

Minutes
Coventry Town Council Meeting
April 18, 2016
Town Hall Annex

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM.
Present: Julie Blanchard, Andy Brodersen, Hannah Pietrantonio, Lisa Thomas, Richard Williams, Matthew O'Brien, Thomas Pope
Also present: John Elsesser, Town Manager

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Audience of Citizens:**

Dan Murphy, 144 Eastview Drive, received the letter the Town sent about the proposed natural gas line. He supports the project and is interested in converting from oil to gas. If the project goes forward he would be one of the first people to connect.

Megan Esa, 3050 Main Street, is CEO of BNE Publishing, a new business to connect buyers and sellers of art. She is new to the area and just got married here in December, and loves it.

Michael Ader, 284 Carpenter Rd, was present to talk about the proposed natural gas pipeline. He said all ecological reasons aside, it sounds like it is too good to be true that the gas company has come to our doors - to save us - for 5-10 or however many years. In his experience when things are too good to be true they usually aren't. He is still concerned about the total cost of the project. He read an article where the Town Manager was interviewed and said we don't have to worry about the \$90,000 payment because it is in next year's budget. He will be here next year and that expense, coupled with the replacement cost for the boilers and the road repair costs are going to be expenditures that he will have to deal with. He thinks there will be more money spent than will be saved. He thinks that the public has a right to know how these costs are going to affect us - we haven't seen a number yet that he can compute and put together with a mil rate, and he is concerned.

4. **Acceptance of Minutes:**

A. Motion #15/16-359: Thomas Pope moved to accept the minutes from the Town Council special meeting on March 28, 2016. The motion was seconded by Richard Williams. The following corrections were requested:

- Page 2, 2nd paragraph, 4th line: add the word "we" after elderly help.
- Page 2, last paragraph, 4th line from bottom: change \$4,6000 to \$4,600.
- Page 3, 3rd paragraph, 4th line from bottom: change Manchester to Windham.
- Page 4, 2nd paragraph, last line: change Bob to Job.
- Page 7, 1st line: change feels to fees.
- Page 7, last paragraph, 4th line: change "We adjustments" to "Were adjustments."
- Page 9, 2nd paragraph, 5th line change "to \$1700" to "by \$1700."
- Page 7, 2nd paragraph, 9th line: change "line too large" to "line is too large."
- Page 11, 1st paragraph, 4th line: add the word "four" before days.
- Page 11, last paragraph, 12th line: change "and ordinance" to "an ordinance."
- Page 12, 1st paragraph: remove the extra space in the word "there."
- Page 12, 3rd paragraph, last line: change the last sentence to read, "So the net change would be to subtract \$2413 from the proposed budget."

The motion to accept the minutes as corrected carried on unanimous vote.

B. Motion #15/16-360: Thomas Pope moved to accept the minutes from the Town Council meeting on April 4, 2016. The motion was seconded by Lisa Thomas. The following corrections were requested:

- Page 8, 3rd paragraph, 1st line: change \$100,000 to \$150,000.
- Page 12, 1st line: change “torn” to “tore.”
- Page 14, 1st paragraph, 17th line: change “in it capital” to “it in capital.”
- Page 15, 2nd paragraph, 4th line: change “about staff” to “about changes in staffing.”

The motion to accept the minutes as corrected carried on unanimous vote. Matthew O’Brien said that when attachments are included he would like a reference to them within the minutes.

5. Consent Agenda:

Motion #15/16-361: Richard Williams moved to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Andy Brodersen. Thomas Pope requested to remove item 6C1. Matthew O’Brien requested to remove item 6F7. **The motion to accept the Consent Agenda with the removal of the requested items carried on unanimous vote.**

6. Reports:

A. Council Chairwoman – Julie Blanchard: Thanks to the citizens who have been sending emails and attending Audience of Citizens. We have seen all your emails and listened to your comments. The Council has approved a budget and it will go to the Annual Town Meeting on April 23, 2016 at 10 AM in CHS Veterans Auditorium. The vote is May 3rd at the fire stations.

