

**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING on FY21 BUDGET – June 1, 2020**  
**Held Electronically**  
**7:20 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Board of Finance:** Jeff Rutishauser, Peter Balderston, Stewart Koenigsberg, Kevin Gardiner, Chris Stroup

**Others:** First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, CFO Anne Kelly-Lenz and members of the public

Chairman Jeff Rutishauser called the meeting to order at 7:23p.m.

**Public Comment**

Mr. Rutishauser noted emails received for public comment. Mr. Kaelin also noted emails received for public comment. Both noted between 70-80% in support of the budget that was placed on the website.

Mr. Rutishauser noted the procedure for mill rate deliberations for new members on the committee. Each board member to give a statement on their viewpoint on discussions

**Chris Stroup:** Mr. Stroup gave his statement before deliberations.

**Stewart Koenigsberg:** Mr. Koenigsberg gave his statement before deliberations.

**Michael Kaelin:** Mr. Kaelin gave his statement before deliberations.

**Peter Balderston:** Mr. Balderston gave his statement before deliberations.

**Kevin Gardiner:** Mr. Kaelin gave his statement before deliberations.

**Jeff Rutishauser:** Mr. Rutishauser gave his statement and proceeded to discussion of the budgets.

**Discussion of the Budgets**

**Debt Service:**

Motion made by Mr. Rutishauser that \$9,150,040 will be appropriated for Debt Service for FY2021. Mr. Balderston to approve debt service. Mr. Kaelin seconded. As there was no further discussion and the motion carried 6-0

**Estimated Revenues:**

Motion made by Mr. Rutishauser for FY2021 Estimated Revenues are \$4,349,276 with the schedule as supplied in the Mill Rate Model. Mr. Balderston seconded. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**Reserves**

Motion made by Mr. Rutishauser that \$2,969,160 to be placed in reserves for the year. Motion seconded by Mr. Koenigsberg. After discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled:**

Motion moved by Mr. Rutishauser for tax relief for the elderly or disabled at \$1,210,000 and WVAC Georgetown at \$20,750. Mr. Kaelin seconded. After discussion, motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Kelly-Lenz updated the board on numbers for the Grand List after BAA meetings that were just completed.

**Grand List Tax Collection Rate:**

Motion made by Mr. Rutishauser that the October 1, 2019 Net Taxable Grand List is \$4,281,687,742 and the Tax Collection Rate be set at 99.0%. Mr. Stroup seconded. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 6-0.

First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice gave an update on the BoS budget reviewing the attached.

**Board of Selectmen Operating Budget:**

Mr. Rutishauser made a motion that the Board of Selectmen's Operating/Operating Capital Combined Budget be \$32,915,724. Mr. Kaelin seconded. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**Board of Education Budget:**

Mr. Rutishauser made a motion to appropriate \$82,344,563 for the Board of Education Operating Budget. Ms. Koenigsberg seconded. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**General Fund Total Operating Budget:**

Mr. Rutishauser made a motion for a FY21 General Fund Total Operating Budget of \$127,244,487. Mr. Kaelin seconded. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**Ending Fund Balance:**

Mr. Rutishauser made a motion that the June 30, 2020 ending fund balance be set to \$12,724,449 which is 10% of the Total Operating Budget required which leaves a \$7,719,577 fund balance adjustment to finance the FY21 budget. Mr. Kaelin seconded. As there was no further discussion, motion carried 6-0.

**Mil Rate:**

Mr. Rutishauser made a motion to levy a tax of 27.4616 mills on the net taxable grand list as of October 1, 2019. Motion seconded by Mr. Balderston. As there was no further discussion motion carried 6-0.

