



**BOROUGH OF STONINGTON
223rd ANNUAL MEETING
April 22, 2023**

AGENDA

- Item 1. Opening remarks and elect moderator (V)
- Item 2. Approve Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting. (V)
- Item 3. Warden's Report and Public Comment.
- Item 4. Capital Improvement Program. (V)
- Item 5. Budget Presentation, Discussion, and Vote. (V)
- Item 6. Report of the Waldron-Williams Fund. Elect trustees. (V)
- Item 7. Other Business.
- Item 8. Adjourn

**Borough of Stonington
Board of Warden and Burgesses
Annual Meeting – April 30, 2022
Draft minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

Warden Jeffrey Callahan called the 222nd annual meeting of the Borough of Stonington Board of Warden and Burgesses to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held at Borough Hall and also by way of Zoom conferencing video. Present in Borough Hall in addition to Warden Callahan were Burgesses Shaun Mastroianni, Amy Nicholas, Kevin Rogers and Amanda Barnes. Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman attended via Zoom. Burgess Kevin Rogers assisted the Clerk-Treasurer in recording the votes. Thirteen residents were in attendance in person and via Zoom.

ELECT MODERATOR

On a motion by Burgess Mastroianni, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, the election of Richard Easton as the moderator for the annual meeting, was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion by Burgess Mastroianni, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting, was unanimously approved.

A motion by Burgess Barnes, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual meeting, were unanimously approved.

WARDEN'S REPORT

OPENING REMARKS --- Welcome to the two hundred and twenty-second annual meeting of the Borough of Stonington. It's been three years since we have gathered in this hall, and it's good to see people here again. I don't need to tell you that it has been a strange interlude, throughout which, with help from Zoom and the State of CT, Borough government has continued to function. I'll talk about the highlights later in my report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT --- The volunteers of the Borough Fire Department continue to keep our residents and those of surrounding communities safe. Since we last met in person, the Borough Fire Department has responded to about 400 calls. Incidents have included everything from hazardous material spills to motor vehicle accidents to water emergencies to actual fires, demonstrating the wide range of issues our fire department trains for and handles with skill. There have been a significant number of calls to assist the Stonington Ambulance Corps. Wearing his fire marshal hat, Chief Jeff Hoadley has been very active with annual inspections while observing Covid restrictions. He is required by law to inspect every year all places of assembly and buildings with three or more units.

ZONING --- Second only to fire protection, planning and zoning are very important functions of your government. Zoning has generally been free of controversy this past year, but still busy with

45 permits issued and several enforcement actions taken. On the planning side an update to the Borough's Plan of Conservation and Development is now underway.

ADMINISTRATIVE & REGULATORY ACTIVITY --- First, you should know that the Borough has a new, much improved website..... stoningtonboroughct.gov. There's lots of good information on it. Check it out.

The Borough passed the annual recertification of compliance with FEMA's Community Rating System and thereby preserved the 10 percent discount our residents receive on flood insurance policies issued through NFIP. Participation in the CRS program imposes a significant administrative burden, but I believe it is worth the effort, because over half of the Borough is within the 100-year flood zone and about 35% of the Borough's structures carry flood insurance.

The joint Borough-Town storm water management plan is working well. The report for 2021 was recently submitted to DEEP. You can find it on the Borough website.

We successfully completed our financial audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The Borough's net position—or net worth -- was \$4,407,810, an increase of 2.1 percent since 2019. We currently have about \$500,00 in reserves.

The 2020 census found that for the first time in decades, the Borough's population has increased! The official figure is 976. Covid probably had something to do with it.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) --- No doubt many of you have heard of ARPA, the 2021 federal law that distributed money to states, cities, and towns all across America. Remarkably, even the tiny Borough of Stonington was included in this program and was awarded about 260 thousand dollars in two tranches, the first last June and the second this coming June. Like all federal grant programs, the money comes with restrictions on how it can be used, one of which is that it cannot be used to reduce local taxes. The Board has applied the first allotment in various ways, including stipends to our staff and volunteer fire fighters and ambulance corps who continued show up and respond even during the worst phases of Covid. We also distributed part of the funds as grants to local not-for-profit and small businesses so they could undertake improvements and programs that they couldn't do during the pandemic. Finally, we have contracted with an engineering firm to conduct an assessment of our storm water system to identify and recommend solutions to problems that cause street flooding.