B. Council Members:

Lisa Thomas said it is very exciting to see the summer Farmers’ Market is getting up and running. They have published their list of events. It is a lot of work to make it happen and she thanks the organizers. There have been a lot of conversations recently about the use of iPads in schools. She took her daughter up to a college near Boston for an accepted students’ day. Every student there will be given an iPad - which she believes is a great use of tuition dollars. They are all expected to be able to function on their iPads in Google Docs, and use them to engage with their professors and in class - all things that students from Coventry will be able to do. She thought it was good to mention this expectation and gave kudos to Coventry schools for preparing our students.

C. Finance Committee – Matthew O’Brien: Property tax revenue continues a little ahead of last year’s pace. Revenues from building are still ahead – although a little lower than a month ago. It could be weather-related. COVRRRA is in line with last year. We got preliminary budget information from the State that we will discuss later. We started looking at accounts to begin transferring funds to areas that are over-expended but will wait until May to make recommendations.

Hannah Pietrantonio said she is concerned about the issue of over-expenditures by the Registrar of Voters. We talked about it at Finance but didn’t come to a conclusion. Should we separate the two parties into different line items? John Elsesser said we have talked about it – we would have to change the computer coding system to create a new object code just for that distinction. Even having them separate they would still have to not overspend, but that has been their pattern for the last several years, which is a violation of the Charter. There were some unexpected expenses this year due to required training mandated by the Secretary of State’s office. Thomas Pope said that office is a non-partisan office so you wouldn’t split it by party. Although they are overspending their budget, their original budget request was cut back so now we will have to go back to what it was so they can do exactly what they said they will do.

Julie Blanchard said we have rolled out our OpenGov website. People can look at all Town financial information online. The site is very interesting and relatively user-friendly.

1. Monthly Financial Reports: Thomas Pope said he took this item off the Consent Agenda over a concern in the Council Object Report for the postage line item. Only 8% has been spent and we still have \$34,000 in the account. John Elsesser said this is due to several things. It was higher this year because we are buying a new postage scale and meter. That amount will be taken out of the budget for next year. Postage machines are pretty expensive – we have to buy one every 7-10 years. We want to get the new machine in before the tax bills go out. We also need to load postage onto the machine to do the tax bills. Postage is trending down because we are doing less mailing of Council and Planning & Zoning meeting materials as a result of the electronic agenda module on our website.

D. COVRRRA – John Elsesser:

No report.

Matthew O'Brien said when he was talking with Beth Bauer regarding the recent approval of a change in the allocation of personnel to COVRRRA, his understanding when we were doing it was that this was for the new budget, but she thought it took effect the night we did it. He was wondering what John's impression was. John said no – it was for next year. Matthew said that is what he thought too. John said he would check on that.

Matthew would also like to get a little more information beyond the \$23,000 study we have going on for additional expenses anticipated in the current COVRRRA budget, beyond the expenditure line that's already there. It appears that even with the \$23,000 there's another 40-something thousand dollars beyond what we've spent in each of the last two years, and he is just curious if those are new allocations. John said he would be glad to do that, but reminded Matthew that he has done this before, regarding dumpster covers, repairs to the scale, etc. Matthew said he asked Beth and she couldn't remember, which is why he is asking.

Matthew asked if everyone had received the document showing ten years of fund balance for COVRRRA (*attached to these minutes*). He has a question because John had stated that we have been supporting it every year and it looks like there were fund balance increases from 2012-2013, 2013-2014, and 2014-2015. John said if you look at each year's budget, it's projected to be a deficit budget to come out of COVRRRA. So some of the years it's because we have been doing aggressive tax sales. Matthew said on 2013 it was a beginning balance of 437, it went up to 461. John said if you actually look at the budget document of that year you will see the projections. Matthew said but fund balance isn't affecting this because it's going up on its own, correct? John said what he is saying is it is budgeted to lose money and didn't, each year. Matthew said then we haven't actually been funding it from the fund balance. We put it in the budget but haven't used it. John said we haven't had to because there are a lot of variables – we don't know how many tons of recycling, for example. Matthew said he is not asking for that – all he is saying is, is it true that the fund balance has been growing in each of the last four years, and that it didn't use General Fund resources to do that. John said yes – we have not used General Fund resources to fund COVRRRA in over a decade, maybe over two decades. Matthew said during the last four to five years it has been growing. John said we have been trying to lower that through budgeting a subsidy from the fund. Matthew said he was only asking a question about the statement that said every year we were budgeting for a loss in COVRRRA of \$155,000 per year and it is not in his opinion.

