

Cromwell Fire District

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FIRE DISTRICT OFFICE
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Monday, May 23, 2022

5:30 PM

**Coles Road Firehouse
105 Coles Road
Cromwell, CT**

The Annual Budget Meeting of the Cromwell Fire District was held on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 5:30 PM, at the Coles Road Firehouse, 105 Coles Road, Cromwell, CT.

Commissioners Lee Brow (President), Charles Epstein, Roger Rukowicz, Chip Darius, Mertie Terry, Robert McIntyre, David Colligan and Robert Donohue attended. Commissioner Jason Hinnners was absent. Also attending were Fire Chief Jason Balletto, Communications Manager Justin Lonergan, Accountant Michael Alibrio and Water Operations Manager Joseph Palmieri. Mr. Lonergan was the moderator of the meeting as the Executive Director was unable to attend.

There was a budget Power Point presentation/discussion from 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM to review and explain the budget. A copy is attached to the minutes on file in the Fire District Office. Voting was conducted from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

The Secretary of the Board, Charles Epstein, read the Call of the Meeting. A copy is attached to the minutes on file in the Fire District Office.

It was explained that this year's budget will have NO mil rate increase and NO water rate increase. Budget highlights were discussed as noted in the Power Point handouts. Based on the outcome of a vote that was taken at the last budget meeting, the budget vote will be two separate issues/questions on the ballot. The public had voted to have the Water Enterprise Fund budget and the General Fund budget (Fire Department) as two separate items to vote on. The first item would be to approve or not approve the Water Enterprise Fund and the second item would be to approve or not approve the General Fund budget.

There were comments and questions from members of the public. There were concerns that there was not enough detail in the budget spreadsheets. There were other comments that the budget did not mirror the Town's budget in terms of accounts and where they are located.

At 6:00 PM voting began. Ballots were received until 8:00 PM. Ballots were tabulated by the District office clerks and recounted by the Secretary of the Board. The results were: 50 votes in the affirmative to approve the Water Enterprise Fund budget and the General Fund budget. There were 3 votes not approving the Water Enterprise Fund budget and the General Fund budget.

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Based on the results of the vote, Item 2. On the Call of the Meeting will be enacted to lay a tax of 3 mils (NO increase from last year) on the taxable Grand List of the Cromwell Fire District and fix the tax rate of the District to meet the expenses of the District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Commissioner Epstein, seconded by Commissioner Colligan and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

ATTEST:

Charles R. Epstein, Secretary

Nancy Deegan
Recording Secretary

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