

ADJOURNED BUDGET MEETING APRIL 26, 2006

An Adjourned Meeting of the Town Council (adjourned from Wednesday, April 24, 2006) was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the Eleanor Buck Wolf Nature Center with Chairperson Russell A. Morin presiding.

Present: Councilors Adil, Cascio, Drake, Kirsche, Kotkin, Walsh, Deputy Mayor Fortunato, and Chairperson Morin.

Absent: Councilor Forrest.

Also present: Bonnie Therrien, Town Manager; Dolores Sassano, Town Clerk; Mike Turner, Director of Physical Services and Town Engineer; Jim McDonald, Assistant Director of Physical Services; Heather Vargas, Physical Services Administrative Analyst; Officer Paul DeJohn, Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association; Lisa Hancock, Finance Director; Tony Martino, Engineering Analyst; and Les Cole, CIAC Chairman.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Chairperson Morin introduced Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) Chairman Leslie Cole and Engineering Analyst Tony Martino and thanked them for their hard work in developing the Capital Improvements budget.

Mr. Cole thanked Mr. Martino, Town Engineer Mike Turner, and Councilor Walsh for their assistance as well as others who have helped the Committee throughout the year. He distributed a copy of the budget the CIAC submitted to Planning & Zoning. He said that the CIAC reviews all requests in terms of safety first, anything that can leverage money, and anything that is governmentally mandated. Mr. Cole then proceeded to review the listing stating that the Drainage items were all reduced in the Manager's Budget. He said that the threshold or minimum dollar amount for requests to the CIAC is \$25,000 since any other requests would come out of specific Town Department budgets instead.

Chairperson Morin asked what work won't be accomplished by the Town Manager cutting the Stormwater Phase 2 item from \$25,000 to \$10,000. Mr. Turner explained that the \$25,000 request is for year three work in the five-year implementation plan. He said that it is anticipated that pipe discharge treatment facilities will be required in the future and the cost for these are approximately \$20,000 each. Mr. Turner said that the \$25,000 is to start putting money aside to implement these mandated projects and he is comfortable with trimming this dollar figure since there is not set timeline for the projects.

Councilor Drake asked how much the Capital Improvement Program budget was last year and was told by the Mr. Turner that it was \$1,287 million.

Mr. Cole explained that the Wethersfield High School & Hanmer School Design and Volunteer Ambulance Architect were not proposed to the CIAC by the Board of Education, yet the Town Manager included funding for these. He said that he was told by a member of the Board of Education, unofficially, that doing the WHS & Hanmer School Design is not a good idea because if a project is put out too early, State funding runs out by the time the project commences.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato announced that this was discussed at the Shared Services meeting and that Dr. Proctor and Mr. Miller provided a presentation at this joint meeting of the Board of Education and the Council. She said that the reason the study needs to be done now is to prepare for a referendum by processing the appropriate applications.

Mr. Cole stated that it makes sense to cut the \$30,000 request for the Volunteer Ambulance Roof Replacement since there are other plans for that building. He said that the Electric Gates for the Police Station and Physical Services would be for security reasons.

Councilor Adil asked for an explanation of the reduction in the Millwoods Park - Phase 1A from \$70,000 to \$50,000.

Mr. Cole stated that the CIAC was told that the proposed amount for the project is \$700,000 and usually the cost of an architect is approximately 10% of that total. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that not as much of the architectural work will be done since the Town will only receive enough money from the State at first to start the project. She said that if the Millwoods project goes to a bone, the bond money will help further when it's released. Councilor Adil asked if the design of three fields will be done adequately for this amount. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the Town will have to make do.

Councilor Kirsche asked for an explanation of the Community Center Gym renovations. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the request is for curtains and the \$30,000 is a good faith effort in making the renovation a joint effort with the Keane Foundation. Mr. Cole stated that the curtains need to be replaced with those that are fireproof.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if the floor will be replaced now or if this will be done during the renovation. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien answered that the funding for the replacement of the floor will be carried over to be used toward the entire renovation project when it occurs. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked for an update of the Keane Foundation efforts with regard to this project, and the Town Manager said that she can provide this.

