



**TOWN COUNCIL  
WATERTOWN, CONNECTICUT  
MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2011  
REGULAR MEETING - 7:30 P.M.**

**WATERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL  
AUDITORIUM  
324 FRENCH STREET  
WATERTOWN, CT 06795  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Elaine Adams  
Richard DiFederico  
Katherine Duplissie  
Richard Fusco  
Linda Masayda  
Raymond Primini, Chairman  
Paul Rinaldi  
Mary Ann Rosa, Vice Chairman  
Thomas Winn

**ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Chuck Frigon, Town Manager  
Frank Nardelli, Assistant Town Manager/Finance Director

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Chairman Primini called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Ms. King, Secretary executed the roll call.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Chairman's Report** – Discussed town budget and the Town Subcommittee has worked very hard the past several months.

Motion: (Mary Ann Rosa sec. Katherine Duplissie) to add item 7b Finance Subcommittee to the agenda.

## **MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY**

### **4. Public Participation**

#### **Kelly McGuire – 301 Oak Drive**

We need to be here from the beginning of the process to let you know how we feel. The past few years my community leaders appear to have little faith in our public schools and need to stand behind our Board of Education or trust the hours of worth into preparing our budget each year. Instead you chop the budget without thoughtful question and degrade the serious decisions made to maintain our education in this town without overspending. Ms. McGuire asked commission members how many currently have children in the schools? When have you stepped foot in the school when it is in session? It is the problem of every single person in this room and as the leaders of our town it is especially yours when our schools are under funded.. Keep the education budget at its recommended amount by the Board of Education and help us pass the referendum, thank you.

#### **Denise Russ – 155 Porter Street**

Mr. Russ asked if we were going back to the special meeting or are we going to do it at the end.

**Mr. Primini** we are going to keep that recessed and concentrate on this one.

#### **Rachael Ryan – 31 Warren Way**

My parents made sure I got the best education possible and it has served me extremely well. Therefore there is nothing more important to me than the education of my own children. I have two children in the public school and their experience so far has been wonderful. I feel so fortunate for the education that they received. Now as we face the zero percent increase for another year I am beginning to feel helpless and hopeless. I worry about the programs that will be cut and the number of students in each class, they are already too large. I understand why the Finance Subcommittee cut away money in the budget, they wanted it to pass and the only way to do that was with the 0% increase. However it is your job as our representatives to put forth the best budget for the town and not the budget that the no votes want. Every year I worked tirelessly to get out the vote. However no matter how much I do for other students the turnout is going to be low. There are two sides to every story; many who vote no do so because they worry about what will happen to their taxes, which I understand. However the other side of the story is about our children and their future and the future of this town. A zero percent budget increase are not sustainable year after year, there must be a shared sacrifice on the part of all residents of our town. If we pull together we can have a future of hope, thank you.

**Nadine Savage – 629 Linkfield Road**

It is not up to you guys to decide how much money is needed for a fair and adequate education for our children. At least for this go around you have to trust the Board of Education to make the right decision with regards to what should be spent for our children. You owe it to them and you owe it to the parents in this town to have a shot at the referendum that doesn't totally decimate our school system. You have been told and it has been in the paper what will happen if the money is cut from the Board of Education budget. You cannot hide behind the "*well we don't decide what will be cut, we just say how much*" it is public knowledge as to what will be cut, so you know and you will be responsible. If you decide to cut more money from the Board of Education budget I think each and every one of you should look at all these kids faces on your way out and tell them why they won't have sports, or why they won't have world languages or why they will not have music or why they may have 28 kids in their class. Then before someone else writes a letter to the paper how our children are being used by the parents, make no mistake this entire process is about them. It is about their education and they have every right to hear what is going on and see who maybe taking things away from their education. Secondly, it is a great way for them to learn about how local government works and what the role different people play in their government and how it directly affects them. Every generation tries to make things better for their children. Some how it seems like Town Council year after year is intent on making our education system worse for our children. We have been for several years running at the bottom of the state in spending per child. Sometimes frugal isn't great anymore, sometimes it is a detriment to our children. I graduated from Watertown High School and there are a lot of things that I had through the school system that my kids will never see. Band as a class, Chorus as a class, gym all four years, swimming all four years, CPR in gym class, the DARE program, World Language in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for everybody, eighth grade now is only for a select few. Please leave the Board of Education budget as presented enough is enough?