E. Town Manager – John Elssesser:

1. Projects:

- The tax sale is on May 17th. We are down to nine properties from the original 20. All those have paid off their COVRRRA fees too.
- A meeting about crumbling concrete foundations will take place on May 11th at E.O. Smith Auditorium at 6:30 PM. To put this issue in perspective, there is a 20-year period from 1983-2003 that the problem seems to exist. In our town there are 1,510 homes and 5 public buildings that were constructed during that period. It is assumed the problem is tied to only one concrete company, and about 30% - 50% of the homes built during that period used that company. We don't know if all the concrete by that company is affected. A structure can go 15 years with no signs of a problem and then all of a sudden it starts. The average cost for treatment to replace a foundation is \$200,000. Tolland has 2,000 houses built during this timeframe. South Windsor and Manchester have a large number of condominium complexes that have already been looking at this. Only about 165 people have reported a problem to the Department of Consumer Protection. The Federal Government needs 563 houses that are condemned before they will look at FEMA money. We are urging people to start tuning in to the issue. It affects everyone whether your house was built during the timeframe or not. The issue affects the banking and insurance industries and potentially our grand list. If a house is abandoned the Town will have to tear it down at our expense and relocate the residents under the Relocation Act. This is as much of a disaster as a tornado or hurricane. It is a slow-moving issue that no one wants to disclose that they are experiencing, but it is a big issue for all of Eastern Connecticut. Julie asked who will be at the meeting. John said the Lt. Governor, The Commissioner of the State Department of Consumer Protection Commissioner and a representative from the Insurance Commission. They will explain what is being done to define the issue, how to measure the extent of the problem, how to avoid scams, and what your rights are. Our State Representative and Senator are invited. This is an opportunity to hear what The State is doing and ask questions. We are joining with Tolland, Mansfield and Windham for this meeting. Another group of concerned citizens has formed an organization called the Connecticut Coalition Against Crumbling Basements and they are having a meeting on April 30th at 10 AM at Ellington High School.
- Matthew O'Brien asked if John is working on the sale of town-acquired properties. He has gotten questions regarding whether these were posted. A recent article said there were 12 properties. John replied we haven't sold anything. It could be some easement or rights-of-way issues, but haven't sold any properties. Thomas Pope asked if these could have been properties that were pending for the tax sale but cleared their liens. John said it could be – the numbers are about right. Action on the properties to be sold will be taken when he has an opportunity to work on it.
- Public works is very busy with projects. Curbing is done at Miller Richardson - they will finish landscaping and parking spaces this week. At Laidlaw Park they have started screening topsoil and will do the final grading and seeding soon. At Mt. Ridge they are finishing up drainage and starting milling. Village roads will start Wednesday. Crack sealing is underway in the north end. Drainage work is underway at Bellevue in advance of chip sealing. The sewer project at Lake St. has made it through the intersection. We encountered a lot of rock but are through the worst. This is being paid for by WPCA but we may have to help out. School athletic fields are ready to play. We are still waiting for the sidewalk permit in front of the high school. The State wants gutter flow calculations which we have never had to do before. The first of two floors has been poured at Tracy Shoddy Mill. On Main Street, we

excavated the culvert from the old Public Works facility and encountered some things that don't look good. Despite what you may have heard, we are not shutting down the business there - they have chosen not to open because there is equipment around. The culvert needs to be replaced. We were supposed to tie new concrete into it but it was so crumbled there was nothing to tie into. We tried to get the State to do a box culvert but they said it would take too long and would require a new permit. Hannah Pietrantonio asked if this is being done correctly. John replied no, not in our opinion. They were concerned we would jeopardize the whole project with a change order. Matthew O'Brien asked if there are problems in the future, whose problem it is. John replied that is undetermined - either the Town or Teleflex's - not the State. This is not what we would do, but a 4-monthly delay could be very impactful to the businesses. We wish they had listened to us up front - we actually dug test pits to prove our case but they didn't want to hear it.