Councilor Cascio stated that he thought it was decided that the Town would contact the State in an attempt to receive funds to replace the guard rails along Marsh Street. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the Town has been in touch with them, but nothing has come forward at this point. Councilor Cascio asked if the requested wood guard rails are similar to others used throughout Town. Mr. Turner stated that the Marsh Street wood guard rails will be highway rated. Councilor Cascio asked for an explanation of the Furnace Replacement at the Little Red Schoolhouse, Old Garage, and Old Academy. Mr. Turner explained that each of those buildings has small, residential-style boilers that are old and in need of repair. He said that by collectively bidding all three together, the Town can obtain a better price to replace the furnaces. Councilor Cascio asked if this is part of the implementation of the maintenance plan of the Town Buildings Inventory, and Mr. Turner stated that inspections have not been done on these three buildings yet, but were identified through the Town's normal preventative maintenance. Councilor Cascio asked if there is any exterior maintenance being performed on these buildings. Mr. Turner stated that there is a very limited maintenance fund, but the Little Red School House was painted last year and not too much is being proposed for the Old Garage due to the possibility that that building will be replaced. Mr. Cole said that gutter work was done at the Old Academy several years ago, and it appears that painting will need to be done soon. Councilor Cascio asked if the Standish House issues have been addressed and Mr. Turner said that they have not. He said that the roof replacement went out to bid and no bids were received. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that since then, she has re-bid the work and knows of fifteen potential bidders.

Councilor Kotkin asked about the Keane Sports Complex listed at \$1 million 2008-2009 and was told by the Town Manager that this will no longer happen as this will not be built. Councilor Kotkin asked if the \$415,000 State Grant for the Millwoods Entrance Driveway will come from the before mentioned \$700,000 and was told by the Town Manager that this would be in addition to that amount.

Mr. Cole explained that over the past several years, the Parks & Recreation Department has requested a two-phase project to redo the docks at the Wethersfield Cove at a cost of \$87,100 per year for two years. He said that the Parks & Recreation Department receives revenue from its facilities, and rather than use up all of this money, the CIAC has suggested that the Department initiate Phase I with funding received from FEMA. Councilor Adil asked if this project is a priority of the Park Board and what will be deferred by following the recommended procedure. Mr. Cole said that nothing will be deferred. Chairperson Morin stated that the money was designated to enhance Cove Park and asked if the dock renovation would actually be an enhancement to the Park and would fall under the spirit intended. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that there are safety issues in addition to a loss of revenue since boat owners don't want to use the docks in their current condition.

Mr. Cole said that the CIAC has recommended funding for the FACES (Friends of the Ancient Cemetery's Endangered Stones) program in past years and had the funding cut and then not recommended funding other years and had the funding added. He said that everyone thinks the program is worth while; however, the funding is questionable. Mr. Gerry Stewart, Vice-president of the FACES group, stated that the FACES project is a real Town jewel which kids and

visitors from all over the State come to visit. He said that the FACES group doesn't want to be left out of the loop regarding funding, even if in only a minor way. Chairperson Morin asked if there is a specific project being worked on by the FACES group this year and Mr. Stewart said that there is. Chairperson Morin asked Mr. Cole for a breakdown of the FACES group's request and Mr. Cole stated that last year the group received \$2,000 from the Town. Mr. Stewart stated that the FACES group appreciates whatever the Town can do.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato suggested that the correspondence be sent to the Board of Education and appropriate committees that changes in requests to the CIAC for the Capital Improvement Program budget should be forwarded to the CIAC since they have a timeline for presentation of the CIP budget to Planning & Zoning.

PUBLIC SAFETY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - 439 - AMBULANCE

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien introduced Officer Paul DeJohn of the Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance Association (WVAA) and resident Gregg Reddick, and stated that the Ambulance budget consists of stipends, utilities, and some general repairs. She said that discussion needs to be held on the proposed swapping of the ambulance facility with one of the fire stations, as well as discussion on the reduction of responses to ambulance calls.

Officer DeJohn asked the Town Manager if she is referring to call volume or on-line time when referring to the reduction of calls and the Town Manager said that the reference is to response calls. Officer DeJohn stated that volunteerism is down in general and his Department has made recent changes to improve their scheduling.