**Katie Gordon – 115 Guernseystown Road**

We are asking for a chance for our kids. The Town Council is meant to lead our town and to provide services for the residents. Instead of doing that right now what has been happening is that the council has been dismantling our education system by continuing to under fund. The Board of Education did not ask you for what we wanted, what we wanted for our students are gifted programs or World Language for everyone the things that we wanted we know are out of reach. Since my older son was in first grade the curriculum has been changing with teachers and administration. My kindergartener has a much stronger program than his older brother did. I can see the results but if you keep taking money away that is going to fall apart, that growth will not continue to happen and in fact we will reverse it. The parents and the residents are watching and we will hold you accountable.

**Teresa Cardamone – 255 Kimberly Lane**

I would like to ask you not to reduce the Board of Education budget. I have two preschoolers and I am concerned with the school system. I also want to mention that I have talked to residents that are considering moving out of town if our school system continues on its current path. The quality of a good school system also impacts the town property values. It also impacts our ability to generate business development. Whereas the quality school system

can encourage new business development which would in turn reduce the pressure on residential taxpayers.

**Kathy Ruszkowski – 81 Sunnyside Ave.**

Zero percent that is what you are asking the school board to present as their budget increase. Zero percent is what the Board of Ed has gotten since 2008. Our funding has gone down from the Federal & State government since 2008. Thirty teaching jobs have been lost since 2008 that has to stop. Our quality of education has gone down, our test scores have remained stagnate which is something that should be increasing with no child left behind and all the extra initiatives that have been going in. Our kids deserve the same things that the kids 10 and 20 years ago had, the things like World Language which is necessary to compete in the business world as they graduate. I worked with high school children and I see what the quality is coming out of the high school now, they are good kids but they are undereducated. A lot of them cannot spell well, a lot of them do not have proper language and World Language needs to be there. All of the parents here have been working really hard to try to find a way to help improve the school system without spending money. We do need funding and we do need quality teachers. If our school system keeps sliding we are going to lose residents and property values will fall and you will not recover. I hear people who are constantly saying they are putting their children in private schools because they have no faith in our school system and what is that going to do in our community in the long run. The heart of the town is your Town Hall and the support staff of the Town Council, our schools, the libraries if they are under funded they will fall and our community will fall apart and will not get the partnership to support our town in the future.

**Greg Hawes – 31 Warren Way**

This is my first time in this auditorium and it is beautiful. The town at one point felt it was important to put resources and money into building these cathedrals of learning and now they have decided to defrock all the priests. I do not understand where that process comes from, but I do understand that at some point you have taken the position of negotiating with yourself over this budget assuming you lose. What worries me is that we have a budget that cuts to the bone and should it fail we start amputating part of the community. We amputate the lives of the students we cut them off. It is absolutely important that the citizens of the town be given a chance to vote on a budget that reflects the needs of the students first. That has to be the first priority when it comes time to vote for the budget, thank you.

**Bill Dowling – 9 Peck Lane**

We moved here some distance about 5 years ago and when we moved here I was concerned of what I heard about the school system. I heard the high school was on probation and some other things that I heard that were not very good. A short amount of time went by we noticed that things were improving, the High School and Polk School were being worked on and it seemed that there was a real interest in this town, a real enthusiasm for the education system. I would just say that I have since watched that enthusiasm appear to wane; I understand that our economic conditions in the entire country have taken a nose dive and I certainly do not blame you all for that. But what I would ask you is to consider the folks here an opportunity to have a say in the decision on the budget.

**Julie Nom – 110 Woodbury Road**

I am not even a citizen, I am not a Watertown resident, and I will be really quick though. I wanted to point out from an objective view how important education is. I am from Korea and Korean education is fiercely enhancing itself and we have to catch up to Korea. I am going off to a great college this year and when I hear all these speeches about how children deserve a great education and World Language, I agree. Kids need this education to go off and compete with people of other countries.