- Thomas Pope asked why we need a change order at the last minute on a sidewalk after 10 years. John said originally the Main St. project went all the way from Rt. 275 to Woods Lane. The State didn't have the federal funds so they cancelled the project. John went to the Federal Government and pointed out they had already spent \$1 million. The State was then given a two-year timeline to start the project or return the \$1 million. They went back to the original project specs - which had major creep - to get the sidewalk to First Church. We were willing to accept that because the rest was primarily cosmetic. We were given the ability to do it as a change order so all the sidewalks match. The grant specifies monies must be spent by 9/15/16. It will be slightly different than it was – the surface will be textured and period lighting will be included.

2. Notification to Property Owners: Update Meeting on Crumbling Concrete

Foundations: Hannah Pietrantonio said that folks are reluctant to disclose this - we should be encouraging them to come forward. John replied he is not clear on all the legal consequences but even sharing a problem anonymously might help so we can get a count. Maybe we are over-reacting but we don't think so.

3. 2016 Home Energy Audits: We are continuing the program we had before. The sample letter included in tonight's materials would be modified to have 3 signatures: John Elsesser, the Council Chair and the head of the Energy Committee. There is something new – the \$99 fee is being waived for income eligible individuals and we will add a table for that. Eversource will pay for mailing and postage. The Fuel Bank gets a \$25 donation for every audit completed. Thomas Pope said if Eversource is paying for it, why aren't they just sending it out? Why are they involving the Town to make an ad for a couple of contractors? John replied that Eversource has only a few vendors that do the audits and these two offer the \$25 rebate to the Fuel Bank. Thomas asked why don't they just do bill stuffers? John replied they have found the inserts get thrown out and a letter from local officials has more impact.

4. State Budget Update: Julie said we received a state vs. town budgeted revenues chart in the agenda packet. John noted at the last meeting he said he was nervous about the numbers. Thomas Pope said looking at the chart, he understands adding the first column, adding the second, adding the third and coming up with a difference of minus \$68,000. Then when he adds the difference in the last column and comes up with \$8.9 million, when he adds 304 and 340 together, shouldn't that be a negative 644? John replied there are other revenues. Beth put together the chart and he wrote the total in below because that's what is important to him. Budget to budget we are short under the Governor's

