

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020**

A Special Virtual Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Ludwick on Wednesday, April 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL-CALL** – Present were Councilors Bosco, Cekala, Hemmeler, Kiner, Ludwick, Mangini, Muller, Riley, Sferrazza, Szewczak and Unghire Also present were Town Manager, Christopher Bromson; Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Chief Information Officer, Paul Russell

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mr. Bromson stated there has been a shared sacrifice by the Board of Education and Town of Enfield in presenting this year's budget to reflect today's dire circumstances. He thanked Director of Finance, John Wilcox and Assistant Town Manager, Kasia Purciello, for their hard and diligent work in preparing this year's budget.

He stated the FY2020 adopted budget last year was approximately \$137 million dollars, and that represents both the Town and the Board of Education spending. He noted the proposed 2021 budget has increased to approximately \$138,900,000, and the total value change for this year is approximately \$1.8 million dollars or a 1.36% increase from last year's budget. He referred to a pie chart breakdown with the Board of Education 51.6% and the Town 48.4%.

Mr. Bromson stated the increase in this year's 2021 fiscal budget is accounted for by the following increases. He noted the Board of Education has come in with a zero, flat rate increase, however, much like last year, the State has a minimum budget requirement, and after the State adopts its budget, they'll know exactly what it is, but they're basing it upon approximately what was returned to the Board last year after the budget process. He stated this year, they are hoping it will be about the same at around \$400,000.

He stated the Town will experience an increase in debt service this year, and this is for Roads 2015 and the high school project in the amount of \$1.4 million dollars. He explained there comes a time when they renegotiate bonds, similar to a refinancing, and it leaves that process and then enters the budget stream for the Town, and they must account for it in the budget process. He noted that occurred this year, and even though they have very favorable, low premiums and interest rates, the increase to this year's budget for the Roads 2015 and high school project is approximately \$1.4 million dollars. He stated the total increase is \$1.8 million dollars, and he then explained how this is paid going forward next year. He noted the first portion of the increase will be paid by the increase in the grand list from 2019, and that increase was approximately \$733,000 and they increased the use of the Fund Balance by approximately \$1.1 million dollars, and that will cover that \$1.8 million dollar increase. He explained the increase from the Fund Balance was occasioned

by favorable increases in revenues from last year's budget, which they are fortunate enough to have this year to use towards the \$1.8 million dollar increase.

Mr. Bromson stated the Town, like the Board of Education, has had to absorb non-discretionary increases in the budget with the first being the Town pension with an increase of approximately \$577,000. He noted there's a health insurance premium increase of 17.5%, and other towns and cities have also experienced that increase. He pointed out Enfield is self-funded, and despite the fact that this past year Enfield had a savings of 1.7% per member, the plan cost was down 2.1%, and they increased wellness visits by 6.3%, because of market variations and increases in the industry, the Town has to absorb that 17.5% increase despite the Town's good trends in health care.

He noted another non-discretionary increase in the budget relates to contractual union increases and wages accounting for about \$348,000, and most unions and non-union last year agreed to a zero percent cost increase, and that was a result of the very dire State budget.

Mr. Bromson stated the Town also must pay an increased disposal fee for trash, which is increasing from \$73 per ton to \$80 per ton. He pointed out that although this is an increase, it's a very favorable one. He explained Public Works went out to bid, and despite the issues in waste recovery and changes in the market, it was anticipated the cost might go up to \$120 per ton. He noted this is a multi-year contract, and in the first year it will be \$80.50 per ton, and it increases a dollar or two over the next two years.

He displayed a slide showing the State revenue from the Governor's budget. He referred to payment-in-lieu-of-taxes on State owned property in Enfield and noted last year Enfield received \$566,000 for Department of Corrections' properties and facilities and \$17,200 was received for colleges and hospitals (Asnuntuck and other non-profits). He noted local capital improvement (LOCIP) was \$323,000 from the State. He stated Town-Aid-To-Roads was \$534,000 and grants for municipal projects was \$256,000; the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan grant was \$1.2 million dollars; Education Cost Sharing was \$29 million dollars and for Adult Education the Town received approximately \$103,000. He noted this totals \$32,667,674. He noted this is what was received last year, and the Governor's proposed budget for this year shows an increase of 1.2% from FY20, but the Town wants to be on the conservative side, therefore, they're keeping it flat given the realities of COVID-19 and what the State may do when they adopt its budget after Enfield has already concluded its own budget.