INFRASTRUCTURE --- Sections of Union and Grand Streets were repaved last year, and Denison and part of Water Street are to be done in May. All of the viaduct pole lights are back in place. Also, the Wayland's seawall has been completely repointed.

TRAFFIC STUDY --- Last year the Borough hired a consultant to study traffic and parking issues. His report, which is on the website, includes many useful suggestions, almost all of which I'm sure will find opposition from someone or some neighborhood. Rather than the Board deciding which ones to implement I think it would be better to form a citizen's committee to go over the plan and make recommendations to the Board. If anyone is interested in serving on such a committee, please contact me or Burgess Kevin Rogers.

COMFORT STATION --- A long standing deficiency in Borough amenities is public restrooms. Last year the Board formed a building committee to try to solve this problem, and we hired architect Julia Leeming to develop a preliminary design. The first step was to select a location, and because of flood plain restrictions it quickly became clear that the only suitable publicly owned land is Wadawanuck Square. Given the prominence of the Square and our iconic library, it was clear that the design of what became known as the comfort station had to be elegant and compatible with nearby structures. As a result, Julia's design — which is very elegant and functional — is also expensive. So, I decided to put the project on hold for now in the hope that a more affordable solution may be found.

RECOGNITION --- Keeping the Borough going as an independent municipality is a team effort involving a small paid staff and lots of volunteers. We don't have a big pool from which to draw volunteers for our boards and commissions, not to mention people willing to run for elective office. First, I want to recognize my colleagues on the Board of Warden & Burgesses, clerk-treasurer Lisa Coleman, and our tax assessor, Michael Schefers, for their service to the community.

I want to give a big thankyou to the citizens who serve on Planning & Zoning, which is chaired by Don Maranell; the Zoning Board of Appeals, chaired by Tony Crane in 2021 and now by Alan Vaskas; and the Harbor Management Commission, a joint commission with the Town. Another very important group of volunteers are the fire fighters, who respond not only to fires but also to floods and other emergencies.

Our paid staff includes Ann Fiore who replaced Barbara Perry in the office after Barbara retired in 2020; part-time zoning officer Tom Zanarini; fire chief/marshal Jeff Hoadley; and Sue Cordeiro and Phoenix Grimes, who keep the streets clear of leaves and snow (remember the Blizzard of '22?), as well as maintaining our six parks and responding to fallen tree limbs, clogged storm drains, and other situations of all sorts. By the way, Sue is now in her 41st year of service in the Borough Street Department; and Jeff Hoadley has been a member of the fire department for 48 years and chief for 31. All together they are the corporate memory of this government. Borough Attorney Nick Kepple continues to provide wise advice on a whole range of legal matters.

PASSINGS --- Each year I note the passing of some members of the community, people who gave in various ways to make the Borough a better place to live for all. Among those we have lost over the past year are Howard Fromson, Michael Davis, Kathe Hewes, Sandy Bragdon, David Black, Ann Ryon, Frank Gonsalves, Robert Szostak, Elizabeth Talbot, Idalina Simao, Judith Keegan, Bernadine Shea, and Cindy Rita Berg. I also want to remember Roger Collelo, former member of the Borough Highway Department, who died in a boating incident two years ago.

WALDRON-WILLIAMS FUND --- For many years, the Borough has been fortunate to have two charitable funds with which to assist residents who need some financial help. In 2019 the trustees of the two funds agreed to explore merging them to improve the efficiency of their operations. It took a while, but with help from Atty — and now probate judge — Beth Leamon as well as Borough Atty Nick Kepple, we received permission from the Court of Probate to merge

the funds. The combined fund, now known as The Waldron-Williams Fund, is incorporated in the State of Connecticut. It has three trustees, one of whom is appointed by the Board of Warden & Burgesses. The other two will be elected later in this meeting.

OUTLOOK --- Stonington Borough enters its 222nd year in good shape fiscally, physically, and socially. Our financial reserves are strong, our infrastructure is in relatively good shape, and the institutions that bind the community together have withstood the challenges of the past two years.

The English word "borough" comes from the old German and Dutch words for fortress. We live in a fortress of sorts, one of civility, reason, and generosity. A community like this does not just happen. It took years of work and citizen participation to create this fortress, and it continues to take work and participation to keep it in good repair. I encourage everyone to get involved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lisa Tepper Bates thanked everyone for their service. She was concerned that the Comfort Station might be put on hold. Warden Callahan addressed the cost of the building which is approximately \$300,000. ARPA funds, which were initially looked at as half of the cost, are going to be used toward other projects in the Borough.

