630	\$36,587
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Ms. Murphy moved the approval of Amount to be Raised by Taxation for Sewer Fund, it was seconded by Mr. Campbell, and it was approved unanimously.

Although not subject to vote by the Town Council, Dr. DeWaele read the following Town Financial Data Required By Statute into the record:

General Fund Grand List as of October 1, 2007 : \$ 7,051,176,455

Total Town Bonded Indebtedness as of April 16, 2008 - General Fund: \$138,693,479

Sewer Taxing District Grand List as of October 1, 2007: \$1,615,386,150

Total Sewer District Bonded Indebtedness as of April 16, 2008: \$770,685

Waveny Pool Indebtedness as of April 16, 2008: \$3,003,385

There being no further business, the Town Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas P. O'Dea, Jr., Secretary