

**WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

Board of Education Offices

Data Room #307

Alcott Elementary School

1490 Woodtick Road, Wolcott, CT

**7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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**\*THESE ARE SUMMARY MINUTES\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Rachel Wisler called the Workshop to order at **7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Rachel Wisler, Vice-Chairman Donald Charette Sr., Sean Hughes, Michael Macary, Paul D'Angelo, Anthony Guerrera Jr., Terri Sheehan, Joseph Skerritt Jr., & Kaitlynn Styles

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas G. Dunn; Susan Hale, Municipal Finance Officer; Steven Slater, Chief Accountant; Darlene Tynan, Tax Collector; Shawn Simpson, Superintendent of Schools, Todd Bendtsen, Wolcott Public Schools Business Manager; Tony Gugliotti, Board of Education Member; Edward Stephens, Chief of Police, Peter Kaminski, Deputy Ambulance Chief, et al.

**II. WORKSHOP - Town Council Discussion Regarding Town of Wolcott Proposed Budget for FY 2023-2024**

Lengthy discussion transpired regarding the Town of Wolcott proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

**III. CLOSE WORKSHOP:**

Chairman Wisler closed the Workshop at **9:05 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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**Rachel Wisler, Chairman  
WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL**

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**TOWN OF WOLCOTT, CT**  
**Fiscal Year 22-23 General Fund Projected Cash Flow**  
(Preliminary Subject to Change)

