

**KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Town Meeting Room
Killingly Town Hall

AGENDA
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The Town Council of the Town of Killingly held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room of the Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street, Danielson, Connecticut. The agenda was as follows:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Public Comment on Proposed 2015/2016 Budget

Pursuant to the Town Council's Rules of Procedure, Article IV, Section 2, all presentations by citizens shall be limited to an aggregate of forty-five (45) minutes, and each citizen's presentation shall not exceed five (5) minutes unless otherwise indicated by a majority vote of the Town Council.

4. 2015/2016 Budget Review:

5. Public Comment on 2015/2016 Proposed Budget

6. Adjournment

1. Chairman Hallbergh called the special meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. On Roll Call, all counselors were present except Mr. Alemian and Mr. Sarantopoulos, who were absent with notification. Town Manager Hendricks, Finance Director Mary Calorio and Council Secretary Buzalski were also present.

3. Public Comment on Proposed Budget:

Bob Loiselle, 685 Chestnut Hill Rd, Ballouville, asked the Council to keep the Education Budget is presented and to cut the Resident Trooper budget instead.

Richard Murray, Hurry Rd, Dayville, stated that the Board of Education reviewed the budget for both small and large items for cuts, that technology is necessary for our students' future and that the special education portion is budgeting to actual numbers this year.

4. 2015/2016 Budget Review:

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ricci, to suspend the rules to allow the members of the Board of Education to speak.

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Councilors discussed what they felt the taxpayers would see as an acceptable mil rate increase. Councilors discussed with the Board of Education members the potential impact of a reduction in the Board of Education Budget.

Superintendent Farr explained that the line item local placement tuition was increased by \$542,000 in anticipation of budgeting for local, out-of-district placements for special education to actual numbers. As those services are mandated, the proposed cut will have to come out of other portions of the budget.

Mr. Burns explained that the proposed reconfiguration could have little or no cost savings in the first year and the Board of Education is still looking at the numbers for that.

Mr. Grandelski made a comment on the lack of taxpayer participation in the budget process. Superintendent Farr urged the Council and the Board of Education to be unified in their support of the total budget.

Ms. Wakefield made a motion, seconded by Ms. Laberge, to reduce the Board of Education's proposed budget by \$506,420.

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment on Proposed Budget:

Bob Loiselle, 685 Chestnut Hill Rd, Ballouville wants to hold off on buying the \$60,000 snow remover, and still objects to the amount budgeted for the Resident Trooper.

The Board of Ed will be meeting Tuesday night at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Office, at which time the Fiscal Subcommittee will be discussing the \$506,420 reduction and where the cuts will be made.

Mr. Burns reiterated that this is a Fiscal Subcommittee meeting, but that all members of the Board of Education are encouraged to attend.

Bob Loiselle wants to know what will happen to the \$200,000 plus if the Governor decides not to charge the municipalities for the total amount due for the Resident Troopers and if the Board of Education would receive that money.

Town Manager Hendricks responded that the only way that could happen is if we got that information prior to the Budget being passed. Otherwise, the only way the Board of Education could receive more money would be by Special Appropriation.

Mr. Grandelski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wakefield, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

The meeting ended at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Buzalski
Council Secretary