Mr. Bromson then spoke about the Capital Improvement Program. He highlighted those items the Town was able to fund this year, and these are absolutely imperative items. He noted the total combined request for CIP from all Town departments is over \$16 million dollars. He stated normally the Town funds around \$5 million, however, this had to be a very stark budget. He listed the following items that will be funded:

- An underground gasoline tank must be removed at the Enfield Police Department at a cost of \$105,000. The Finance Director has been setting aside \$30,000 per year to accomplish that, therefore, \$30,000 will be funded for that purpose.
- The Central Library chimney must be repaired at a cost of \$50,000.
- The Alcorn boiler must be replaced at a cost of \$300,000. (Approximately \$40,000 has been spent per year to repair this boiler due to severe leakages)
- There must be a handicap lift at the Annex Pool at a cost of \$10,000.
- Freshwater Pond project must be completed at a cost of \$350,000.
- Miscellaneous architectural and engineering at a cost of \$110,000.
- Enfield's contribution to Roads 2015 from the Town budget is \$176,000.
- Stowe Early Learning Center children's bathroom - \$300,000 (the Town expects to be eligible for about a 70% reimbursement from the State for this project because it's located in a school)
- Two boilers at Stowe - \$400,000
- Vehicle Replacement Program – the Town did a projection several years ago that they've been trying to abide by to replace police vehicles, DPW trucks, buses and vans throughout departments - \$195,000 of which \$43,000 will be put aside in this budget for a new ambulance chassis.
- Senior Center Roof - \$50,000

Mr. Bromson stated the total for CIP this year is \$2,046,635.

He then listed projects that the Town will not be able to do this year:

- Hazardville windows and window walls - \$2.4 million dollars
- Multi-phase school parking lot replacement program - \$350,000
- Replacement of turf fields at the Annex and the high school - \$1.2 million dollars
- Enfield Annex pool dehumidification and heating unit replacement - \$300,000
- Annex tennis court replacement - \$85,000
- Underground tank removal at Prudence Crandall - \$300,000
- Somers Road and Moody Road work - \$1.6 million dollars

- Hazardville Memorial Roof - \$2 million dollars

Mr. Bromson stated these projects would have totaled \$8,554,000, and all these projects will have to be deferred.

He stated additionally, there were requests made from department directors, and he noted they did a very earnest and thoughtful job in their budgets to help the Town come in at a zero percent increase. He listed some of the requests that he had to remove:

- **Grants Manager position at Social Services** to help that department garner and get state and federal grants, which would have helped offset the cost of the Town providing services, and this was a \$101,000 position.
- **Two EMT's** at a cost of \$139,000 – it was hoped to reduce overtime and increasing call volume to area towns, thus increasing revenues.
- Deputy Chief Hall postponed his retirement because of the current pandemic, and he agreed to stay on for the foreseeable future, but when he does retire, the Police Department will proceed with **Three administrators at the Police Department – a Chief and two Captains**. Mr. Bromson stated that will be a savings of \$41,000, and they will keep the number of patrol officers and the actual count of officers at 95.
- The Town will not be continuing with the Roads Engineer because they will not be doing a 2020 referendum, and that job will expire at a cost of \$118,000.
- There was a Social Services IT program that was going to be highly efficient in helping them track and be more efficient - \$60,000
- There will be no Roads 2020 referendum to complete the roads, and this will have to be deferred.
- There will be no Roofs referendum until a future date.

Mr. Bromson stated there will be no tax increase this year. He stated the FY20 mill rate was 34.23 mills, and that will be the mill rate if this budget is adopted for FY21. He explained the Town charges \$34.23 for every thousand dollars of taxable value. He noted they tax 70% of market value of a property as established by the Town Assessor's office, i.e., a home in Enfield worth \$200,000 will be taxed at 70% of that, and based on the mill rate of 34.23 of last year and this year, the taxes would remain at \$4,792.

He displayed a slide of the historical increase of the mill rate, and 2020 was the increase of 34.23 and that will remain flat for the 2021 proposed budget.

He displayed a pie chart, which shows a breakdown of how the Town pays for the budget in its totality. He noted taxes account for the lion's share - \$100 million dollars; \$31 million dollars from intergovernmental revenues; \$1,300,000 charges for services; \$684,000 - investment income; \$12,000 - fines and forfeitures; \$637,000 - licenses and permits; \$640,000 - intergovernmental funds (transfers within the Town budget) \$3.3 million dollars – Fund Balance. He noted this accounts for the total FY2021 proposed budget in the amount of \$138,911,188.