Resident Kevin Bowdler asked about the Borough taking out a bond to build the Comfort Station. Burgess Mastroianni mentioned the fire trucks will be paid off in two years and once paid off that will be \$100,000 a year.

Janet Vaskas asked about funding. Warden Callahan said a combination of donations and fundraisers could be used to raise the money. Warden Callahan asked for letters to be sent to Board Members to ask that the issue be moved ahead.

BUDGET PRESENTATION, DISCUSSION AND VOTE

The mill rate will remain the same, at 3, as the last two years. Total revenue is \$1,352,486. The total expenses are the same, \$1,352,486. Of note in the expenditures are the increases in health care costs and salaries, fire department by 2.5%, public buildings in which the roof of Borough hall had to be repaired, Parks and Trees due to large trees that need to be taken down.

Faith Lutat (lives on Church Street) asked about having parking only on one side of Church Street. She asked about when the street will be widened.

Gillian Barr asked about how the rates are set for renting the fire hydrants. Warden Callahan answered the rates are set by the water company and PURA.

A motion by Resident Michael Schefers, seconded by Burgess Nicholas, to approve the FY 2022-23 budget, was unanimously approved.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

FY 22-23: Pave and Widen CHURCH STREET; Pave WATER STREET (Church to Harmony) (\$150,000)

FY 23-24: REPAIR UPPER CLIFF STREET AND AROUND CANNON SQUARE; REPLACE BOROUGH HALL FIRE ESCAPE (\$120,000)

FY 24-25: PAVE BROAD STREET (Main to Water); PAVE DIVING STREET (\$150,000)

FY 25-26: PAVE WATER STREET (Viaduct to High) (\$100,000)

FY 26 -27: PAVE PEARL STREET (Main to Water); PAVE NORTHWEST STREET (\$130,000)

A motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, to approve the capital improvement program, was unanimously approved.

REPORT OF THE WALDRON-WILLIAMS FUND, ELECT TRUSTEES

Warden Callahan reported that the Waldron-Williams Fund is now a combined fund and has received its 501c3 designation. Trustee Caroline Muller asked all present to spread the word that this fund is available, and applications are available on the Borough website, in Borough Hall and at Tom’s newsstand. Trustee Michael Schefers gave a report on the Waldron-Williams Fund. \$850 in donations have been received since the inception of the merger of the two funds. Funds were granted in total amount of \$5,975. Cash on hand is now \$210,844.

A motion by Warden Callahan, seconded by Burgess Rogers, to elect Caroline Muller and Michael Schefers as Trustees of the Waldron-Williams Fund, was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Burgess Nicholas, seconded by Burgess Barnes, adjournment of the meeting at 10:53 a.m., was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa M. Coleman
April 18, 2023

BOROUGH OF STONINGTON
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WARDEN

APRIL 22, 2023 (4/17)

OPENING REMARKS --- Welcome to the two hundred and twenty-third annual meeting of the Borough of Stonington. Compared to the previous two years, this past year has seemed “normal”, although the nearly complete lack of snow is a bit unsettling. Covid-19, while still among us, is much less of a threat than it was last year at this time.

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) – As I told you at last year’s annual meeting, even the tiny Borough received an allocation of federal ARPA funds, to the tune of \$260,000 in two tranches. We did receive our second tranche last year and have dedicated a portion of it to resolving flooding issues on Water Street. Our engineering consultants, CLA Engineers, are drawing up bid documents, and we anticipate beginning work on a new storm water outfall at Wayland’s Wharf this fall. The additional outfall will relieve the pressure on the

outfall near Harbor Edge and greatly improve the capacity of the storm water drainage system on Water Street. Currently we have \$30,508 in uncommitted ARPA funds.

FIRE DEPARTMENT--- The volunteers of the Borough Fire Department continue to keep our residents and those of surrounding communities safe. In 2022 the Borough fire department responded to 136 alarms, a slight increase from 2021. Many of the calls are so-called “medical assists”, which means supporting the Stonington Ambulance Corps when they don’t have enough personnel on scene to lift or move a patient. Wearing his fire marshal hat, Chief Jeff Hoadley has been very active with annual inspections. He is required by law to inspect every year all places of assembly and buildings with three or more units.

