

**Town of Haddam
BOARD OF FINANCE
Budget Meeting
Haddam Town Annex
Monday, February 27, 2017
APPROVED MINUTES**

In attendance: Chairman Joseph Centofanti, Members: Marjorie DeBold, Cheryl Haase, David Kapitulik, Chris Alexy, Alternate: Joanne Nesti, First Selectman, Lizz Milardo, Board of Selectmen: Robert Duval

Not in Attendance: Harlan Freidericksen and Alternate James Bucko and Robert McGarry

Staff in Attendance: Finance Director, Barbara Bertrand

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
 - a. Chairman Centofanti called the Meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
 - b. *The Pledge of Allegiance* was recited.
2. A motion was made Ms. DeBold, seconded by Mr. Kapitulik to seat Ms. Nesti for Mr. Fredericksen. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Chariman Centofanti called the Assessor, Jennifer Gauthier to come forward to present her budget request. Ms. Gauthier explained the number of parcels in town and the requirement for a full revaluation for the Grand List year 2020. She suggested an alternative to her original budget and explained the board her thoughts. She felt that with in-house revaluation the town would save money. After hearing her presentation the Board acted upon the Assessor's budget. Ms. DeBold made a motion seconded by Mr. Kapitulik to approve the budget. 030, Assessor in the amount of \$127,340. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Town Counsel and asked Ms. Milardo for comments regarding the Labor Attorney and at what stage the negotiations are. At this time meeting are scheduled and progress will be made. After discussion Mr. Kapitulik made a motion, seconded by Ms. Haase to fund 050, Town Counsel in the amount of \$60,000.

Ms. Milardo explained her request for the EDC budget including a part time shared position with East Haddam. There was discussion regarding on oversight of the individual. Ms. Haase mentioned the River COG and questioned their roll in economic development. After discussion a motion was made by M. Kapitulik and seconded by Ms. DeBold to fund budget 120, Economic Development Commission in the amount of \$21,500. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Public Comment: There was no public comment.
5. Adjournment: Mr. Kapitulik made a Motion to Adjourn meeting Ms. Haas seconded the Motion and it was approved unanimously.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.
Minutes taken by Barbara Bertrand