Mr. Bromson stated the budget timeline will remain the same, despite the fact that the State has given some discretion and flexibility to towns to extend the budget process. He noted after today's presentation of this proposed budget, the Council will have deliberations where they will be able to ask directors questions about the budget, and they will have a budget book, which will also be made available to the public on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. He noted there will be a public hearing on April 29<sup>th</sup>, and administration is coming up with a way to comply with the Governor's executive orders as to how they can best provide a way for the public to provide input, and that will be announced shortly. He noted on May 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> there will be Council deliberations when they can make changes, additions or deletions, and the budget will be adopted no later than May 20, 2020, and the budget will become effective July 1, 2020.

He then listed some positive highlights of this proposed budget as follows:

- The Town pensions are funded at 95%; the Police pension is funded at 92.2%, and this is much higher than what the State of Connecticut has done over the last several years.
- Enfield's Standard & Poor's AA rating allows Enfield to borrow money at a very low rate. Last year, Enfield borrowed monies for the roads projects, the WPC project, the high school and JFK Middle School project at historic low interest rates with some at just over one percent.
- As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, Enfield has an unassigned Fund Balance of \$25,660,000. The Fund Balance has restrictions so they will always keep in reserve and not allocate a level of \$12,900,000. He noted budget usage, which is available and unassigned and a pool apart from that represents about \$10,700,000. He stated last year, the Town used out of the unassigned Fund Balance approximately \$2.5 million, and this year, the Town is using \$3.3 million dollars. He pointed out last year they had greater than expected revenues, therefore, they were able to utilize them. The remaining unassigned Fund Balance this year, even after the investment of \$3 million dollars for the CIP, remains at a very healthy \$7 million dollars. He pointed out the Town will have \$12.5 million dollars in a rainy-day fund, which they will not touch, but they have available for an upcoming, uncertain year \$7 million dollars, which could be used in emergencies, i.e., if the State budget is drastically cut.
- The Honeywell energy savings amounted to about \$849,000 last year, and there will be an updated report this June, and they hope to realize savings again.
- The Town received an Eversource credit, and this year the Town is hopeful to receive a credit for FY2021 of \$250,000. He noted in April 2018, the Town received \$1.6 million dollars in rebates from Eversource, which was about \$462,000 over what was anticipated. He stated the Director of Finance prudently put that money in deferred revenues, and they've been using it over the last three years.
- Enfield will be able to restore Senior Center hours – Mondays – 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., which was requested by users of the Senior Center, and this was possible due to the smart management of the Senior Center and increased revenues that will offset this increase.
- They will be remounting an ambulance chassis. He noted they haven't purchased new ambulances outright, which cost almost a half million dollars, but rather they re-chassis the

ambulances at a lower cost, and this allows them to get many more years out of these vehicles.

- The Stowe Learning Center bathroom at a cost of about \$300,000. They will put in all necessary applications to the State in the hope of being reimbursed approximately 70% of the cost.

Mr. Bromson then spoke about the Water Pollution Control budget.

He stated the FY2020 adopted budget was a total of approximately \$5.4 million dollars with \$4.3 million dollars in operating costs and \$1.1 million in capital. He noted the proposed 2021 budget is a total of approximately \$5.8 million dollars, and that's comprised of \$4.7 million dollars in operating costs and \$1.1 million dollars in capital. He noted this represents a 6.4% increase. He explained on the operating side, they included a half of a position. He noted the Novak Study indicated they need to commit additional people for maintenance and for running the Water Pollution Control center to protect the Town's investment. He stated it will be online in October, so they've included a half-year cost of an employee at a cost of about \$42,000.

Mr. Bromson stated interest to date on monies borrowed for WPC have been about \$200,000 per year, and that is included. He noted there's been a \$93,000 increase for health, insurance costs and mandatory union pay increases of about \$36,000. He stated that comprises the increases on the operating side. He stated there's a decrease of about \$70,000 in the capital, and that represents investment that they made on CIP, which involves pump stations, street realigning and other infrastructure.

