

Board of Selectmen  
Special Budget Meeting  
March 2, 2016  
Town Hall  
21 Field Park Drive, Haddam, CT 06438

Present: First Selectman, Lizz Milardo, Selectmen Robert Duval, Sean Donlan and Alice Zanelli

First Selectman Milardo called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Milardo stated she wanted to revisit the Road Fund (Fund 12).

Ms. Milardo made a motion to reduce the Road Fund to \$500,000.00 instead of the previously approved amount of \$750,000.00.

Discussion followed.

Ms. Milardo gave an overview of the previous decision to allocate \$750,000.00 to the Road Fund. The decision was made because the Board of Selectmen had discussed and agreed that the roads of the town are in disarray and in desperate need of repairs. Knowing where we are in savings with salt and sand and with a few other items we are in good shape for this year and we could request the Board of Finance to allocate the savings from this fiscal year to go to the Road Fund, it would basically achieve what we were trying to do with the \$750,000.00 increase. We can keep the savings and not tax the taxpayers twice for that amount of money.

Mr. Donlan questioned the process of the Road Fund budget, if the Board of Selectmen allocates \$500,000.00 then that is all the road fund can spend. We want them to have the authority to spend the \$750,000.00.

The Board of Selectmen discussed as to how this will affect the mil rate and to keep the budget low, the road fund should stay at \$500,000.00. The BOS also wants to send the message also that the roads need to be fixed and want specific projects to be done therefore; the road fund should have the allocated amount of \$750,000.00.

Motion did not carry.

Ms. Milardo made the motion to reduce the Dispatch Services budget # 230 by \$26,000.00. The original allocation was \$142,637.00 the numbers from Valley Shore came in at \$116,637.00.

Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Milardo made the motion to add a line in the Haddam Ambulance Services #425 and to fund the line with \$8,333.00. The name of line will be Middlesex Hospital Paramedics.

Middlesex Hospital Paramedic service program has been in existence for the past 30 years. They have not been paid for their services and basically with all the cut backs the hospital is looking to see where most of the subsidies are happening. They are proposing and increase per capita, this year will be 1% next year will be 2%, the year after next will be 3% , 4% and 5% at the subsequent years.

Motion approved unanimously.

Mr. Robert Duval made a motion to adjourn at 7:03 P.M.

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes taken from tape by,

Georgia Emanuel