proposal by \$576,045, which is the equivalent of .61 mills. Matthew O'Brien asked if this is a difference from the first budget that the Legislature did. John said no, this is the shortfall from the budget we are sending to the Town Meeting. Thomas Pope noted that these numbers are not concrete either. John said absolutely not – he thinks this is just a blinking game on who wants to raise the sales tax first. Matthew said he did call the State Representative who said the Governor's budget is dead on arrival and they are all up in arms. John said ECS in particular, that portion of \$340,000 – that number will not happen. He thinks they will be much closer to the original Governor's budget or the Appropriations Committee's budget, which was a 1% reduction, not 4%. There is much more debate about MRSA – the \$300,000 piece of that, because the Governor used that to plug holes for regional health districts, PILOT money and student transportation, which the Approps Committee had transferred out of the Governor's budget to the transportation fund. The Governor didn't want student transportation to be funded out of the State transportation fund, which is his pet project for highway improvements – coming out of the gas tax. So that wasn't going to stand. Thomas said that same money is the key building block to one party's political objective for the fall. The big deal was they were going to send money to the towns. A whole block of people up there are up in arms about cutting that one. John said that was in a couple of pieces. There was one that dealt with lowering the mil rate on cars – that piece remained. It doesn't affect us because we weren't at 32 mills. It's wide open up there. He doesn't think that this is going to stand, but we won't know until after May 4th or afterwards. This is also one side of revenues – we mentioned 12 properties that I guess I sold that I didn't know about – we didn't put those revenues in next year's budget either, so he could hold those until next July and put those in next year's budget too. There are other revenue options that we could look at. The Town approves a spending plan, not a revenue plan. There are options even on the revenue side we could look at. There are other things in the Capital budget that we could freeze if we had to. It looks bleak but he doesn't think it is reality. Matthew O'Brien asked a question on the second page that we were given. He said that some of it is similar but some is different – is that correct? John replied that chart came from CCM – it is laid out differently – they are trying to show changes over time. Matthew said for example, the minus \$304,000 for MRSA shows up as a \$59,000 gain. Matthew said the column is labeled 2016 – are these additional cuts for 2016? Thomas Pope said no – the two columns show the Governor's original and revised proposed budgets. John said he didn't think it was good news that the Governor was coming out with a second budget – a lot of that is done where they can vent behind closed doors. Now they are venting very publicly and it's going to be harder to pull things back together. Lisa Thomas asked to clarify the numbers he gave them and the potential \$576,000 deficit. When she looked at this before tonight it set off a lot of alarm bells for her. Is John suggesting we really can't be thinking about this yet, and ECS probably won't get this kind of hit? She knows that later in the agenda he is going to talk about ways we might manage this once there is a budget adopted by the Town of Coventry? John said he thinks this would be the point to do that. Another Council member began to speak, and Lisa said she knows they have a lot to talk about, but it is really hard to follow the conversation when they are bantering back and forth and cutting in and out. She doesn't mean this in a negative way, but it is very difficult for her sitting at the table because we're not getting complete thoughts. She doesn't know what it's like for people listening here or on TV, but if we could have some sort of system of raising hands so that there are complete thoughts and everybody can understand – she knows people who are watching haven't had the same opportunity to analyze these documents that we have had and she thinks it is really important for people to hear exactly what's going on in terms of potential impacts so that people can be reassured where there is reassurance or concerned where there is true cause for concern.

John said he could summarize his opinion on where we will end up. It is only an opinion, but he will be glad to do that. Julie Blanchard said yes. John said he thinks at the end of the day there will be a very modest ECS cut. He thinks some of the MRSA money will be restored but he thinks a lot of it will still be going away. His guess is we will have to come up with either some new revenues or some cuts in the Capital budget, but he thinks we should be able to stick with our basic core plan. At some point if it gets over \$200,000 then he thinks we have some issues and will have to have serious talks. Revenues can be adjusted and the mil rate does not need to be set until late May or the first week in June so we can get our tax bills out. He doesn't think we will have clarity before the referendum vote. They are just not going to be able to pull this together. He believes they will have a special session, but it will be short because they will want to get out on the campaign trail. Thomas Pope said he thinks after the campaign is over what's left of that MRSA money will disappear quickly. We won't see that in next year's budget.

7. Notes from Staff Meeting: Removed from Consent Agenda by Matthew O'Brien. Matthew said he is all set and doesn't need to discuss this item.

7. Unfinished Business:

A. 15/16-68: Consideration and Possible Action: CNG proposal to extend natural gas to Coventry: John Elsesser said we don't have a lot more information at this time. The Board of Education went on record in support of the project (*minutes of the Board of Education's April 7, 2016 meeting are attached to these minutes*). The Energy Committee has gone on record supporting the project and we have meetings coming up with the School Building Committee and Planning & Zoning later this month.

Matthew O'Brien asked if John can ask the committee to provide a comparison of the cost of replacing equipment before this proposal came forward, for oil boilers in the high school and perhaps the middle school, vs. gas boilers. He would also like a list of any other benefits or problems they see with converting. John will get a comparison of what was planned before vs. the gas option. They already have a mechanical engineer on staff doing the survey work.