Councilor Drake asked if the Department is responding less because people are calling them less and Officer DeJohn explained that not only is volunteerism down, but because of increased safety measures built into vehicles, there are not the terrible motor vehicle accidents that there used to be. He said that Wethersfield answers a lot of geriatric calls. He said that he is concentrating on getting staffing back up even though great coverage is provided to the Town through both Aetna and WVAA.

Councilor Kotkin asked what the staffing is currently and also for an explanation of the 2006 projected amount of \$27,000. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that the \$27,000 includes the stipend paid to the Ambulance members and it is projected that this amount will decrease to only \$10,000 next year. Officer DeJohn stated that he currently has thirty-four members on his roster; however, family commitments limit this.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked what the alternative would be if the Town did not have a Volunteer Ambulance corps and Officer DeJohn answered that the Town would have to pay a commercial service to provide coverage. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if the Town is paying for the commercial service (Aetna) now or if the residents who call in pay for this service. Officer DeJohn stated that Aetna collects payment through daytime callers' insurance companies. He said that night calls are paid for through insurance collections to the Wethersfield Ambulance. Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if the money received from the insurance company goes to the Town or to the Wethersfield Ambulance Association. Officer DeJohn said that Wethersfield Ambulance Association is not a Town agency; therefore the funds collected go to the Ambulance Association. Deputy Mayor Fortunato verified with Officer DeJohn that the Wethersfield Ambulance Association consists of nine Directors and has been in existence for fifty years.

Officer DeJohn explained that the Wethersfield Ambulance Association pays for their own supplies and maintains their own vehicles out of the funds collected through insurance companies for calls responded to, as well as liability insurance. He said that the Association maintains two trucks and replaces them on a five-year stagger.

STREET LIGHTING - 440

Councilor Kotkin left the meeting at this time (7:10 p.m.).

Mr. Turner stated that some Towns are purchasing their street lights and realizing substantial savings by doing this. He said that if Wethersfield were to purchase their street light inventory, a private contractor would need to be hired to maintain the lights and the energy costs would still be paid to CL&P.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if the State maintains the street lights on State roads, or if the Town is billed for this. Mr. Turner said that he does not think that the street lights on State roads are on the Wethersfield inventory.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that when a Town purchases the street lights, it takes two to three years to make the money back.

Chairperson Morin asked what risks are involved in purchasing the street lights and Mr. Turner answered that the Town will have to maintain the lights rather than simply calling someone else. He said that the proposal to purchase the street lights was brought before the Council two years ago and an impasse was reached since CL&P was Wethersfield's largest tax payer. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that there is a possibility of purchasing the street lights; however the money has to be fit into a budget.

Councilor Drake stated that this appears to be a "no-brainer" and Chairperson Morin responded that the Town would need to come up with the one time expense of close to \$1 million. Councilor Drake suggested that this be financed over two or three years. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that she can obtain full reports and provide the Council with more information.

Mr. Turner reminded the Council that maintenance is not simply replacing light bulbs, but also purchasing new lights when requested and repairing poles that have been damaged.

Councilor Kotkin returned to the meeting at this time (7:15 p.m.).

PUBLIC WORKS

ENGINEERING - 510

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien introduced Heather Vargas who is the Physical Services Administrative Analyst.

Mr. Turner explained that one of the changes in the Engineering budget is a request for overtime pay which is directly related to the road bond work currently in progress. He said that a personnel policy provides that once a certain level of comp time is reached, overtime must be paid. Mr. Turner explained that the current road improvement program for this year into next year will total approximately \$1 million in addition to capital funding, and will begin in May. He said that the Town is working with the utility companies on a paving schedule and that Griswold Road is currently being paved.

Councilor Cascio asked for an update of the Willow Street paving project. Mr. Turner said that Willow Street will be paved as part of the bond and the project was put on hold last fall because of the MDC's water main project, which has now been delayed indefinitely; therefore Wethersfield can proceed with their paving plans. Mr. Turner stated that Willow Street will be one of the projects included in the schedule later this summer or fall. Chairperson Morin verified that the Webb School parking lot will be included in the Willow Street paving and Mr. Turner said that this is correct.

Councilor Adil asked about the guard rail on Griswold Road and Mr. Turner answered that there are two sections of the roadway north of the firehouse, totaling approximately 400 feet that meet the guidelines for a guardrail.

