

**MIDDLEFIELD BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**405 Main Street**  
**Middlefield, Connecticut 06455**

Minutes of the Thursday, April 6, 2023  
Special BOF Meeting – Budget Workshop #6

Attendance:

Members		Others	
X	Skelps, Michael	X	Rusilowicz, Al
A	Kowal, Melissa	X	Rick Santos
X	Lowry, David	X	Cristal DiPietro
X	Boyle, Kevin		
X	Matterazzo, Lee		
X	Wolak, Mary		

A=Absent  
X=Present

This meeting is held via Zoom. Michael Skelps called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of the Agenda

Agenda was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

None

Discussion of Durham Middlefield Youth and Family Services

DMYFS budget was discussed. A DFC grant had expired a year ago. The two towns agreed to continue that program for two years. Middlefield’s funding will remain flat, and a portion of this department’s budget will be funded by ARPA funds. Cristal reviewed the programs in some detail. The ARPA funding will no longer be available for FY25, so the Board encouraged Cristal to seek diligently seek grants to make up for this in the next year.

#### Discussion of Lake Beseck Environmental Committee

Lake Beseck Environmental Committee budget was discussed. AER, the previous testing company has gone out of business and has been removed from the budget, hence the 44.9% reduction. The new treatment and testing expenses have been estimated at \$29,000 and will be offset by an invasive aquatic plant grant, specifically for Eurasian Milfoil.

#### Discussion of Planning and Zoning

Planning and Zoning budget was discussed. Legal expenses vary widely from year to year, so an average amount of \$7,000 was used. The Board is not aware of any controversy regarding P&Z which would lead to large legal costs.

#### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.