Sources	ACTUAL (Unaudited)												PROJECTED			Approved Budget (Incl Transfers)	Difference
	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	TOTAL	TOTAL			
Current Taxes	22,204,806	2,668,719	322,693	188,920	314,281	4,162,087	12,523,232	1,087,039	395,120	150,246	106,098	5,000	44,128,241	44,123,241	5,000		
Back Taxes	132,333	162,478	32,009	40,051	67,872	58,768	50,628	46,114	44,201	28,589	81,562	5,325	749,330	600,000	149,930		
Interest, Lien & CC Fees	39,863	59,465	17,485	22,053	45,317	41,501	31,561	33,775	39,918	33,619	50,477	3,200	418,024	246,500	171,524		
Education Cost Sharing				3,096,793			3,096,793			6,208,996			12,402,582		15,411		
Other Intergovernmental	5,064	113,409	18,103	466,078	4,843	30,941	5,286	850	5,806	309	4,050	240,562	895,301	455,511	439,790		
Town Clerk Fees	22,053	26,145	30,016	32,084	29,153	28,190	21,652	18,604	24,338	22,446	18,500	18,500	291,681	280,000	11,681		
Other Licenses & Permits	22,896	15,378	29,759	51,933	14,210	50,828	41,474	39,680	36,720	39,436	29,231	29,231	400,774	217,640	183,134		
Charges for Services	27,287	2,982	199	1,677	578	584	207	4,140	19,617	365	606	200	58,442	57,425	1,017		
Investment Income	7,513	41,868	48,120	46,965	49,507	45,465	44,573	82,213	84,571	68,527	34,264	34,264	587,849	12,000	575,849		
Other	2,223	28,233	1,148	3,103	62,517	432	750	77,991	2,149	28,515	1,276	1,276	209,613	112,950	96,663		
Transfer In-Water Assessment									199,860				199,860	200,000	0		
Transfer In-Residual Bond Funds													200,000	200,000	0		
Transfer In-Fund Balance													200,000	200,000	0		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>22,464,038</b>	<b>3,118,667</b>	<b>499,532</b>	<b>3,949,657</b>	<b>588,278</b>	<b>4,418,794</b>	<b>15,816,156</b>	<b>1,390,406</b>	<b>852,300</b>	<b>6,581,048</b>	<b>326,064</b>	<b>537,358</b>	<b>60,542,298</b>	<b>59,642,298</b>	<b>750,000</b>		
<b>CUMULATIVE REVENUES</b>	<b>22,464,038</b>	<b>25,582,705</b>	<b>26,082,237</b>	<b>30,031,894</b>	<b>30,620,172</b>	<b>35,038,966</b>	<b>50,855,122</b>	<b>52,245,528</b>	<b>53,097,828</b>	<b>59,678,876</b>	<b>60,004,940</b>	<b>60,542,298</b>	<b>60,542,298</b>	<b>60,542,298</b>	<b>900,000</b>		
<b>Uses:</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>June</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Approved Budget (Incl Transfers)</b>			
Wages	396,727	703,318	874,976	719,054	616,045	775,204	644,230	500,210	746,382	512,736	723,530	723,530	7,935,941	7,935,941	0		
Employee Benefits	277,175	221,922	378,468	756,215	226,221	282,874	226,610	963,018	346,854	224,460	306,149	306,149	4,516,114	4,516,114	0		
Other General Government	172,896	70,400	103,839	246,560	19,668	84,858	123,079	82,165	76,990	67,588	123,121	123,121	1,294,285	1,294,285	0		
Public Safety Operations	303,188	61,537	87,433	145,271	80,199	132,749	145,676	44,147	73,455	125,856	101,306	101,306	1,402,124	1,402,124	0		
Public Works Operations	44,438	35,064	62,492	42,783	23,511	51,033	21,563	31,073	62,937	65,715	40,863	40,863	522,335	522,335	0		
Culture/Recreation Operations	57,480	15,789	26,581	54,111	15,609	26,250	28,137	26,444	23,949	21,351	44,169	44,169	384,038	384,038	0		
Debt Services	262,900	402,700		1,411,047	446,575		37,900	20,200		259,797	92,950	890,688	3,824,157	3,824,157	0		
Capital Outlay/Leases	99,536	34,152		176,830								11,322	324,861	324,861	0		
Refuse/Recycling	1,650	159,480	151,776	167,527	160,740	164,520	161,865	166,740	133,659	185,514	170,000	361,609	1,985,080	1,985,080	0		
Education	919,550	1,953,694	2,785,183	3,042,530	3,110,856	3,345,279	3,610,337	2,316,322	3,455,219	2,909,728	5,002,333	5,002,333	37,453,363	37,453,363	0		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,534,940</b>	<b>3,658,056</b>	<b>4,470,748</b>	<b>6,761,928</b>	<b>4,699,424</b>	<b>4,862,767</b>	<b>4,999,397</b>	<b>4,150,319</b>	<b>4,922,466</b>	<b>4,372,745</b>	<b>6,604,419</b>	<b>7,606,088</b>	<b>59,642,298</b>	<b>59,642,298</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>CUMULATIVE EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,534,940</b>	<b>6,192,996</b>	<b>10,663,744</b>	<b>17,425,672</b>	<b>22,125,096</b>	<b>26,987,863</b>	<b>31,987,260</b>	<b>36,137,579</b>	<b>41,060,045</b>	<b>45,432,790</b>	<b>52,037,210</b>	<b>59,642,298</b>	<b>59,642,298</b>	<b>59,642,298</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 22-23</b>	<b>19,929,098</b>	<b>19,389,709</b>	<b>15,418,493</b>	<b>12,606,222</b>	<b>8,495,076</b>	<b>8,051,103</b>	<b>18,867,862</b>	<b>16,107,949</b>	<b>12,037,783</b>	<b>14,246,086</b>	<b>7,967,730</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>(No Use of Fund Balance)</b>			
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 21-22</b>	18,822,602	16,820,350	12,883,749	10,267,017	6,264,589	5,668,295	17,542,986	14,850,476	10,479,452	12,736,210	9,053,137	1,196,625					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 20-21</b>	16,316,933	14,198,882	12,137,576	9,910,246	5,665,128	6,063,846	14,746,110	13,481,972	9,275,620	11,688,957	8,498,545	986,499					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 19-20</b>	17,547,404	15,000,513	11,203,543	9,114,424	5,363,687	5,336,228	15,665,951	13,677,501	9,731,692	11,667,036	8,488,178	1,321,511					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 18-19</b>	16,117,042	14,296,142	11,008,787	8,925,485	5,640,906	3,320,806	16,103,478	13,816,023	10,354,658	12,088,978	8,402,562	638,406					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 17-18</b>	16,185,600	13,830,131	9,986,944	6,508,170	4,579,280	4,225,614	14,917,137	12,314,836	9,637,991	12,539,898	8,893,318	791,969					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 16-17</b>	16,079,772	13,343,412	9,212,290	8,229,945	5,151,474	3,951,056	14,283,716	11,522,862	8,518,547	11,445,793	7,917,916	647,854					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 15-16</b>	14,059,056	12,171,489	8,044,966	6,700,520	3,621,606	1,081,592	12,851,671	10,939,292	7,575,260	11,395,125	7,115,952	560,464					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 14-15</b>	9,762,407	10,218,122	6,823,862	6,901,519	3,978,326	2,553,070	12,158,472	9,827,030	7,120,165	10,566,782	7,728,404	306,200					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 13-14</b>	12,544,206	9,784,110	6,285,112	6,990,362	4,054,814	1,511,223	12,013,406	9,834,696	6,419,578	10,127,099	7,585,920	538,062					
<b>YTD CASH FLOW 12-13</b>	9,617,838	9,275,222	6,811,270	6,514,384	4,013,706	1,659,369	12,117,835	8,956,576	6,088,800	9,876,910	7,001,785	618,365					