The official Resolutions will be completed at the June 2, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Rutishauser then called for an adjournment of the meeting and to reconvene on June 2, 2019 at 7:00pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Rochester  
(from video recording)

## Town of Wilton FY 21 Proposed Budget Reductions-With State Plan Impact

|  |    |                                 |                         |                             |                                    |
|--|----|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Original FY 21 budget submission                   | \$ | 33,911,800                      |                         |                             |                                    |
|  |    | Reductions to<br>Flat to FY2020 | Reductions<br>to -1.75% | Reductions for<br>Prior -2% | Change                             |
| <b>Personnel</b>                                   |    |                                 |                         |                             |                                    |
| Salary   |    | 37,144                          | (12,856)                | (182,546)                   | removed wage cuts 169,690          |
| Overtime   |    | (6,000)                         | (6,000)                 | (6,000)                     | -                                  |
| Temporary Help                                     |    | (9,500)                         | (9,500)                 | (9,500)                     | -                                  |
| Employee benefits                                  |    | 244,249                         | (55,751)                | 244,249                     | medical benefit savings (300,000)  |
| <b>Total Personnel Reduction</b>                   |    | <b>265,893</b>                  | <b>(84,107)</b>         | <b>46,203</b>               | <b>(130,310)</b>                   |
| <b>Non-Personnel</b>                               |    |                                 |                         |                             |                                    |
| Building and Vehicle Fuel                          |    | (46,000)                        | (46,000)                | (46,000)                    | -                                  |
| Training & Conferences                             |    | (12,700)                        | (31,200)                | (46,700)                    | 15,500                             |
| Contractual Services                               |    | (21,475)                        | (21,475)                | (21,475)                    | -                                  |
| Dues and Membership                                |    | (400)                           | (400)                   | (11,900)                    | 11,500                             |
| Education Assistance                               |    | (8,000)                         | (8,000)                 | (8,000)                     | -                                  |
| Equipment  |    | (6,500)                         | (6,500)                 | (6,500)                     | -                                  |
| Legal  |    | 15,000                          | 15,000                  | 15,000                      | -                                  |
| Legal Notice                                       |    | (1,000)                         | (1,000)                 | (1,000)                     | -                                  |
| Office Supplies                                    |    | (500)                           | (500)                   | (500)                       | -                                  |
| Operating Capital - Delay purchase                 |    | (50,000)                        | (50,000)                | (50,000)                    | -                                  |
| Park and Grounds                                   |    | (51,000)                        | (61,000)                | (81,000)                    | restored some River Rd work 20,000 |
| Planning and Zoning                                |    | (10,000)                        | (20,000)                | (20,000)                    | -                                  |
| Postage  |    | (2,500)                         | (2,500)                 | (2,500)                     | -                                  |
| Printing   |    | (3,100)                         | (3,100)                 | (3,100)                     | -                                  |
| Road Maintenance - Salt                            |    | (114,500)                       | (114,500)               | (114,500)                   | -                                  |
| Road Materials - Rails                             |    | (30,000)                        | (30,000)                | (30,000)                    | -                                  |
| Road Striping and Signs                            |    | (4,000)                         | (4,000)                 | (4,000)                     | -                                  |
| Swim Program                                       |    |                                 | (6,056)                 | (46,056)                    | restored for summer 2021 40,000    |
| Trackside  |    | (10,000)                        | (41,000)                | (65,334)                    | restored some funding 24,334       |
| Transfer Station                                   |    | (262,719)                       | (363,438)               | (425,438)                   | Transfer Station to remain 62,000  |
| Wilton Library                                     |    | (56,300)                        | (116,300)               | (157,041)                   | restored some funding 40,741       |
| <b>Total Non-Personnel Reduction</b>               |    | <b>(675,694)</b>                | <b>(911,969)</b>        | <b>(1,126,044)</b>          | <b>214,075</b>                     |
| <b>Total Reductions from Original FY 21 Budget</b> |    | <b>(409,801)</b>                | <b>(996,076)</b>        | <b>(1,079,841)</b>          | <b>83,765</b>                      |
| <b>Revised FY 21 Budgets</b>                       |    |                                 |                         |                             |                                    |
|  |    | <b>33,501,999</b>               | <b>32,915,724</b>       | <b>32,831,959</b>           | <b>83,765</b>                      |
|  |    |                                 | <b>-1.75%</b>           | <b>-2.00%</b>               |                                    |