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INFRASTRUCTURE – Another section of Water Street was repaved last year, as was Denison Avenue. Just this week Water Street was resurfaced from the viaduct ramp to High Street. Speaking of the viaduct, the State of CT has begun planning for a complete replacement of the viaduct, which was built in 1939 and upgraded in the early 1990’s. Construction of the replacement probably will begin in 2025.

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Aundre Bumgartner, has put in a state bond request for the comfort station. We are hopeful that the State will fund his request and we can get on with the project.

Cannon Square – The flagpole, which snapped in a storm last spring was replaced. Plans are in the works to replace the wheels on the cannons.

Footbridge- The Borough hired CLS Engineers to conduct an inspection of the footbridge, which revealed some maintenance needs. We are awaiting a proposal from CLA to prepare specifications and bid documents to have that work done.

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OUTLOOK -

This being my last report as warden, I must tell you what an honor it has been to serve the Borough both as warden and as a burgess. This is a very special place and a very special community. As Tony Bailey observed years ago, not everyone gets along all the time. There are the occasional spats and disagreements. But there is a level of civility and reason here that sadly is lacking in much of America today. I attribute those qualities to the type of people who live here and trust that those qualities will continue. Thank you for your support and best of luck in the future.

BOROUGH OF STONINGTON
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: 2023-2028

PROPOSED 3.20.23

FY 23-24: PAVE WATER STREET FROM FOOT OF VIADUCT TO HIGH STREET; CONSTRUCT NEW STORM WATER OUTFALL AT WAYLAND'S WHARF AND CONNECT TO WATER STREET SYSTEM (\$200,000)

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FY 26-27: PAVE PEARL STREET; PAVE NORTHWEST STREET (\$150,000)

FY 27-28: PAVE WATER STREET (High to Church) (\$150,000)

BOROUGH OF STONINGTON
 PROPOSED FY 2023-24 BUDGET
 APRIL 2023

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	NOTES
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24		
INCOME								
GRANTS & REIMBURSEMENTS								
1	\$ 192,950	\$ 206,885	\$ 267,828	\$ 251,583	\$ 208,084	\$ 287,260		Streets
2	\$ 15,246	\$ 15,187	\$ 15,204	\$ 15,013	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000		
3	\$ -	\$ 14,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,400		
	\$ 208,196	\$ 236,072	\$ 284,032	\$ 266,596	\$ 219,084	\$ 303,660		
FIRE PROTECTION FEES								
21	\$ 63,965	\$ 65,564	\$ 67,203	\$ 68,883	\$ 68,000	\$ 68,000		
22	\$ 27,945	\$ 28,644	\$ 29,360	\$ 30,094	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500		
23	\$ 26,003	\$ 26,861	\$ 27,532	\$ 28,220	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000		
	\$ 117,913	\$ 121,069	\$ 124,095	\$ 127,197	\$ 125,500	\$ 125,500		
OTHER INCOME								
61	\$ 4,715	\$ 6,655	\$ 5,820	\$ 3,775	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000		
62	\$ 1,860	\$ 1,862	\$ 945	\$ 930	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		
64	\$ 1,000	\$ 50						
65	\$ 610	\$ 621	\$ 663	\$ 671	\$ 600	\$ 600		
69	\$ 3,706	\$ 3,286	\$ 8,272	\$ 6,594	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000		
	\$ 11,891	\$ 12,474	\$ 15,700	\$ 11,970	\$ 7,600	\$ 7,600		
PROPERTY TAXES								
81	\$ 878,152	\$ 918,244	\$ 924,193	\$ 932,149	\$ 912,166	\$ 974,597		Plus 6.9%
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ACCUMULATED REVENUE FUND								
91	\$ 69,390	\$ 44,323	\$ 95,027	\$ -	\$ 88,136	\$ 38,257		
	\$ 1,285,542	\$ 1,332,182	\$ 1,443,047	\$ 1,337,912	\$ 1,352,486	\$ 1,449,614		Plus 7.2%
TOTAL REVENUE								

PROPERTY TAX CALCULATION:

NET ASSESSMENT:	\$ 295,677,696	\$ 299,248,940	\$ 300,960,577	\$ 300,884,639	\$ 305,583,110	\$ 445,224,984	FINAL
MIL RATE	0.0029	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.0022	
GRAND LEVY	\$ 857,465	\$ 897,747	\$ 902,882	\$ 902,654	\$ 916,749	\$ 979,495	
RATE OF COLLECTIONS	0.995	0.995	0.95	0.98	0.995	0.995	
PROJECTED COLLECTIONS	\$ 853,178	\$ 893,258	\$ 857,738	\$ 884,601	\$ 912,166	\$ 974,597	