He stated the total cost of the upgrade to have a state-of-the-art WPC center is as follows:

- The Town received a loan from the Clean Water Fund in the amount of \$23 million dollars at 2%.
- The Town received a Clean Water Fund Grant, which the Town does not have an obligation to repay in the amount of \$5.6 million dollars. He explained that is given as a reimbursement as the Town continues to pay for the improvements each month.
- The Town received a one-time Department of Corrections payment of \$2.5 million dollars under the Memo of Understanding for the DOC to use the WPC facility.
- The Town has bonded in the amount of \$4.6 million dollars.

Mr. Bromson stated this is a total upgrade of \$36 million dollars.

He stated last year the actual adopted budget for 2020 was a base rate of \$30 per quarter and a volumetric usage charge, and it's split depending on usage of \$3.49 increasing to \$5.24. He recommends no increase this year, and it remains flat at \$30 per quarter for the base rate, and the volumetric usage charge will remain at \$3.49 and \$5.24 respectively. He pointed out another chart shows the recommendation of the consultant as to what the Town needs to increase rates by on a

yearly basis to make the plant sustainable. He noted the consultant's recommendation this year would have been a volumetric usage charge at \$3.60 and \$5.39 and a base rate of \$42 per quarter.

Mr. Bromson showed a chart which shows the 2022 implications by remaining stable and not having an increase. He noted the proposed FY2021 rate will generate approximately \$6.9 million dollars, however, next year the cost of the operating budget will be \$5.8 million dollars, however, the Clean Water Fund loan kicks in and becomes due. He noted this loan is at 2%, and it's a 20-year loan in the amount of \$23 million dollars. He stated next year, the Town will start the repayment, and that will increase by \$1.6 million dollars per year. He noted the bonding will become due, and they have a 20-year loan of approximately \$4.7 million dollars at a low interest rate, but that will commence and be effective next year, and that repayment for the 20 years will start at the rate of \$300,000 per year. He stated the Town also continues to make a repayment to the General Fund of \$250,000, and that is because the WPC was unable to sustain itself, so the General Fund loaned money, and the total of that loan was \$3.5 million dollars, and they've been paying this back on a yearly basis, and as the end of FY2020 approaches, they will have paid back \$1.9 million dollars, but there's still a balance of \$1.5 million dollars to repay, and this \$250,000 will go towards that.

He stated they've also included, pursuant to the Novak recommendation, four operator positions to keep the plant working and efficient so that this \$36 million dollar investment lasts for the next 50 years. The salary and benefit cost for these positions would be \$222,000.

Mr. Bromson stated the FY2022 need will be \$8,200,000, and that will be an increase and a difference of \$1.2 million dollars next year. He stated while they would experience a zero percent increase this year, next year's proposed budget would have an \$83 dollar increase per household. He noted the Council could consider splitting that, and instead of adopting the proposed flat rate budget, the Council has the alternative of perhaps increasing in this year's budget the quarterly base charge to \$39, and increasing volumetric to \$3.60 and \$5.39, and then reducing the impact in FY2022 to then reach the \$48 per quarter and the \$3.70 and \$5.56. He noted that would amount to an increase per household of approximately \$42.00 in this budget and \$42.00 in the 2022 budget and avoid having to absorb an increase of \$83 all at once.

He stated he made his recommendation based on current circumstances, the high unemployment rates, the uncertainty of what tax collections will be and all other manner of things that can't be predicted.

Mr. Bromson recognized the sacrifice, patience and understanding of Enfield residents during these very difficult times, especially with the closing of some Town facilities and the difficulties in providing services. He stated on the Town and Board of Education sides, employees strive and pride themselves on delivering the highest quality of Town services in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and they will continue to do that. He pointed out Enfield was experiencing a very strong, economic growth period in the Town of Enfield prior to this virus. He noted he fully

expects the Town of Enfield will have a resurgence and a very strong rebound, and he believes the best days are yet to come.

Chairman Ludwick thanked Mr. Bromson, Ms. Purciello and Mr. Wilcox and Town staff for putting this budget together. He also thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools, Christopher Drezek. He noted the budget book will be ready approximately on Friday, and it will be sent to all Town Council members for their review. He stated the first budget deliberation will be next Wednesday, and the deliberations will be open to the public.

**RESOLUTION #5411** by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Cekala.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Town Attorney Legal Fees	10130000-533200	\$125,000
FROM:	Unallocated Charges Contingency	10800092-584000	\$125,000

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of March 10, 2020.

