

**JOINT BOARDS OF FINANCE-DURHAM & MIDDLEFIELD  
BUDGET MEETING**

Tuesday, March 3, 2020  
6:00 p.m.  
3rd FLOOR MEETING ROOM  
DURHAM TOWN HALL  
**MINUTES**

**Call to order**

B. Donahue called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

In attendance: Bob Donahue, Chuck Stengel, Laurie Tuttle, Nancy Cuomo, Caroline Mormile, Molly Nolan (6:22 p.m.), James Irish, Michael Skelps, Melissa Kowal, David Lowry, Laura Francis, Edward Bailey, Carol Bufithis, Robert Yamartino, Dom DelVecchio, Charles Zieminski, Al Rusilowicz

Absent: Mary Wolak

Others in attendance: Carl Stoup

**FY 20-21 Durham Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board Budget Hearing**

D. DelVecchio, chair of DMIAAB, was present to review the proposed budget. The audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 and the fiscal year 2020-2021 proposed budget were provided to the boards. D. DelVecchio opened the discussion by reviewing the fy 18-19 proposed budget vs. the actual budget.

The following items from last year's budget were discussed:

- 103-08: Brush-Contract with the town of Guilford.
- 105-01 & 105-02: Town of Durham and Middlefield Contribution-Line item was adjusted last year due to a surplus from tub grinding, reduced contribution from each town.
- 450-01: Fuel-Unanticipated overage.
- 450-08: Kenworth 6-Equipment Repairs, truck was out of warranty.
- 107: Fund Balance-In accordance with the audit, assigned money and in turn reduced the town's contribution.

The boards discussed the following budget items:

- 201: Tip Fee-There is a significant increase in the Tip Fee to \$91 per ton with the possibility of it going higher.
- 801: Legal Fees-Haulers who are not abiding by policies.
- 450-10: Lease Payment Truck: Currently the trucks are on a 10-year replacement cycle. Suggested making it 12 years due to 25% decrease in operation. Options also discussed:
  - Private Haulers: no overhead costs, have all the risk.
  - One Truck: Have a backup private hauler if there is a breakdown.
- Sticker fee increase, including a commercial rate vs. residential rate.
- Holding off one year on lease of new truck-asking D. DelVecchio to obtain bids from private haulers.
- License Plate Reader Recognition System: the purpose is to see who the frequent users are. Policies need to be put in place prior to having this system in place.
- A straw poll was conducted: the following was voted as favorable: Increase sticker fee to \$50, Commercial Fee \$125, Hold off on a new truck, and obtain bids for private haulers.

**FY20-21 Budget Meeting**

Tabled.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by C. Stengel to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Keogh