ORDINARY EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

101 Audit & Accountant	\$ 25,015	\$ 20,366	\$ 21,012	\$ 23,506	\$ 23,000	\$ 25,000	
103 Election	\$ 3,751	\$ -	\$ 4,611	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	
104 Insurance							
Surety Bonds	\$ 235	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
CIRMA LAP-Liabil, Auto & Prop	\$ 18,424	\$ 17,870	\$ 17,870	\$ 20,827	\$ 20,500	\$ 21,000	
CIRMA Workers Comp	\$ 26,226	\$ 22,347	\$ 21,187	\$ 20,613	\$ 22,000	\$ 21,000	
Other Insurance			\$ 1,027				
105 Professional Services	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,695	\$ 11,575	\$ 16,023	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,000	
106 Special Mailings	\$ 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,221	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
107 Community Affairs	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ 1,449	\$ 1,234	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600	
108 Health Insurance	\$ 62,419	\$ 72,867	\$ 44,449	\$ 38,299	\$ 55,000	\$ 60,000	
109 HSA Contrib/Deductible	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,632	\$ 4,153	\$ 5,030	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
110 Travel Reimbursement	\$ 2,470	\$ 572	\$ 43	\$ 435	\$ 500	\$ 500	
111 Ordinance Enforcement						\$ 2,000	New

OFFICE

121 Legal Notices	\$ 1,537	\$ 747	\$ 1,915	\$ 107	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500	
122 Equipment R&M/Upgrade	\$ 3,226	\$ 879	\$ 2,358	\$ 1,030	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
123 Postage	\$ 1,164	\$ 1,578	\$ 1,046	\$ 614	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
124 Supplies	\$ 1,285	\$ 686	\$ 1,022	\$ 1,679	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	
125 Technology	\$ 2,739	\$ 4,183	\$ 5,776	\$ 7,868	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
126 Bank Fees	\$ 1,002	\$ 839	\$ 1,270	\$ 1,233	\$ 600	\$ 600	

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	NOTES
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24			
129 Miscellaneous	\$ 155	\$ 2,105	\$ 972	\$ 539	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000			
130 Admin. Assistant Salary	\$ 35,118	\$ 35,875	\$ 26,832	\$ 30,450	\$ 39,000	\$ 42,000			
TAX COLLECTION									
141 Legal Notices	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100			
142 Liens	\$ 40	\$ 30	\$ -	\$ 20	\$ 100	\$ 100			
143 Postage	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 200			
144 Collection Expenses	\$ 4,204	\$ 4,094	\$ 3,490	\$ 3,184	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,500			
145 Tax Refunds	\$ 298	\$ 226	\$ 231	\$ 1,101	\$ 500	\$ 500			
149 Miscellaneous			\$ 396						
SALARIES OF OFFICIALS									
161 Assessor	\$ 720	\$ 720	\$ 660	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500			
162 Burgesses	\$ 3,650	\$ 3,575	\$ 2,650	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000			
163 Clerk-Treasurer	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,688	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,500			
165 Warden	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 18,500			
168 Payroll Taxes - For All Depts	\$ 27,255	\$ 28,021	\$ 26,322	\$ 27,841	\$ 27,196	\$ 29,934			
Employee Bonus	\$ 4,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
169 Direct Deposit Fees				\$ 126	\$ 300	\$ 200			
170 Commissioner Stipends	\$ 4,354	\$ 3,520	\$ 2,708	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000			
171 Deferred Comp Match						\$ 12,000			New
CONTRIBUTIONS									
191 Stonington Free Library	\$ 24,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 27,500			
192 Stonington Ambulance	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000			
193 SeCTer	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 325	\$ 350	\$ 440			
194 SE CT Council of Governments	\$ 511	\$ 511	\$ 511	\$ 511	\$ 540	\$ 540			
195 CT Conference of Municipalities:	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000			
196 July Fourth Parade	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,850	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000			
197 Stonington COMO	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000			
198 Cultural Coalition						\$ 500			New
TOTAL GEN GOVERNMENT	\$ 294,254	\$ 284,863	\$ 263,548	\$ 274,163	\$ 321,386	\$ 349,714			