Chairperson Morin asked if there are any waivers that can be applied for and Mr. Turner said that there may be, but it is too late in the game at this point. He said that the guardrails are steel and it would have cost the Town approximately \$27,000 to upgrade them to wood.

Mr. Turner explained that a new item in his budget this year is in the line item for IT Equipment and Software for a scanner, plotter, and copier to be used in conjunction with the Town Clerk's Office. He said that the Town Clerk has

identified a potential grant to fund approximately half the cost of the item.

TRAFFIC & SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE - 511

Mr. Turner explained that this budget is for the cost of a contractor to perform line striping of all Town streets and parking lots, and for a contract to maintain Town sidewalks. Mr. Turner stated that the Town Manager cut the line striping to exclude the painting of parking lots. He said that a street center line has not been painted over the past two year, and it is evident that this needs to be done. Mr. Turner said that he is considering a mutual aid agreement with Newington who is looking to purchase line striping equipment.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien said that the Towns of Wethersfield, Newington, and Rocky Hill are looking at an initiative to share all public works equipment.

Mr. Turner stated that the Town is way behind on the sidewalk maintenance schedule on which inspections should be conducted every five years; however, they are currently conducted every twelve years. Mr. Turner said that sidewalk maintenance used to cost approximately \$75,000 per year to repair 20% of the sidewalks and he has requested \$125,000 in the current budget to provide for some catch up to the five-year cycle; however, the Town Manager reduced this amount to \$75,000. Mr. Turner stated that there is approximately \$100,000 worth of sidewalk repair necessary throughout Wethersfield currently, and there have been so many complaints about Ridge Road that residents there will be sent notices and will not be offered the opportunity to tag on to the State bid, but rather find their own contractor for the repairs.

Councilor Kotkin asked what the \$75,000 budgeted amount will be used for if the residents are to pay for the repairs themselves. Mr. Turner explained that there are situations where the defect in the sidewalk is caused by a Town tree or something of that nature, and in that case, the Town pays for the repair.

BUILDING SERVICES - 542

Mr. Turner explained that Building Services is the portion of the Physical Services budget that deals with maintaining the Town buildings. He said that this budget consists basically of custodial and utility expenses. Mr. Turner stated that this budget includes the request for a full-time night custodian at the Town Hall. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien explained that the schedule would provide for a slight overlap with Town Hall employees so that their requests could be met. Mr. Turner explained that the alternative would be for the present cleaning company to offer a similar service for an additional \$19,000 added to the current contract of \$29,000.

Mr. Turner explained that he has requested \$30,000 for General Repairs to Buildings which was substantially cut by the Town Manager. He said that the \$12,000 for Town Generators is new since the separate amounts for facilities throughout Town have been combined into this one line item.

Chairperson Morin asked what won't get done with the General Repairs to Building line item being cut and Mr. Turner said that general and miscellaneous repairs will not get done. He explained that the Town staff can perform general maintenance on the generators; however the \$12,000 is for a general contractor to maintain all of the emergency generators and perform higher level repairs.

PHYSICAL SERVICES - 550

Mr. Turner explained that this is the operating budget for the Town Garage and reflects the addition of a full-time Maintainer 1, Grade 6 custodian and a half-time custodian, and the benefits associated. Mr. Turner explained that the Beautification Committee has proposed the furnishing of hanging flower baskets on the light poles along Main Street in Old Wethersfield, and the line item for Beautification Committee Flower baskets is for the overtime to water these baskets on evenings and weekends.

Deputy Mayor Fortunato asked if the Maintainer 1, Grade 6 position is an entry level position and Mr. Turner said that it is in the middle so as to come in at the same level as custodians at the Community Center.

Mr. Turner pointed out that there have been substantial increases in the cost for Natural Gas and that the increase from last year is based on the CRCOG bid; however, based on this year's consumption, this amount will increase even further.

Councilor Drake expressed concern that the Salaries and Wages line item is increasing by 10% without even adding in the new custodian position and Mr. Turner said that this is due to contractual obligations and built in wage increases.

Mr. Turner explained that the Vehicle Tracking Program Software is a GPS program installed in trucks to provide the opportunity to track the location of trucks. He said that it was requested that part of the cost of this be funded in the CNEF budget and the Manager cut this item. Mr. Turner stated that this item will benefit the Town by providing supervisory staff the ability to track real time of work.