**Guy Bizzano – 399 Artillery Lane**

I am here tonight respectfully asking that you restore the Board of Education budget to what was submitted originally to the Finance Subcommittee last month. That budget has already cut 10.4 teachers on top of the 20 positions cut over the past two years; significantly reduced class size and eliminated programs. You may have cut the budget to zero to secure easy win at referendum but to succumb to a far greater cost to this town. The likely loss of all interscholastic sports, the loss of World Language program, the loss of Music programs and more, what makes you think a budget without programs like that will pass in this town. The budget increase submitted to you by the Board the Ed nearly all of it is simply to replace state and federal money that is no longer coming to Watertown and just to keep paying for the personnel and fixed costs that remain after the 30 teachers. Over 10% of our staff we have to let go since 2008. Over the past few months the Charter Revision Committee has heard from a significant and vocal share of our community that they want to retain the right to decide what their budget will be and what their taxes will be. When you cut a budget to zero before it evens goes to referendum, you're taking that decision out of the voter's hands. I am asking you to give us that choice back. We all know that this town has seen serious economic stress over the past few years; all of us have been touched by it. Setting the town budget to zero with the least fortunate among us in mind or worse simply deciding what will pass at referendum only brings more economic stress people have just said. Who is going to move to a town where the schools don't offer interscholastic Sports, or Music programs, or Language and who will want to stay here and how will they be able to sell their house. Setting budgets for the least fortunate in our town at the moment makes as much sense as setting budget for the most fortunate in our town. To keep this town growing for residents and businesses we need budgets that is reasonable for our taxpayers and responsible to our children. That is exactly what the Board of Ed submitted to you last month, a budget already reduced by \$768,893 that presents a reasonable added tax request of less than \$100 dollars for a typical household in town and maintains essential forces and our efforts to improve teaching and student performance so we can improve our test scores that the previous speaker just mentioned. After no increase whatsoever in this town for education since 2008 does less than \$100, less than two dollars a week sound unreasonable to you. If it does remember this in this town we support 27 restaurants and bars, we support 9 liquor stores, 4 fast food restaurants, and 3 Dunkin Doughnuts since 2008 we have not been able to spend one more dime on education in this town. What does that say about our priorities, our values and our leadership, let's support the children of this town and their education the way we know we can.

**Thomas Lambert – 28 Cottage Place**

I am 67 years old and I am mad and upset and I am not going to take it anymore. The economy is bad I already paid for my children's education; we cannot afford an increase in taxes. After all I am a senior citizen on social security, folks I have a right to be mad. This might seem like an easy way out but after all I am entitled, my job is done and it is someone else's job to do. My responsibilities are over, I feel better already but what about my grandchildren, what will happen to them are they going to be okay. Will they get the excellent education that my children received in Watertown over 25 years ago? Who will pay for their education, all of these questions are not easy to answer. We look to the political leaders including the Board of Education for answers not excuses. We look to the Town Manager to help the Town Council find directions to lead the council by example. We look to the Finance Director to help in ways to solve our integrate budget problems, to find creative solutions to our fiscal situation. The council is the authority for all the residents and taxpayers in Watertown and if they set up a budget figure that meets the needs of the residents and the students of Watertown and the mil rate increases slightly I think that is a reasonable and measured approach to our situation. We the parents and grandparents of our children and grandchildren will not stand in line for a handout all we want is a hand up. We are not afraid of our responsibilities to educate our children we will not sniffle and whine and make excuses, we will man up, get creative and get the job done. When it comes to our children and my grandchildren the job is never done, thank you.

**Mr. Primini** noted that Karen Baldwin could not be here tonight, if anybody had any questions refer to the Superintendent of Schools.

**5. Minutes**

**a. Regular Meeting – April 4, 2011**

a. (Mary Ann Rosa sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting – April 4, 2011 as written.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**6. Town Manager's Report - none**

**7. Subcommittee Report**

**a. Public Works Subcommittee** – Thomas Winn – had meeting at Senior Center on April 7<sup>th</sup> about the Sunnyside Ave Construction which was well attended with many questions asked and answered.

**b. Finance Subcommittee** – Richard Fusco – committee met and the conclusion presented is the Town side of the budget \$25,702,103, the Board of Education side \$35,205,816 which would be 1.5% it increases the mills to .35.