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING & ZONING

201 Legal Notices	\$ 857	\$ 1,711	\$ 489	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
202 Printing	\$ -	\$ 715	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 500	\$ 500
203 Books & Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 267	\$ 400	\$ 400
205 Professional Services-Legal	\$ -	\$ 3,250	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
206 Prof. Services-Planner/Engineer	\$ -	\$ 289	\$ 1,544	\$ 1,263	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
207 CRS Prof. Services					\$ 15,000	New

SHARED PZC & ZBA

221 Postage	\$ -	\$ 385	\$ 162	\$ 202	\$ 500	\$ 500
222 State Conservation Fund	\$ 1,682	\$ 2,784	\$ 3,190	\$ 1,566	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
257 Zoning Officer Salary	\$ 15,000	\$ 16,656	\$ 15,375	\$ 17,458	\$ 17,500	\$ 20,000
259 Miscellaneous/Office	\$ 554	\$ 1,053	\$ 462	\$ 140	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

241 Legal Notices	\$ 167	\$ 205	\$ -	\$ 2,417	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
242 Books & Training	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100
243 Professional Services-Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,500
TOTAL BOARDS & COMMISS	\$ 18,260	\$ 27,048	\$ 21,222	\$ 23,533	\$ 36,500	\$ 57,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT

GENERAL EXPENSES

301 Fuel	\$ 2,016	\$ 3,039	\$ 975	\$ 1,418	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
302 Maintenance of Alarms	\$ 6,325	\$ 4,862	\$ 545	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
303 Maintenance of Radios	\$ 2,768	\$ 1,028	\$ 1,195	\$ 1,282	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
304 Maintenance of Trucks & Equip	\$ 25,640	\$ 20,393	\$ 26,121	\$ 18,476	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
305 New Tools & Equipment	\$ 25,307	\$ 29,142	\$ 35,980	\$ 21,659	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
306 Telecommunications	\$ 8,851	\$ 7,926	\$ 8,213	\$ 8,024	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
307 Fire Marshal Expenses	\$ 2,773	\$ 2,242	\$ 1,733	\$ 1,405	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
309 Miscellaneous	\$ 99	\$ 33	\$ 1,614	\$ 671	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
310 Fire Truck Leases	\$ 20,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000

	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	NOTES
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24		
FIREHOUSE – 100 MAIN STREET								
311 Electricity	\$ 10,823	\$ 11,400	\$ 12,600	\$ 10,218	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 14,000	
312 Propane	\$ 12,013	\$ 9,744	\$ 11,523	\$ 15,436	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000	
314 Water & Sewer	\$ 2,239	\$ 2,191	\$ 2,169	\$ 2,051	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
315 Supplies	\$ 2,354	\$ 1,490	\$ 1,351	\$ 2,114	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
316 Phone/Internet				\$	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	
317 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 20,314	\$ 30,023	\$ 37,991	\$ 13,343	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
566 Janitorial Service	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,925	\$ 5,390	\$ 5,775	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	
INSURANCE								
321 Life/Accidental Death Insurance	\$ 2,255	\$ 2,201	\$ 937	\$ 6,473	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	
324 LAP-Liability, Auto & Property	\$ 27,779	\$ 28,916	\$ 29,157	\$ 30,392	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000	
PERSONNEL EXPENSES								
341 Company & Department	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,250	\$ 11,172	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
342 Medical/NFPA Physicals	\$ 485	\$ 8,403	\$ 5,177	\$ 3,907	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	
343 Length of Service Program	\$ 21,112	\$ 24,734	\$ 32,393	\$ 33,063	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 50,000	
344 Training	\$ 2,842	\$ 2,921	\$ 1,290	\$ 2,601	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
345 Uniforms	\$ 2,595	\$ 2,072	\$ 890	\$ 3,263	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
346 Pay-per-Call Incentive Prog.	\$ 14,996	\$ 14,997	\$ 14,997	\$ 14,998	\$ 16,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 20,000	
347 Deferred Comp Match	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,400	\$ 6,275	\$ 7,875	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	See 171
SALARIES								
361 Chief	\$ 86,635	\$ 90,476	\$ 91,833	\$ 91,484	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 99,750	Plus 5%
362 Deputy Chief	\$ 9,000	\$ 9,994	\$ 9,363	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,500	
363 Assistant Chief	\$ 4,700	\$ 6,500	\$ 1,015	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
364 Fire Marshal	\$ 10,192	\$ 10,644	\$ 10,804	\$ 10,404	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,550	
365 Company Officers	\$ 5,038	\$ 5,530	\$ 5,688	\$ 4,305	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 7,000	
366 Station Coverage				\$	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$ 348,251	\$ 382,476	\$ 398,391	\$ 360,636	\$ 397,000	\$ 397,000	\$ 412,300	
401 Rental of Hydrants & Pipes	\$ 53,207	\$ 42,364	\$ 51,631	\$ 44,940	\$ 51,000	\$ 51,000	\$ 55,000	

