

SPECIAL MEETING WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

WINDHAM TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 - 8:15 P.M., or
immediately following receipt of referendum results
for the BOE Budget.



1. Call to Order

Mayor Ernest S. Eldridge called the Town Council meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Town Council members present: Ernest S. Eldridge, Arnaldo Rivera, N. Joseph Underwood, Erika Haynes, Charles Krich, Kevin Donohue, Teresa Santucci, and Christel Donahue

Town Council members excused: Lorraine McDevitt, Mike Lessard and Jerry Iazzetta.

Town Manager Neal J. Beets was also present

2. Citizens and Delegations

Bernie stated that the Town needs to do a drastic overhaul of the Town Charter. He mentioned that the State needs to take control of the Board of Education.

Lori Jeffers stated that she was not surprised the budget went down again. She also mentioned that victims of name calling would like to see the Board of Education eliminated.

3. New Business

a. Discussion and possible action to set a mill rate for the General Government and Board of Education until such time as the Voters approve the Education Budget.

Underwood MOVED, Donohue seconded, to set a mill rate of 26.87 for the General Government and Board of Education until such time as the voters approve the education budget. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolutions and Ordinances

a. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution authorizing Town of Windham General Government and Board of Education expenditures for a period of 90 days beginning July 1, 2011.

Underwood MOVED, Santucci seconded, to adopt resolution # 2538.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council THAT

**A Resolution of the Town Council for Windham,
Connecticut, Authorizing the Expenditure of Funds.**

Whereas, the Voters have not approved the Board of Education budget before the commencement of fiscal year **2011 – 2012;**

Whereas, Section X-7 of the Town Charter provides the Town Council with the authority, in this circumstance, to approve necessary expenditures as provided in the General Statutes;

Whereas, Section 7-405 of the Connecticut General Statutes provides the Town Council with the authority to approve such necessary expenditures for a period of 90 days commencing **July 1, 2011**;

Whereas, the Town has a strong need to expend funds for employees, programs, education, contract obligations, debt service payments, public building maintenance, equipment, utilities, insurance, environmental control systems, care of public resources such as streets and parks, and garbage collection;

Whereas, the Town's disbursing officers may expend funds legally upon approval by the Town Council of such expenditures;

Now, therefore, the Town Council adopts the following resolution:

1. The Town's disbursing officers are hereby authorized to expend funds as necessary, for a period of time up to and including **September 30, 2011**, but to expend no more than **\$3,306,376** within General Government line items; and to expend no more than an aggregate of **\$10,467,877** for the Board of Education, prior to **September 30, 2011**;
2. Expenditures under this resolution shall be measured by the Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools to be kept to amounts which would aggregate, should an annual budget not be adopted this fiscal year, to no more than the expenditures approved under the Board of Education annual budget for fiscal year **2010 – 2011**; except that expenditures shall be made to be consistent with and meet statutory obligations.
3. The Town Manager and Superintendent of Schools shall prepare a report on the disbursements authorized by these resolutions for the Town Council and the Board of Education on a monthly basis.
4. This authorization shall expire, automatically, upon the date the Voters approve an annual budget for the Board of Education for fiscal year **2011 – 2012**.
5. Should an annual budget not be approved by **September 15, 2011**, the Town Manager shall obtain from the Town Council further authorization to expend funds for the period of **October 1, 2011** forward.

MOTION PASSED with all in favor except Haynes who opposed.

5. Adjournment

Santucci MOVED, Rivera seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Submitted By:

Neida I. Rosado
Clerk of the Town Council