**8. New Business**

**a. Consider Fiscal year 2011-2012 budgets to be sent to Budget Public Hearing.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Thomas Winn) I move to send to public hearing the following Fiscal year 2011-2012 budgets

- A. Town General Fund-\$25,602,103
- B. School General Fund - \$35,714,484  
General Fund Total - \$61,316,587
  
- C. Town Road Aid - \$178,800
- D. Water Operations - \$1,704,889
- E. Water Capital - \$335,750
- F. Water Extension – \$67,000
- G. Sewer Operations - \$1,985,459
- H. Sewer Extension - \$57,000
- I. Sewer Capital - \$140,000
- J. Water and Sewer Debt - \$117,457
- K. Crestbrook Golf Operations - \$630,719
- L. Local Capital Improvement - \$155,013

**Discussion:**

**Mr. Rinaldi:** I believe over the years that I am in no position to tell anyone what they can afford or what they cannot afford. The only thing I know is what I can afford. I believe what we need here is a happy medium to put the referendum out so that people can make a reasonable choice based on their own beliefs. I think a lot of figures presented sometimes are deceiving I know on the board side I heard that class sizes are getting large and other people are saying they are not. I believe when they figure the number out they also take into account the special needs classes which are very small so you throw that in the mix and of course the average comes down. I have a niece who is a teacher here in the Watertown school system and she expresses a lot of concerns about class sizes, she cannot give enough attention to the kids who need it and she is much more effective as a teacher when the classes were a lot smaller. I believe cutting more from the town is not the answer. It is our collective duty to support all facets of our society in a reasonable way. Until I hear some numbers I want to hear I am not going to send this to public town hearing.

**Ms. Adams:** we are standing here and doing some math trying to figure out what happened and it is certainly not anything that I was really prepared for. I am pleased that there is money restored but I need some time to decide if that is going to be enough.

**Mr. Winn:** I would like the taxpayer and the voters to determine where there is going to take us. Last year we cut the budget again and again and it was voted down and I would not like to see this town go through that many votes again, it is destructive and it is depressing. A decrease in the Board of Education budget by \$350,000 instead of \$800,000 plus dollars is fair. We should be talking about the Board of Education's budget and where their line item is but if this does pass and there is a \$350,000 increase and we vote on this, I hope the Board of Education can find different professionals in this budget besides teachers every single time.

**Ms. Rosa** sitting on the council and whatever your party is, it is tough not only are you looking at your own general budget but you are looking at the boards and you don't get to set priorities that you might have. I did not support the original amount of \$858,000 but that doesn't mean I did not understand it was made in good faith to do what the people in town are telling us to do, to cut the taxes. So the motion that we made is in effort to do both things if that is possible. It is in an effort to restore some of the money to the Board of Ed because \$858,000 is just too large. It is an effort to lower the mill rate to something people can afford which would be close to \$100.00 a year. I don't want anyone leaving here tonight thinking that any of us did not put a lot of thought and a lot of effort into this. It is a very difficult thing to do to balance all we want for the children and everything we want the town to have.

**Ms. Duplissie** the Town Council has to look at everyone not just for education. The Board of Ed has done a wonderful job cutting and submitting their well thought out educational findings. People are coming to me and saying I just can't afford this and it makes you stop and think that yes we need a good education system but we also have to think of the other people in this town that cannot afford it. One person said to me I either pay my taxes or I eat this week, how to you respond to that. So I think that the \$858,000 is way too much but the \$350,000 we will not have to loose our good programs and we can find it somewhere.

**Mr. DiFederico** I know we have lost kids from the high school and I want to let you know that I do help kids out in town too and I also know people who had their houses foreclosed on and homeless in town that I have helped as well. I would like to give more to the school but the thing is you don't have to just cut the teachers and the years that I have been on the Town Council here, questions have been asked and have not been answered to us either. I will never degrade any of our teachers; they are great teachers in the schools. It is a hard decision up here and it is not going to be easy one way or another but I teach my children there are some people who are less fortunate than you and to do a little volunteering to help them out.

**Mr. Primini** the Finance Committee and the Board of Ed has done a lot of work on this. I hear from seniors there has been no increase in Social Security in the past two years. I hear from people that are living pay check to pay check. If you look down Main Street how many vacant stores do you see and it has affected many of us. We need something to come to this town and offset the increase. On the town side the money is not coming in

and we are looking to review the inspector's fees. I thank everyone here for attending the meeting.

