

Brooklyn Board of Finance

Minutes of Special Meeting held at Brooklyn Middle School following adjournment of Budget Hearing  
May 22, 2018

Following adjournment of the annual Budget Hearing, the Board of Finance met with all members present except Kim Conroy, who was absent with prior notification.

Members discussed the various comments made during the Hearing. All members were in agreement that the topic of greatest interest was the proposed setting of a one mil increase in the tax rate, the greatest portion of which is intended to be used to increase the uncommitted reserve to around 8% of the estimated expenditures for the current fiscal year. Mrs. Allen mentioned that she believes that a target Reserve amount of around 8-10% of prior year's expenditures is a reasonable long-term target. Without voting on this subject, it appeared that there was general agreement.

Drew Dionne and Heather Allen each commented that they were unconvinced that the proposal ought to be changed. Following further discussion, the entire Board voted to recommend the capital spending plan, the General Government budget proposal and the Board of Education budget request all as presented at the Hearing, to the taxpayers for their approval at the Annual Budget Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Several comments were made relating to the clarity and content of the handouts and visuals presented. Selectman Ives agreed to rework these materials prior to the Budget Meeting.

Finally, the Board voted to change the date of the Budget Meeting from the previously scheduled 6/6/18 to Thursday, 6/7/18 as requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission to avoid a conflict with their regularly scheduled meeting.

Jeffrey Otto  
Secretary Pro Tempore