

**TOWN OF NEW CANAAN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOARD OF FINANCE
TOWN COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
Saturday, June 14, 2008
9:00 am - Lapham Community Center**

Present: Jeb Walker, Rob Mallozzi, Sally Hines, Mark DeWaele, Tom O'Dea, Penny Young, Paul Giusti, Paul Foley, John Laird, Kathleen Corbet, Susan LaPerla, Johnny Potts, Ken Campbell, Beth Jones, Steve Karl, Kit Devereaux, Tucker Murphy, Neil Budnick

Absent: Bob Spangler, Dick White, Robert DiPanni, John Emert, Chris Hussey, Dan Ward, Mary Davis

The meeting convened at 9:00AM with an introduction by First Selectman Jeb Walker and Town Council Chairman Mark DeWaele. They explained the facilitation role of Todd Lavieri, the CEO of Archstone Consulting. Mr. Lavieri gathered input from all members via an internet based survey tool. 23 of 24 members responded. Mr. Walker explained that all Archstone services were provided on a pro-bono basis.

Mr. Walker and Dr. DeWaele then described the objective of the meeting, which were to examine possible changes to the budget process that could make the processes more efficient and to discuss the philosophy of government. Dr. DeWaele then reviewed the meeting agenda and reminded all participants that the discussion of actual items of Town business was to be avoided.

After a review of the agenda, Mr. Lavieri gave a summary review of the electronic survey findings. After a brief discussion of the survey results, members were assigned to smaller working groups for the first of two "Breakout" sessions. The first breakout working groups discussed the role of government and general priorities for New Canaan. These groups then presented a brief synopsis of their discussions to the entire meeting. The meeting then adjourned for a short break at 10:45 am and reconvened at 11:00 AM . Group assignments were changed for a second "Breakout" session which worked on three difficult "what-if" scenarios.

Again, each group presented a synopsis of their discussion to the rest of the participants.

The entire group then discussed the formation of several joint task forces to research "best practices" of the neighboring towns regarding the "budget process" and strategic "master planning".

Specific committee assignments are as follows:

Best Practices: Kathleen Corbet; Chairman, Kit Devereaux, Tucker Murphy, Rob Mallozzi, Neil Budnick, Jenny McMahon; BOE.

Budget Process: Dan Ward; Chairman, Roger Smith, Steve Karl, Paul Foley, Sally Hines

Master Plan: Paul Giusti; Chairman, Johnny Potts, Ken Campbell, Jeb Walker

Thanks were given to the Jeniam Foundation who underwrote the costs of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Thomas O'Dea
Secretary**

