

Town of New Harford Board of Finance
Special Meeting – April 29, 2021
6:30 pm via ZOOM

Present: Chairman Regina Wexler, Members: Dan Charest, Kerry Guilfoyle, Ben Witte and Recording Secretary Penny Miller.

Also Present: First Selectman Dan Jerram, Admin. Asst. Christine Hayward, members of the public: Sue Lundin, Mary Beth Greenwood and Laura Garay

Chairman Wexler opened the meeting at 6:31 pm. She said the Region 7 budget was amended due to savings reported in their health care costs. As a result of these savings they have passed a new budget. First Selectman Jerram has incorporated these savings into the Town Budget which results in a budget increase of 0.99%.

First Selectman Jerram said the Board of Selectmen at their recent meeting passed a motion recommending that the Board of Finance adjust the single line. They are looking for a motion to reduce the Region 7 Education Allowance to \$10,218,206.

MOTION: by Mr. Witte to reduce the Region 7 Education Allowance to \$10,218,206.
Second by Ms. Guilfoyle.

Unanimous

First Selectman Jerram said this will reduce the tax increase to sub 1%. All other items in the budget will remain the same. There is no impact to Capital, the local Board of Education, or the Town's General Operating Budget. It will reduce the bottom line by roughly \$15,000. It will help out when the Mill Rate is set.

Mr. Charest asked if this needed to be reposted. Mr. Jerram replied this is Region 7's assessment. There is no specific amount used on the ballots. A modified CGS 7-344 may need to be done to change the education amount.

Chairman Wexler said as this was the only item on the agenda and hearing no opposition the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Penny Miller, Recording Secretary