**Mr. Nardelli** in regards to the town side and the \$200,000 do you want the Town Manager and me to come back with those cuts...

**Mr. Frigon** do you any thoughts as to what you might want them to come from.

Aye: 5 Duplissie, Fusco, Primini, Rosa, Winn

Nay: 4 Adams, DiFederico Masayda, Rinaldi

Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSES

**b. Consider date, time and place for Budget Public Hearing to hear comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budgets.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to set the Budget Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, May 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Swift Middle School Auditorium to hear comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budgets.

**Discussion: Ms. Adams** how come a month away.

**Mr. Primini** (inaudible)

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

**c. Consider a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute on behalf of the Town of Watertown a Municipal/State Maintenance Agreement for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south approach to Bridge No. 00464 along the east side of U.S. Route 6 over Steele Brook (State Project no. 153-120)**

**Resolution**

**State Project No. 153-120**

Description: Sidewalk Maintenance – in connection with Bridge No. 00464 Rehabilitation in Watertown – U.S. Route 6 over Steele Brook.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Charles Frigon, Town Manager be, and hereby is authorized to sign the agreement Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement Between the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation and The Town of Watertown for Construction of a Concrete Sidewalk on the South Approach to Bridge no. 00464 along the East Side of U.S. Route 6 over Steele Brook Project no. 153-126.

Adopted by the Watertown Town Council of the Town of Watertown, Connecticut this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Thomas Winn) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the Town Manager to execute on behalf of the Town of Watertown a Municipal/State Maintenance Agreement for the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south approach to Bridge No. 00464 along the east side of U.S. Route 6 over Steele Brook (State Project No. 153-120)

**Discussion: Mr. Frigon** this is a standard agreement that the town will sign with DOT for the maintenance of the sidewalk that the state is going to be constructing on the bridge way over Steele Brook on Route 6.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

**d. Consider a request for an appropriation of \$6,500 from the General Fund for the purchase of sand for the bunkers at Crestbrook Park Golf Course.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Thomas Winn) I move to approve the request for an appropriation of \$6,500 from the General Fund for the purchase of sand for the bunkers at Crestbrook Park Golf Course.

**Discussion: Mr. Duplissie** I cannot support \$6,500 from the general fund for sand. I thought the golf course was self sustaining.

**Ms. Adams** Crestbrook is near and dear to my heart but is this something that comes out of the fees maintenance that are paid there. If they are a little short on cash I have no problem lending it to them and to pay it back when they do get the cash.

**Mr. Fusco** what happens if we don't give them the money.

**Harry Ward – Director of Parks – Golf Superintendent for Crestbrook**

What happens over the years the rain washes the sand down the bunkers and we push the sand back up and the sand lessens. Because of our current financial situation we don't have enough funding to purchase any sand to put back in the

traps, so the Park & Recreation Commission went on record to request the Town Council appropriate the funds from the general fund to buy 130 yards of sand for the sand traps. Our thought was that the play would pick up that is the reason for the request.

**Mr. Fusco** if we don't purchase the sand this could possibly hurt the attendance.

**Mr. Ward** it is right now, the traps are part of the game and the sand has to be there they are hitting into rocks right now which leaves a bad experience with the golfer who may not return.

**Mr. Fusco** if the golf course does start to make money is there any possible way that we could recoup that back to the general fund.

**Mr. Nardelli** at this time there is nothing budgeted to do that. The appropriation right now is to take the money out of the general fund. Crestbrook as you know is running deficit side, I don't know if or when they would be able to pay that appropriation back.

(Thomas Winn sec. Mary Ann Rosa) to postpone.

Aye: 8 Adams, DiFederico, Duplissie, Masayda, Primini, Rinaldi, Rosa, Winn  
Nay: 1 Fusco  
Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSES

- e. Consider a request for an appropriation of \$6,111 from the General Fund for the purchase of a triplex greens mower for Crestbrook Golf Course. The \$24,442.60 remaining cost of the mower will be taken out of the Crestbrook Operations Fund which will be reimbursed through the State of Connecticut LEEF Grant Program.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to approve the request for an appropriation of \$6,111 from the General Fund for the purchase of a triplex greens mower for Crestbrook Golf Course.