/a/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson explained they are in arbitration with the Police union over the collective bargaining agreement, and they retained the firm of Shipman & Goodwin, and it's estimated their legal fees will be approximately \$100,000, but that's subject to change since it could be less or more. He stated Attorney Tallberg is Enfield's Town Attorney, and he serves at a yearly cost of \$65,000, although he's mentioned in this only because the way that the budget went with Attorney Elsdon retiring, they had an outside legal services account of \$25,000 that was used in the interim when they were short a person, and that has been extinguished, so they are simply putting in \$100,000 for Shipman & Goodwin, and \$25,000 would go back into outside legal services if it becomes necessary, but it does not in any way increase or change the yearly salary of the Town Attorney.

Chairman Ludwick questioned if there's any idea on the timing of this, and Mr. Bromson stated an update can be provided by the Human Resource Director as to what the scheduling will be going forward.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5411** adopted 11-0-0.

**RESOLUTION #5412** by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Sferrazza.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	Community Development		
	Other Supplies/Materials	10606600-561900	\$35,000
FROM:	Unallocated Charges		
	Contingency	10800092-584000	\$35,000

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of April 13, 2020.

/s/ John Wilcox, Director of Finance

Mr. Bromson stated this is a new initiative. He explained several years ago, the Town received a grant to install 30 garden plots off Main Street in the Thompsonville section of town. He noted this has been highly successful with a waiting list each year. He stated they began looking into expanding this program and looked for additional sites and determined two sites would be appropriate – one at Central Library on Middle Road and another on Chapel Street in downtown Thompsonville, and this would provide for an additional 60 new garden beds. He noted they did have some fundraising and spoke to different groups about donations, but in the interest of having this up and running for the June planting season, they would go directly to the Council. He noted they found existing funding, and it would cost \$35,000, and this would represent 60 new beds, installation of fencing, sheds, soils, hoses, landscaping, etc., and they would have it up and running, so citizens would have this to look forward to. He stated this will be part of a larger project where they'd like to do this all over town and encourage gardening for people who live in condos, apartments or even homes that don't have a gardening area. He noted the cost is \$25.00 per plot, and guidance and plants are provided.

Councilor Sferrazza stated his belief this is a wonderful program. He questioned if the \$25.00 is for the entire season, and Mr. Bromson responded that's correct.

Councilor Riley questioned the fencing at the library to secure the garden plots. Mr. Bromson stated the fencing will be aesthetically appropriate for the area, and it will be directly adjacent to the building, and there will be ten plots in that area.

Councilor Mangini stated her belief this is an excellent program, especially with all the stress and concern of the pandemic.

Councilor Cekala stated her belief this is a great program, and she will support it.

Councilor Kiner stated this is money well spent.

Councilor Bosco questioned how people can sign up, and Mr. Bromson stated it's first come/first serve, and people only need to call Laurie Whitten's office in Development Services.

Councilor Hemmeler stated she's in favor of this and believes it's a healthy, good activity.

Councilor Unghire questioned the size of each plot, and whether a person can buy more than one plot. Mr. Purciello stated the size of the garden beds are four by eight. Mr. Bromson added it will be one plot per resident.

Councilor Muller stated his belief this is a great program, and he will be supporting it.

Councilor Szewczak questioned if this is in conjunction with Sustainable CT, and Mr. Bromson responded yes, it had been and the Town had matching funds, but due to the COVID-19 there was a big drop-off, and the Town felt they wanted to move forward and fund it entirely. He added they will still be seeking funding because the Town would like to expand this program further.

Ms. Purciello stated her understanding the Sustainable CT matching fund required ten different donors, so unfortunately that expires at the end of the month, and they've only had four donors for a total of \$400. She noted that is partially why they want this to go forward, and they need to have the funding secure to be able to pursue this project to have it start in June.

Councilor Szewczak questioned as they expand, if they can get ten donors and get some advertising on that, then they would qualify for grants from Sustainable CT, and Ms. Purciello responded yes, that's her understanding.

Councilor Szewczak stated it's always good to advertise to get the word out. She added her belief this will be well-received at the Library. She noted she will support this.

