

**Board of Warden and Burgesses**  
**Borough of Stonington Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget Public Hearing**  
**March 30, 2015**

The Borough of Stonington Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget Public Hearing was called to order in Borough Hall at 7:00 PM by Warden Jeffrey Callahan. Present were Burgesses Michael Adair, Sibby Lynch, Amy Nicholas, Howard Park, Robert Scala, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgess Michael Blair was absent.

Approximately 25 citizens and firemen in attendance.

**Proposed Draft Budget distributed.**

Warden Jeffrey Callahan reviewed the FY 2014-2015 draft budget, copies of which are available in Borough Hall. The major features of the proposed budget are an increase of 8 percent in the mil rate and allocation of \$100,000 to the truck fund in order to cover the annual lease payment for two new fire engines.

**Public Comment:**

Resident Paul Janssens questioned if there is an increase in the snow removal budget. Warden Callahan pointed out that Line 610, snow removal, has been increased. He noted that it is not feasible to budget for a winter like the one we just had. In unusual cases like that we have to use our contingency funds and make adjustments in other areas.

Resident Beth Harding commented that road repairs has increased, however, is it enough? Burgess Park acknowledged this winter was tough on the streets. There are a number of potholes to be filled, and the street crew is starting to do that with cold patch. During the summer we will do major repairs to several streets.

Resident Beth Harding commented that she heard there was a fire at the firehouse. That is incorrect, there was a broken pipe in the sprinkler system. Jeff Callahan noted that insurance will cover most of the repairs.

**Annual Budget Meeting:**

Borough residents will vote on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Budget at the Annual Meeting being held at 10 a.m. on April 18, 2015 in Borough Hall.

**Adjournment:**

Hearing adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa M. Coleman  
Clerk-Treasurer  
March 31, 2015