

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOLLAND TOWN COUNCIL
HICKS MEMORIAL MUNICIPAL CENTER
LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM
MARCH 16, 2017**

Present: Richard Field, Chairman
William Eccles, Vice-Chair
Robert Green
Kristen Morgan
Joseph Sce
David Skoczulek
Paul Krasusky

Also Present: Steven Werbner, Town Manager
Michael Wilkinson, Director of Administrative Services
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records
John Littell, Public Safety Director
Heidi Samokar, Director of Planning and Community Development
Barbara Pettijohn, Library Director
Lisa Hancock, Director of Finance and Records
Jim Paquin, Building Official
Bruce Watt, Recreation Director
State Senator Tony Guglielmo
State Rep. Sam Belsito
Board of Education members

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

State Senator Tony Guglielmo talked about the State budget situation and the 1.5 billion plus shortfall including an overall large pension liability the State owes.

Various Town Council and BOE members and residents made the following comments and questions: Why is Governor's Budget so regressive with the tax increase? The Budget should be stalled or charter changed. Why is Tolland penalized for being fiscally sound? What is the current capacity of the schools? Use the rainy day fund (fund balance). State should not force Towns to pay teacher pension.

Each Town Council member spoke on the budget and the general feeling was to put a budget out with the hope it will fail so we can get more information from the State before the second referendum.

There was a motion to approve the resolution format in agenda item (3) by Eccles, seconded by Green, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Wilkinson
Director of Administrative Services