Chairman Ludwick stated his understanding they can tie this in with the Farmers Market. Mr. Bromson responded that's correct. He noted even before this pandemic, they had questions in the fall, and they wanted to reinvigorate the Farmers Market. He stated they have a new person who does a fantastic job in these matters, and her name is Connie Provencher, and she has been doing a great job in attracting and soliciting new people for the Farmers Market. He noted they are looking at moving the Farmers Market from Wednesday evenings to Sundays. He stated previously a lot of their local farmers were committed to other markets and other towns on Saturdays. He stated they are hopeful the Governor will list this as an essential service. He noted they will schedule this for later in July, August and September. He stated they expect an exciting grand opening, and they will promote this. He noted one of their tie-ins to the gardens is that they want to encourage people to raise what they can for their families, and if they have something extra, they can have a communal area at the Farmers Market, and they can sell their wares there.

Chairman Ludwick questioned when people can start calling to reserve a plot, and Mr. Bromson responded they can do this immediately if the Council approves this resolution.

Chairman Ludwick suggested perhaps a dedication can be made at one of these garden locations in memory of those who passed away as a result of this pandemic. Mr. Bromson stated they will consider this and come up with a proposal for that going forward.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5412** adopted 11-0-0.

**RESOLUTION #5413** by Councilor Cekala, seconded by Councilor Muller.

WHEREAS, the Community Renewal Team (CRT) operates the Meal on Wheels Program out of the Town of Enfield Senior Center and delivers meals to approximately 63 residents,

WHEREAS, CRT also provides 40 meals to Mark Twain residents and 9 meals to Enfield residents through the Town of Enfield Congregate Living Division of Social Services,

WHEREAS, the Enfield Town Council and the Town Manager's Office have received requests from citizens and businesses to establish a fund to be used to continue these meals should the CRT be unable to provide them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Enfield Town Council authorizes the Town Manager's Office to establish the revenue account 22046139-417050 for the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any donations received for the COVID-19 Relief account be appropriated for expenditure on meals to replace any that the CRT may be unable to provide and that any funds not expended at the end of each fiscal year be re-appropriated in the following fiscal year until such funds are exhausted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any donations that are not needed to replace meals provided by the CRT may be used to provide other assistance to residents harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds not spent on COVID-19 Relief after 18 months may be used to offset expenses of the Neighborhood Services Division of Social Services.

Mr. Bromson explained a call was made by a resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, who had been receiving calls from residents who would like to make donations during this time of need. He noted after some review, this money would go towards providing meals for seniors, and if that money isn't needed, they would then designate it to any COVID-related expenses incurred, and it would be used to offset any costs at Neighborhood Services. He stated his belief this is a wonderful idea, and he endorses it.

Councilor Sferrazza stated his belief this is a great program, and he will be supporting it.

Councilor Riley stated her belief this is a great idea, and she's humbled by the outpouring that this community has towards all residents and neighbors. She feels this showcases that Enfield cares about its neighbors.

Councilor Mangini questioned if there's any indication when CRT will have issues delivering to residents. Mr. Bromson stated they already had cutbacks, so it was believed this could be a reserve fund that could be used to augment municipal funds to provide those meals without interruption.

Councilor Mangini referred to the second to last paragraph of the resolution and questioned what other assistance means, and Mr. Bromson stated they needed a catchall because the Finance Director didn't want to have to come back to the Council and return donated money, therefore, they believed they would state they would use that money towards other COVID-related expenses at Neighborhood Services, and they can articulate those if that eventuality occurs.

Councilor Mangini voiced her support of this resolution.

Councilor Kiner stated he's very proud of Enfield residents for doing this. He thanked Mr. Bromson for bringing this before the Council.

Councilor Hemmeler stated she's in favor of this. She questioned how someone donates, and can donations be made online. Mr. Bromson stated he will pass this question onto the Finance Director.

Councilor Unghire questioned whether a status report can be provided as to how things are going with donations, and Mr. Bromson responded updates can be provided.

Councilor Szewczak stated this is a great idea.

Chairman Ludwick suggested if donations come in for the provision of meals, local restaurants should be used since they can use all the help they can get. Mr. Bromson stated if it becomes the Town's prerogative to purchase the meals, they'll certainly strive to accomplish that.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #5413** adopted 11-0-0.

Chairman Ludwick thanked all the Councilors for being very flexible in this video conferencing. He also thanked Deb McCarthy, Alex Giner and Paul Russell for their work in making this video happen. He noted the Council will meet next Wednesday.

Mr. Bromson thanked Deb McCarthy, Alex Giner from ETV and Chief Technology Officer, Paul Russell, and the Town Council for all their hard work in making this videotaped meeting possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION #5414** by Councilor Muller, seconded by Councilor Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #5414** adopted 11-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned.