# Board of Warden and Burgesses Borough of Stonington Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Public Hearing March 21, 2016

The Borough of Stonington Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget Public Hearing was called to order in Borough Hall at 7:00 PM by Warden Jeffrey Callahan. Present were Burgesses Amanda Barnes, Amy Nicholas, Howard Park, Robert Scala, and Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Coleman. Burgess Michael Adair was absent.

1 citizen, in addition to Fire Chief Hoadley was in attendance.

# Proposed Draft Budget distributed.

Warden Jeffrey Callahan reviewed the FY 2016-2017 budget, copies of which are on file at Borough Hall. The major features of the proposed budget are an increase of 3.7% (1 mill) in the property tax rate; no salary increases for employees or elected officials; and the likelihood of the fire chief/fire marshal position becoming full time with the retirement of Chief Hoadley. Warden Callahan noted the ability to keep the increase below 4% by transferring designated balance (one half of the current year's projected surplus) to FY 2016-17 revenue.

# **Public Comment:**

Resident Richard Easton noted, for the record, disappointment that not more people turned out for Budget Public Hearing.

# **Annual Budget Meeting:**

Borough Residents will vote on the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget at the Annual Meeting being held at 9 a.m. on April 23, 2016 in the Stonington Borough Fire House.

# Adjournment:

The hearing was closed and the special meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Coleman Clerk-Treasurer March 28, 2016