PUBLIC BUILDINGS (Firehouse included in Fire Department)

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	ADOPTED 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24	NOTES
BOROUGH HALL/GARAGE – 26 CHURCH STREET							
501 Electricity	\$ 2,214	\$ 3,037	\$ 1,845	\$ 1,922	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,500	
502 Heating Oil	\$ 5,282	\$ 4,142	\$ 2,581	\$ 4,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 5,000	
503 Prop. Insurance - line 324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	VFIS	VFIS	
504 Water & Sewer	\$ 450	\$ 334	\$ 275	\$ 342	\$ 300	\$ 300	
505 Supplies	\$ 674	\$ 578	\$ 339	\$ 909	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	
506 Internet/Phones				\$ 4,144	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
509 Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 4,854	\$ 11,121	\$ 8,837	\$ 13,862	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	
565 Janitorial-Borough Hall	\$ 4,281	\$ 4,381	\$ 2,147	\$ 2,750	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	
TOTAL BOROUGH HALL	\$ 17,755	\$ 23,593	\$ 16,024	\$ 28,329	\$ 28,800	\$ 31,800	

STREET DEPARTMENT

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	ADOPTED 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24	NOTES
GENERAL							
601 Gas & Oil	\$ 3,706	\$ 2,409	\$ 1,791	\$ 2,490	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000	
602 Equipment R&M/Upgrading	\$ 5,570	\$ 5,811	\$ 2,804	\$ 9,449	\$ 8,000	\$ 8,000	
604 Street Repairs/Signs	\$ 4,985	\$ 4,042	\$ 3,753	\$ 1,539	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	
605 Supplies	\$ 3,603	\$ 6,598	\$ 6,545	\$ 5,753	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	
609 Telephone	\$ 1,887	\$ 1,382	\$ 1,330	\$ -	\$ -	see line 506	
610 Snow Removal	\$ 4,413	\$ 2,240	\$ 5,398	\$ 46,605	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	
611 Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 7,094	\$ 4,075	\$ 2,600	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,000	
612 Stormwater Management	\$ 6,228	\$ 12,205	\$ 2,060	\$ 1,943	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
WAGES & STIPEND							
656 Labor – Regular	\$ 120,823	\$ 137,069	\$ 116,436	\$ 124,716	\$ 116,000	\$ 133,500	
657 Labor – Overtime	\$ 22,670	\$ 11,915	\$ 14,544	\$ 14,719	\$ 17,000	\$ 15,000	
658 Labor - Temporary	\$ 3,695	\$ 1,050	\$ 9,807	\$ -	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000	
666 Deferred Comp Match	\$ 4,255	\$ 4,240	\$ 1,445	\$ 1,495	\$ 3,000	\$ -	See 171
667 Street Commissioner	\$ 5,167	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	\$ 6,500	
TOTAL STREET DEPARTMENT	\$ 194,096	\$ 198,536	\$ 174,013	\$ 215,210	\$ 218,500	\$ 236,000	

	ACTUAL 2018-19	ACTUAL 2019-20	ACTUAL 2020-21	ACTUAL 2021-22	ADOPTED 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24
PARKS & TREES						
801 Grounds Maintenance	\$ 1,897	\$ 1,789	\$ 3,915	\$ 6,088	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
802 Tree Maintenance	\$ 10,040	\$ 12,325	\$ 10,265	\$ 7,176	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,000
804 Park Utilities	\$ 728	\$ 4,799	\$ 646	\$ 763	\$ 800	\$ 800
805 Signs, Surveys, & RoW	\$ 195	\$ 4,025	\$ 806	\$ 1,975	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000
TOTAL PARKS, ETC	\$ 12,860	\$ 22,938	\$ 15,632	\$ 16,002	\$ 27,800	\$ 31,800

	ACTUAL 2018-19	ACTUAL 2019-20	ACTUAL 2020-21	ACTUAL 2021-22	ADOPTED 2022-23	PROPOSED 2023-24
SANITATION						
908 Comfort Sta. Maintenance						\$ 10,000 New
909 Miscellaneous	\$ 3,294	\$ 700	\$ 2,088	\$ 978	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURES	\$ 941,977	\$ 982,518	\$ 942,549	\$ 963,791	\$ 1,084,986	\$ 1,177,614

