

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

Minutes of the April 22, 2021 Budget Workshop Video Conference

Jim Irish started the meeting at ~7:04 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Others

X	Irish, Jim	X	Rusilowicz, Al
X	Kowal, Melissa	A	Bailey, Ed
X	Lowry, David		
X	Nick, Joel		
X	Skelps, Michael		
X	Wolak, Mary	X	Ann Olszewski

A=Absent

X=Present

**Discussion by all regarding proposed Capital/Non-Recurring items in FY22 budget - Jim/  
 Al to present capital plan**

- The capital budget summary was presented showing a roughly \$4k reduction in capital funding for FY22 vs FY21.
- A number of accounts had increases or decreases, but on balance, the proposed funding level stays at the \$900K level.
- Changes to date from the selectman's budget were also reviewed for capital, expenses and revenues. The mill rate with these changes calculates currently to 32.00 mills - a slight increase over the selectman's budget but still a reduction from the FY21 mill rate.
- It was decided to remove the \$1500 addition that had been made in the library budget for temporary help - given the significant number of additional expenses that have arisen in other categories since the first selectman's budget.

**Discussion by all to review other aspects of FY22 budget**

- Dave Lowry offered concern about the rationale for trimming Middlefield's (and other small towns's) ECS funding. There was general agreement our board would like to hear/understand the formula or thinking that led to small towns like ours losing ECS while large and "represented" town seemed to receive significant state funding increases. Dave volunteered to follow-up for some answers.
- Funding the Fire Department Building committee for up-coming soft costs was discussed. Jim will talk with chairman Paul Pizzo to understand likely amount and timing - to use for improved budget input
- The date of May 4th was selected for the next BOF budget workshop - to finalize the budget for Public Hearing

The meeting was adjourned at ~8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Irish