**TOWN OF WOLCOTT  
ESTIMATED UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2023**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
6/30/2022	Beginning Balance (13% of FY 22/23 Budget)	7,727,231
	Assigned to FY 22/23 (not utilized)	750,000
	Committed Reduction Estimate (Farmingbury)	100,000
	<b>Estimated Surplus</b>	<b><u>900,000</u></b>
6/30/2023	<b>Estimated Ending Balance</b>	<b>9,477,231</b>
	% of Proposed 23/24 Budget *	15.0%
		Proposed Town 24,164,247
		BOE <u>39,081,466</u>
		63,245,713

\* Note: Fund Balance Policy Target Range 10% -15%

<u>Allocate to FY 24</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>FB % of Budget</u>
500,000	8,977,231	14.19%
600,000	8,877,231	14.04%
700,000	8,777,231	13.88%
800,000	8,677,231	13.72%
900,000	8,577,231	13.56%
1,000,000	8,477,231	13.40%
1,100,000	8,377,231	13.25%
1,200,000	8,277,231	13.09%



**TOWN OF WOLCOTT  
2023/2024 PROPOSED BUDGET  
MILL RATE CALCULATION**

**EXPENDITURES**

General Government Budget	*	<b>\$24,164,247</b>	
Education Budget		<b>\$39,081,466</b>	
Total Expenditures			<b><u>\$63,245,713</u></b>

**REVENUES**

Excluding Property Tax	*	<b><u>(\$14,653,187)</u></b>	
Net Expenditures - To be Raised by Property Tax		<b><u>\$48,592,526</u></b>	
Back Property Taxes		<b><u>(\$600,000)</u></b>	
Current Property Taxes		<b><u>\$47,992,526</u></b>	
Court Stipulations		<b><u>\$0</u></b>	
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>			<b><u>\$47,992,526</u></b>

**\* Includes Mayor's Proposed Budget Revisions**

Grand List - Net After Appeals Reduction	<b><u>\$1,471,123,979</u></b>	
Grand List Reduced by a Collection Rate Percentage of:	<b>98.50%</b>	<b><u>\$1,449,057,119</u></b>

**MILL RATE - 2023/2024 FISCAL YEAR**

	Taxes	Grand List			
	<b><u>\$47,992,526</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,449,057,119</u></b>	<b>÷</b>	<b>=</b>	<b><u>33.12</u></b>
<b>CURRENT MILL RATE - 2022/2023 FISCAL YEAR</b>					<b><u>30.80</u></b>
<b>MILL RATE INCREASE / (DECREASE)</b>					<b><u>2.32</u></b>

MILL RATE ANALYSIS FY 23/24

	Budget as Proposed	Additional Revenue Increase and/or Budget Reduction									
		\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$1,450,000	\$3,360,000
<b>TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	\$47,992,526	\$47,942,526	\$47,892,526	\$47,792,526	\$47,692,526	\$47,492,526	\$47,242,526	\$46,992,526	\$46,792,526	\$46,542,526	\$44,632,526
Net Grand List After Appeals Reduction	\$1,471,123,979	(50,000)	(100,000)	(200,000)	(300,000)	(500,000)	(750,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,450,000)	(3,360,000)
Grand List Reduced to 98.5%	\$1,449,057,119										
<b>Budget with Back Taxes at \$600,000</b>											
<b>Current Mill Rate</b>		33.09	33.05	32.98	32.91	32.77	32.60	32.43	32.29	32.12	30.80
		30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8	30.8
<b>Mill Rate Increase/(Decrease)</b>		2.29	2.25	2.18	2.11	1.97	1.80	1.63	1.49	1.32	0.00
% Increase/Decrease		7.42%	7.31%	7.08%	6.86%	6.41%	5.85%	5.29%	4.84%	4.28%	0.00%
Increase on Assessed Value of:											
\$		\$229	\$225	\$218	\$211	\$197	\$180	\$163	\$149	\$132	\$0
per Month		\$19	\$19	\$18	\$18	\$16	\$15	\$14	\$12	\$11	\$0