**Discussion:**

**Ms. Rosa** I am correct we only have to pay ¼ cost of a very expensive mower.

**Harry Ward – Director of Parks**

This is part of the LEEF program the state wanted to pay 80% of the cost reimbursement for this mower.

**Ms. Rosa** I don't think we are going to be able to afford a \$30,000 mower any

time in the near future. Obviously we need it if Crestbrook is going to continue to operate and to increase its usage for golfers. For the state to be willing to pay for ¾ of it I think we would be foolish to turn our back on that money.

**Ms. Masayda** I don't think it is our position to be funding Crestbrook operations. I want to see it do well for our town; I think we should table this along with the other item. Perhaps rewrite the motion to where we would be repaid by Crestbrook operations.

**Ms. Winn** asked if we table this what will happen with the funding from the state.

**Mr. Ward** I am on a time limit, I have to get this done this fiscal year and I need to get this approved and going before the June 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline which is actually May 15<sup>th</sup> that is the last day I can do a PO.

**Mr. Winn** we need to stop overreacting to horrible situation, to not get a \$30,000 machine for \$6,000.

(Katherine Duplissie sec. Paul Rinaldi) to postpone

Aye: 5 Adams, Duplissie, Masayda, Primini, Rinaldi,  
Nay: 4 DiFederico, Fusco, Rosa, Winn  
Abstain: 0

MOTION PASSES

- f. Consider a request for an appropriation of \$23,260.54 from the General Fund for Beach and East Street improvements from the Beach and East Street Improvement certificate of deposit from the original developer of the Mt. Fair Farm Subdivision.**

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Elaine Adams) I move to approve the request for an appropriation of \$23,260.54 from the General Fund for Beach and East Street improvements from the Beach and East Street Improvement certificate of deposit from the original developer of the Mt. Fair Farm Subdivision.

**Discussion:**

**Roy Cavanaugh – Public Works**

This money has been deposited in the 90's for street improvements to the area and has not been used. This money has already been approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and felt at this time to put the money to use.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

**g. Consider a resolution authorizing the transfer of funds Fiscal Year 2010-2011 between line items.**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, expenses in the 2010-2011 fiscal year require the transfer of funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IS RESOLVED, by vote of the Watertown Town Council, that the following actions are taken relative to the transfer of funds.

**GENERAL FUND – PUBLIC WORKS**

AMOUNT: \$1,578 NO. 1  
FROM: 010-50360-033-0000 – Solid Waste CRRRA Fees  
TO: 010-50310-031-1632 – Storm Water Plan  
REASON: Due to change in DEP permit program.

**CRESTBROOK**

AMOUNT: \$15,704 NO. 2  
FROM: \$7,704-074-50130-123-0000 – Overtime  
\$8,000-074-50125-123-0136- Starter  
TO: 074-50575-123-1670 – Triplex Mower  
REASON: LEEF Program Reimbursement

**WATER AND SEWER**

AMOUNT: \$15,000 NO. 3  
FROM: 018-50510-077-2200 – High Zone Pump Station  
TO: 018-50523-077-2014 – Water Meters  
REASON: Purchase additional 150 5/8" x 3/4" radio read water meters.

**WATER AND SEWER**

AMOUNT: \$15,000 NO. 4  
FROM: 016-50529-076-2459 – Sewer & MH Rehab  
TO: 016-50523-076-2014 – Water Meters  
REASON: Purchase additional 150 5/8" x 3/4" radio read water meters

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2011.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds Fiscal Year 2010-2011 between line items.

Discussion: **Ms. Adams** we have set money need to be reimbursed by the state the \$15,740.00.

**Mr. Harry Ward – Parks Director**

In Crestbrook operations fund we have an expense side and a revenue side the \$6,111 appropriation was request to pay \$56,111 into the revenue side of the Crestbrook operations fund. The transfer you see before you will cover the entire \$30,500 and so much dollars to buy this mower we have an line item with an existing \$14,000 in it which was to be used to purchase two mowers but because of the lack of funds we have not been able to do that. We need to have the full \$30,000 to buy the mower up front then once the mower is purchased we have to take the old mower and bring it to a certified land fill and then the state will reimburse us the 80%. So the expense line has to be in the budget as well. This is just a transfer of funds to cover our portion to purchase.