Mr. Turner explained that the Support Services line item includes a request for several weather service subscriptions in order to receive accurate information and this was reduced by the Town Manager. He said that the services would pay for themselves by providing overtime cost reductions. Chairperson Morin questioned whether there are any regional services that can be utilized instead and Mr. Turner commented that information is obtained from as many sources as possible.

Mr. Turner stated that the line item for Specialty Clothing in the amount of \$2,000 needs to be included in the budget as this is a required contract issue. He said that the line item for Inventory Condition Study for Trees in the amount of \$45,000 is for an inventory of all Town trees requested by the Tree Warden. Mr. Turner explained that the \$6,000 for Renting Mower for Highway is for an over the fence attachment to mow the backside of guardrails and embankments. Chairperson Morin asked if the use of this piece of equipment could be shared with another Town and Mr. McDonald explained that both Towns would need to use the equipment at the same time.

Mr. Turner said that the line items for Salt and Sand are reduced from previous years and Chairperson Morin verified that these figures are calculated on a five or ten year average. Chairperson Morin stated that Connecticut is one of the only States in the northeast that still uses sand since everyone is going to the use of chemicals instead. He said that this eliminates not only the purchase, but also the sweeping, storage, and disposal of the sand, and he asked Mr. Turner if he has considered the use of chemicals instead. Mr. Turner answered that he meets on a monthly basis with other Town Engineers and Public Works Officials who state that there are downsides to chemical application which include trucks having to get out earlier, increased salt treatment, and temperature restrictions. Mr. McDonald explained that the holding tank required for the liquid calcium poses problems as it would be located in the Wetlands area. Chairperson Morin strongly suggested that Mr. Turner look into this for the future.

Mr. Turner explained that the Town does not have a sign replacement program, but rather replaces them as work orders are submitted. He said that his \$5,000 request for Stop Sign Upgrade in the budget is to initiate a replacement program. He said that the Traffic Control supplies budget also provides funding for signs from other departments throughout Town as well.

Councilor Kirsche asked if the old street signs will be replaced by larger lettered ones and Mr. Turner said that the old signs are being replaced with larger lettered signs on an as-needed basis rather than as a planned initiative.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE - 555

Mr. Turner stated that part of the responsibility of the staff at the Town Garage is to service all of the Town vehicles, Police vehicles, Fire apparatus, and now the Board of Education school busses as well, and that the tools, parts, and equipment for this fall under this budget. Mr. Turner explained that the overtime item is for snow removal. He stated that the cuts made in the Police Department Equipment Parts are related to the cut in the number of police vehicles.

REFUSE & RECYCLING SERVICES - 560

Mr. Turner explained that this budget is for the home collection of refuse, the contract with Paine's Refuse, and the CRRA tipping fees.

Councilor Kirsche clarified that the Wage & Salary for the Transfer Station is not included in this budget and Mr. Turner stated that the Wage & Salary line is in the 550-Physical Services account. Councilor Kirsche asked if reduced hours at the Transfer Station will be implemented this year and the Town Manager stated there has been discussion to reduce the hours if the Council is looking for ways to cut back on expenses. Mr. Turner reviewed the current hours and staffing at the Transfer Station. Councilor Kirsche asked if there is anywhere in the budget where disposal of Town refuse is accounted for. Ms. Vargas stated that municipal-solid waste is just for residents and the bulky waste is town-wide.

Councilor Adil asked if the Town charges for large item curbside pickup and Mr. Turner answered that Paine's is responsible for this and that the Town charges for a sticker for white goods pickup.

Councilor Drake asked for an explanation of the Refuse and Recycling Services Support Services line item. Ms. Vargas explained that a new procedure is in place in which Paine's charges for the extra barrel and pickup and then reimburses the Town for a part of this; therefore the line item is a charge up for the Town and also appears on the revenue side of the budget.

Chairperson Morin asked who is responsible for replacement when a barrel wears out; the homeowner or Paine's. Mr. Turner stated that Paine's is responsible for replacement. Chairperson Morin verified that the Town has instituted a policy to charge residents for replacement recycle bins and Mr. Turner said that the \$5 fee for replacement started last year.