CONTINGENCY ALLOWANCE						
1301 Contingency Allowance	\$ 7,500	\$ 21,248	\$ 2,300	\$ 18,919	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000

DEBT SERVICE						
1601 loan Payments	\$ 949,477	\$ 1,003,766	\$ 944,849	\$ 982,710	\$ 1,104,986	\$ 1,197,614
SUBTOTAL	\$ 949,477	\$ 1,003,766	\$ 944,849	\$ 982,710	\$ 1,104,986	\$ 1,197,614

SPECIAL REVENUE & TRUST FUND						
1501 Deposits to Special Funds	\$ 225,000	\$ 275,000	\$ 277,500	\$ 251,500	\$ 247,500	\$ 252,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,174,477	\$ 1,278,766	\$ 1,222,349	\$ 1,234,210	\$ 1,352,486	\$ 1,449,614

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,285,542	\$ 1,332,182	\$ 1,443,047	\$ 1,337,912	\$ 1,352,486	\$ 1,449,614
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	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADOPTED	PROPOSED	NOTES
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24		
REVENUE - EXPENSE	\$ 111,065	\$ 53,416	\$ 220,698	\$ 103,702	\$ (0)	\$ 0		

Allocations by Special Fund

Infrastructure Reserve Fund	\$ 80,000	\$ 144,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 100,000		4/10 Bal \$121 k **
Clock Fund	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ (400)	
Truck Fund	\$ 110,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 23k	
Building Fund	\$ 30,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 48k	
Fire Dept Major Equipment	\$ 5,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 105,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 2k	
Cannon Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 4k	
LOCIP	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 7.4k	
Wayland's Wharf	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 36k	

TOTAL FUNDS DEPOSIT

	\$ 225,000	\$ 275,000	\$ 277,500	\$ 251,500	\$ 247,500	\$ 252,000		
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TOTAL PAYROLL	\$ 348,543	\$ 356,405	\$ 326,903	\$ 338,536	\$ 355,500	\$ 391,300		
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EST. YEAR-END RESERVE

	\$ 300,000 est	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 130,810	\$ 30,538		
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** Projects = Water (viaduct to High); Wayland's Outfall

The Waldron - Williams Fund, Inc. Annual Report

April 2023

Our History:

The Fund was established by a local Judge of Probate and the State of Connecticut, approving the merger of two previous Borough charitable trust funds in August 2021.

The Fund was initially funded in September 2021 with the cash existing in the Waldron Fund in the amount of \$61,589.4. and two CDs held by the Waldron Fund that were transferred to the new account at that time as well, CD1-\$39,710.79 and CD2-\$37,794.83.

The Williams Fund funds, then held by the Borough government, were transferred in October in the amount of \$77,673.13 to the newly established joint account.

Those funds totaled \$216,768.24 in 2021

This report covers operations and finances from March 31, 2022 to March 31,2023:

The Fund received final IRS approval of 501c3 in April of last year. This year, and going forward, we will be required to submit IRS Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax) for the Waldron-Williams Fund each fiscal year.

Legal Fees in 2022 totaled \$2,384.50 for IRS 501c3 application submittal

Safe Deposit and USPS Mail Box Fees totaled \$247.00 in 2022.

Fund grants totaled since last March:

Spring/Summer/Fall/Winter 2022:	\$4100.00 (7 Grants)
Winter/Spring 2023:	\$2700.00 (3 Grants)

Fund donations totaled the following since March 31, 2022:

Winter/Spring 2022/2023:	\$750.00
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Our end of the fiscal year 2021/2022 balance of total assets was \$210,944.36

Our end of the fiscal year 2022/2023 total assets are \$203,741.66*

This included:

Cash on hand as of March 31 was \$11,105.96

Current Dime Bank CD value as of March 31 was:

CD1: \$40,818.09

Current Investments at Charles Schwab:

Money Market: \$50,693.87

Treasuries: \$101,123.74

Respectfully submitted:

Michael E. Schefers, Treasurer

As approved by the Fund Trustees 4/11/2023

*Note: Fiscal year expenses of \$9,431.50, minus the year end Principal differences of \$7,952.70 expended, resulted in the use of yearly Interest accrued (\$1,478.80) to cover the total expenditures.