**Ms. Rosa** funds we already have.

**Mr. Ward** funds that are already in the Crestbrook Operations fund that are budgeted.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

- h. Consider a resolution authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$6,209 from the General fund for the tax refunds.**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, taxpayers have applied for Tax Refunds pursuant to Section 12-129, Refund of Excess Payments; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommended that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129; and

WHEREAS, in order to refund taxpayers who have been approved for their refunds, monies must be appropriated into the budget line item to expend the funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council appropriates \$6,209 to line items 010-50341-043-0102 from the General Fund.

Dated at Watertown, Connecticut this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Richard Fusco) I move to approve the resolution authorizing an appropriation in the amount of \$6,209 from the General Fund for the tax refunds.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

**i. Consider a resolution authorizing tax refunds.**

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Taxpayers have made application for the property tax refunds in accordance with Section 12-129 Refund of Excess Payment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector recommends that the refunds be made in accordance with the provisions of Section 12-129;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council approves the following tax refunds.

3,571 CARY TIMOTHY S	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	226.51
	TYPE: M	

5 WOOLSON ST  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2228  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,576 GELCO CORPORATION	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	150.06
	TYPE: M	

3 CAPITAL DR  
EDEN PRAIRIE MN 55344 1890  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,581 TOYOTA MOTOR CREDIT CORP	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	57.25
	TYPE: M	

260 INTERST N CIR SE # 12F  
ATLANTA GA 30339 2228  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED

3,583 MURPHY ELSIE M	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	1,841.44
MURPHY BRUCE/ADM	TYPE: R	

155 PEARL ST  
TORRINGTON CT 06795 5111  
REASON FOR REFUND: DUPLICATE PAYMENT.

3,584 POLLETTA GIUSEPPE	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	782.22
	TYPE: R	

36 ZOAR AVE  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 9163  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,585	BLAIS ARTHUR E	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	103.10
		TYPE: M	
	43 MOREHOUSE RD		
	WATERTOWN CT 06795 2315		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.	
3,586	BURNS PATRICIA A	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	85.41
		TYPE: M	
	37 SKY HOLLOW CT # A		
	OAKVILLE CT 06779 2407		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.	
3,587	DCFS TRUST	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	298.72
		TYPE: M	
	PO BOX 685		
	ROANOKE TX 76282 0685		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,588	KIMBLE ROBERT S OR	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	7.05
	KIMBLE JUNE L	TYPE: M	
	4229 SE 19 <sup>TH</sup> PL APT 1D		
	CAPE CORAL FL 33904 5420		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,589	MATHEWS ROBERT C	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	81.63
		TYPE: M	
	60 YALE ST		
	OAKVILLE CT 06779 1940		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,590	SEAVEY ANDREW W	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	17.12
		TYPE: M	
	21 ORLANDO ST		
	OAKVILLE CT 06779 1123		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT PRORATED	
3,591	SINGH SANDRA E	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	36.09
		TYPE: M	
	239 RIVER ST APT 1		
	WATERTOWN CT 06706 1373		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; ACCOUNT DELETED.	
3,592	THURSTON ROBERT D	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	33.22
		TYPE: M	
	91 MIDDLEBURY RD		
	WATERTOWN CT 06795 2408		
	REASON FOR REFUND:	PER ASSESSOR; ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.	

3,598 BLAIS ARTHUR E AMOUNT OF REFUND: 100.71  
TYPE: M  
43 MOREHOUSE RD  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2315  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,599 BLAIS ARTHUR E AMOUNT OF REFUND: 109.58  
TYPE: M  
43 MOREHOUSE RD  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2315  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,600 BLAIS ARTHUR E AMOUNT OF REFUND: 102.24  
TYPE: M  
43 MOREHOUSE RD  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2315  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,601 BLAIS ARTHUR E AMOUNT OF REFUND: 102.24  
TYPE: M  
43 MOREHOUSE RD  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 2315  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,602 BURNS PATRICIA A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 100.71  
TYPE: M  
37 SKY HOLLOW CT # A  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 2407  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,603 BURNS PATRICIA A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 109.58  
TYPE: M  
37 SKY HOLLOW CT # A  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 2407  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,604 BURNS PATRICIA A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 102.24  
TYPE: M  
37 SKY HOLLOW CT # A  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 2407  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,605 BURNS PATRICIA A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 102.24  
TYPE: M  
37 SKY HOLLOW CT # A  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 2407  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,606 BURNS PATRICIA A AMOUNT OF REFUND: 96.08  
TYPE: M  
37 SKY HOLLOW CT # A  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 2407  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR; VETERAN EXEMPTION APPLIED.