Mr. Turner reviewed his Department's CNEF requests which include dump trucks, a jeep with a plow, a tarco leaf vacuum, as well as a larger dump truck. He explained that the Department currently has only one 10-wheeler dump truck to haul large quantities of off-site material and it has a 40% larger capacity than the 6-wheel trucks. He said that the larger trucks are also equipped with wing plows for the plowing of wider arterial streets throughout Town. Mr. Turner pointed out that the tarco leaf vacuum would give the Department five of these vacuums and improve the leaf collection program.

Councilor Cascio thanked Mr. Turner and his staff for all they do, and he asked Mr. Turner for feedback on how the Town can be maintained better so as to provide a better image to residents who have commented that it needs to be cleaned up. Mr. McDonald stated that seasonal employees have been hired earlier in the season to provide for better trimming and maintenance during the spring. He said that crews are also being asked to stay out longer to keep on top of the maintenance during this time of the year. Town Manager Bonnie Therrien commented that when the schools are renovated with atriums and courtyards, the maintenance of them is not discussed with the Physical Services staff and she has requested that discussion is held beforehand because the staff can't keep up with the maintenance. Councilor Cascio reiterated the importance of maintaining the newly renovated buildings in Town as well as the older facilities. Mr. McDonald stated that the Physical Services Department staff does the best they can with the staff and equipment available to them.

TOWN-WIDE RADIO SYSTEM - 068

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that the amount being set aside for replacement is in the CNEF fund.

Mr. Turner stated that this budget includes funding for Overtime for Police Expertise. He said that a committee made up of police, fire, ambulance, public government, the radio consultant, and radio vendor meet regularly to oversee the administration of the radio system. Mr. Turner explained that these meetings often do not fall during the police representative's regular shift; therefore the Town Manager has included overtime funding to allow him to continue to participate in the meetings.

Councilor Drake asked for an explanation of the responsibilities of the Consultant for site management for the cell towers, and Mr. Turner stated that he monitors any construction activity by vendors and performs interference studies to evaluate equipment. He said that the consultant also coordinates leases with potential vendors.

Mr. Turner explained that the line item for 75 batteries is for replacements for the portable radios used by Police and Fire personnel. He said that the rechargeable batteries have a life expectancy of 1 1/2 years and the current batteries being used are going on three years of use.

Councilor Drake asked for an explanation of the \$114,315 for the Motorola Radio Service and Software Contract line item and Mr. Turner explained that this is a guarantee and 100% replacement warranty for all of the Town's radio equipment.

Councilor Adil asked about the Callahan Tower Rental and Mr. Turner answered that this is the rental fee paid to Mr. Callahan to hang our equipment on his tower behind Bowl-A-Rama.

Mr. Turner explained that the radio system is essentially a computer system that over time will become obsolete and need replacing. He said that Motorola supports a five to seven year life of the system and after this time it is difficult to obtain replacement parts; therefore after ten years the backbone of the system should be replaced. Mr. Turner said that because the replacement will cost over \$1 million, he has recommended that money be set aside to prepare for this expense.

At this time, Town Manager Bonnie Therrien reviewed the handout she distributed with answers to supplemental budget questions from April 24. She also distributed a memo regarding the False Alarm Ordinance for alarm registration.

Chairperson Morin stated that this has been a very good budget process and he appreciates the inquiries made by the Council.

Town Manager Bonnie Therrien stated that the Department Heads have communicated to her that this budget process has been a very informative experience and that it was a pleasure to come before the Council with their proposed budgets.

Chairperson Morin said that he would like to hold off on Council approval of the budget until there is a better picture of what the State budget will look like. He announced that a budget workshop for adjustments will be held on May 2 at 7:15 p.m. and after that, a meeting date for the adoption of the budget will be set.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:56 p.m., Councilor Adil moved "**TO ADJOURN TO THE BUDGET WORKSHOP ON MAY 2, 2006 AT 7:15 P.M. AT THE ELEANOR BUCK WOLF NATURE CENTER**", seconded by Councilor Cascio. All Councilors present, including the Chairperson, voted AYE. The motion passed 8-0-0.

Dolores Sassano
Town Clerk

Approved by vote of Council 5/15/2006