

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
Town Council**

**Special Budget Meeting
Joint Meeting with Town Council
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
6:00 P.M. – Douglas Room in Lapham Center**

Minutes

Members Present:

Neil Budnick	Susan LaPerla
Kathleen Corbet	Christine Wagner
John Emert	Jeb Walker, Chairman
Paul Giusti	

Members Absent: Mary Davis Cody, John Laird, Todd Lavieri, Robert Spangler and Dan Ward.

Others Present:

Sally Hines, Board of Selectmen
Town Council:

- Mark DeWaele, Chairman
- Ken Campbell
- Kit Devereaux
- Paul Foley
- Christine Hussey
- Beth Jones
- Steve Karl
- Tucker Murphy
- Tom O'Dea
- Johnny Potts
- Richard White
- Penny Young

Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer

Tiger Mann, Senior Engineer and Assistant Director, Department of Public Works

Tom Stadler, Administrative Officer

Alice Knapp, Library Director

Fire Commission:

- E. Roger Williams, Chairman
- Sven Englund
- Jack Horner

Fire Department:

- Ed Karl, Chief
- Jack Hennessey, Assistant Chief
- Steve Gaeta, Firefighter

Ms. Corbet took attendance noting the absence of Ms. Cody and Messrs: Emert, Laird, Lavieri, Spangler and Ward. Ms. Wagner was seated for Mr. Laird. Mr. Emert arrived at 6:32 P.M. and was seated for Mr. Spangler.

Mr. Walker began the meeting at 6:10 P.M. by welcoming the members of Town Council and the Board of Finance to the joint meeting. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to present and explain the budget process to date and to begin the budget handoff to Town Council. Mr. Walker described the process that began last fall by requesting the Town Departments and the Board of Education to minimize year-over-year increases in their budgets. He indicated that the Board of Finance will approve a budget at their meeting on March 17 and then

present its budget recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for submission to the Town Council not later than March 24th.

Mr. Walker then asked the Board of Finance liaison teams to present a brief overview of their process and key points relating to their respective areas:

Presenters included:

- Mr. Giusti and Ms. Corbet for Public Works
- Mr. Emert and Mr. Giusti for Police Department
- Ms. Corbet and Mr. Budnick for Fire Department
- Liaison team of Messrs: Lavieri, Spangler and Ward were absent. Mr. Emert and Ms. Murphy from Town Council discussed the Board of Education

Mr. DeWaele thanked the Board of Finance members for their hard work over the last several months in reviewing and shaping the budget. He said that he appreciated the various insights, both general and specific, that were provided by the Board of Finance to Town Council.

Adjournment - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom O'Dea, Secretary