3,609 AUSTIN DARYL L AMOUNT OF REFUND: 23.37  
TYPE: M  
34 WAGON WHEEL CT  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1825  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED

3,611 CLAUDIO NAVE DBA LORENZO AMOUNT OF REFUND: 287.86  
TYPE: M  
102 REGENCY HILL DR  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 3079  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED

3,613 FUSCO ANGELO AMOUNT OF REFUND: 45.89  
TYPE: M  
192 BUNKER HILL DR  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 3341  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED

3,624 GRABOSKI ALAN E AMOUNT OF REFUND: 8.11  
TYPE: M  
444 FRENCH ST  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1511  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED.

3,625 GRIM RUSSELL P AMOUNT OF REFUND: 172.97  
TYPE: M  
10 SKIPPER AVE  
OAKVILLE CT 06779 1818  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED

3,626 JOHNS FRANKLIN G AMOUNT OF REFUND: 67.54  
TYPE: M  
PO BOX 761  
WATERTOWN CT 06795 0761  
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED

3,627	MITCHELL ROGER E OR MITCHELL JOANNA E 99 NORWAY ST OAKVILLE CT 06779 1320	AMOUNT OF REFUND: TYPE: M	44.67
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED			
3,629	NAVE CLAUDIO DBA LORENZO IMPORT CO 360 CHASE RIVER RD WATERBURY CT 06704 1440	AMOUNT OF REFUND: TYPE: M	258.22
REASON FOR REFUND: PER ASSESSOR, ACCOUNT DELETED.			
3,630	NUWAY TRANSPORT LLC 295 NEILL DR WATERTOWN CT 06795 1736	AMOUNT OF REFUND: TYPE: M	148.25
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED			
3,632	NUWAY TRANSPORT LLC 2 295 NEILL DR WATERTOWN CT 06795 1736	AMOUNT OF REFUND: TYPE: M	176.64
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED			
3,633	NUWAY TRANSPORT LLC 3 295 NEILL DR WATERTOWN CT 06795 1736	AMOUNT OF REFUND: TYPE: M	167.98
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED			
3,634	ROMAINE NOEL 31 WESTVIEW DR OAKVILLE CT 06779 2231	AMOUNT OF REFUND: TYPE: M	63.12
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED			
3,635	SATKUNAS CLIFFORD A OR SATKUNAS LILLIAN M 1300 LITCHFIELD RD WATERTOWN CT 06795 1314	AMOUNT OF REFUND: TYPE: M	25.20
REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED			

3,636 SHEEHAN BRIAN P	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	14.62
	TYPE:	M
10 EARLE AVE OAKVILLE CT 06779 1504 REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED		
3,637 SWEETERS BETTINA	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	16.61
	TYPE:	M
245 CHERRY AVE # AB13 WATERTOWN CT 06795 2835 REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED		
3,638 VANBUREN ROBERT F OR VANBUREN EVELYN	AMOUNT OF REFUND:	42.27
	TYPE:	M
210 NOVA SCOTIA HILL RD WATERTOWN CT 06795 2027 REASON FOR REFUND: PER BRD OF ASSMNT APPEALS, ASSESSED VALUE DECREASED		
TOTAL FOR ALL REFUNDS:		6,208.76

Dated at Watertown; CT this 18h day of April, 2011.

(Mary Ann Rosa sec. Katherine Duplissie) I move to approve the resolution authorizing tax refunds.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMIOUSLY

**9. Public Participation – none**

**10. Adjournment**

Motion: (Mary Ann Rosa sec. Thomas Winn) to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 9:16 p.m.

Discussion: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY