

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
BOARD OF FINANCE
LISBON CENTRAL SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2016
7:00 P.M.

The Board of Finance held the following public hearing in the Lisbon Central School Cafeteria/Gymnasium, 15 Newent Road, Lisbon, Connecticut beginning at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 30, 2016:

1. To present and to solicit comments from taxpayers on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016/17 General Government and Education Budgets.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Zelasky, Thomas Wakely, Jim McCloud, Frank Burzycki,
Robert Dufort, Leo MacDonald (Alternate), Miles LaFemina (Alternate)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dennis Duplice

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas W. Sparkman, First Selectman

The following Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Michael Zelasky at 7:00 P.M.:

1. To present and to solicit comments from taxpayers on the proposed Fiscal Year 2016/17 General Government and Education Budgets.

Chairman M. Zelasky presented the Lisbon Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2016/2017, and stated it will be voted upon at the April 13, 2016 meeting.

Chairman M. Zelasky asked for public comment.

Richard Rogers of Bayberry Lane asked questions regarding the new windows and the need for another bid on the windows. Ian Rogers, Chairman, Board of Education, replied that the new windows do not support the air conditioning units and something needs to be done, as those rooms get extremely hot. When questioned what the \$77,000 budget increase would cover, Ian Rogers said that it would include the new math curriculum of \$42,000 (for 6 year license), as the 2016 common core program is not working. Mr. Rogers told Ian Rogers he thought the Board did a good job with the budget.

Lou Saskerkoff of Ross Hill Road asked if the three capital purchases would be put on a separate ballot. Chairman Zelasky stated that it is something new they are doing this year. They want to set up a separate capital budget, as they did not want the minimum budget requirement going up by \$44,000.

Laura Saskerkoff of Ross Hill Road asked how the Board determined the threshold for items getting onto the capital budget. Chairman Zelasky stated that there should be a procedure or process, but that procedure has not yet been defined. He said it would likely be \$20,000 as that would require it to go to town meeting. Anything under \$20,000 will not be required to go to town meeting.

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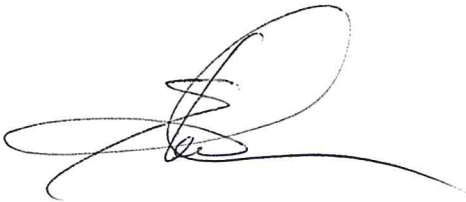
Richard Rogers, Bayberry Lane, stated that a special account for education should be revisited. He believes it should be kept in a separate line item to subsidize these short falls.

David Augusti of Kenyan Road thanked the Board for approving the Board of Education budget.

Chairman Zelasky said the Board of Finance will meet on April 13. The annual town meeting will be held May 2. General Budget (\$2.7 million) and Board of Education (\$9.4 million) budgets will go to referendum.

Scott McKay of Kimball Road asked if this would be a "yes or no" vote, to which the answer was affirmative.

This Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 P.M.



Elaine Joseph, clerk

APPROVED: _____
Michael Zelasky, Chairman

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