Lisa Thomas requested that once more numbers come in if they could be in an easy-to-read chart to make the comparisons easier to understand for people in the community. She knows that the cost for the actual construction is \$90,000 per year for seven years, plus the cost of conversion. How does that get funded? John replied the conversion costs are on the spreadsheet right now. What he doesn't have yet is the cost comparison of the "do-nothing" option, vs. the cost of doing high-efficiency natural gas with rebates. There are no rebates for oil. Also the Building Committee discussed that gas allows more code compliance for unit ventilators at the schools. Lisa said she still feels there are a lot of unknown factors - this is a really major undertaking and she wants to make sure there is very clear thinking and as much information made available to the public as possible. She noted that John had mentioned in his memo that the project would become a priority for the Building/Energy Efficiency Committee, so what would be delayed? John replied this actually accelerates the speed at which they are going to work. He doesn't think it delays anything. There is bigger excitement on the committee that there may be an alternative to the status quo to increase our energy efficiency.

Thomas Pope said as part of the agenda packet, we got minutes from the Energy Committee meeting dated 4/6/16. He has brought the issue up of the lack of solar savings at the high school for 4 months. In January they said the solar panels were not working. In February they were saying we will get a credit. In March they said we weren't saving because a motor might be running at night. Now in April they say the rise in electricity demand at the high school is due to the preschool annex which uses electric heat and that the solar panels are working as expected. He hasn't heard of anybody designing

a building with electric heat in quite a while. Maybe this will be the final answer. John said he saw that and it came from a representative from the company that installed the systems. It is on his list to call and see if they have an answer, because he hasn't heard that they do have an answer. So there may be a fifth answer, but they were on school vacation last week. There was electric heat in that building that pre-dated the preschool. The portable classrooms were heated with electric heat. They added heat just to the foyer area with another rooftop unit. That rooftop unit could be converted to natural gas if it's there. Thomas said maybe someday we will get to the bottom of it. Matthew O'Brien said that same line raised a question for him because we had asked the Board of Education what the impact of the newly-negotiated electric rates, which were dropped by 8% was going to do to their budget and we were told it was about \$11,000, but in response to changes in their budget they took \$37,500 out of electricity and he was curious if John has any idea why. John replied he hasn't seen a list of what they cut. It wasn't attached to their minutes. Matthew replied they cut \$37,500 from electricity, \$62,000 from technology, \$6,500 from facility maintenance and \$94,000 from special education, another area they refuse to give him information about. If John could get any information about what that represents he would be appreciative.

Hannah noted we did get an extension from CNG - what is the drop dead date to commit to the project? John said timing-wise we are trying to gear towards your next meeting, with a deadline at the meeting after that, but the sooner we know one way or the other the better for everybody. If it is a go we would do the work over the summer. Hannah asked if there have been any responses from the letters that were sent to residents. John replied one person has responded in favor to date. Hannah asked to clarify that the residents along the route don't need to commit to do anything. John said that is correct. He thinks if they are opposed we will hear about it. If they are in favor of it we will hear. If they are uncertain we probably won't hear.

8. **New Business:**

A. 15/16-92: Request for improvements, Hinman Road: John Elsesser said that Hinman Road is a private road in the area of Springdale. There was a lake association there that went under. The person is asking the Town to repair their private road. Thomas Pope asked who owns it right now. John replied that is probably a very in-depth legal question, but not the Town. Thomas said as it stands now it is akin to a long shared driveway. We have two lake associations coming before us asking for us to adopt their roads. If we approve this request, those associations could dissolve ownership and ask us to address their roads. If we don't do anything people will be disappointed. Are we setting a precedent by giving away free gravel? If we don't own the road, as much as we would like to help the person, he thinks it is a very rocky road we would be heading down. Maybe if we sold the gravel to their association or he could buy the gravel that would eliminate the precedent. That might not be too difficult to do if the price was close to market so it doesn't appear the person is getting special treatment. We have to think about the impact it would make. Richard Williams asked why we are getting involved at all. John replied because the person asked and we have no authority to get involved. The reason it is on the agenda is it could set a precedent, not only to other associations but also to condos. There are 20 miles of these roads. Richard asked if we are going to decide right now. John said you could do that or send the matter to Steering. **Motion #15/16-362: Richard Williams moved to send consideration of the request for improvements to Hinman Road to the Steering Committee. The motion was seconded by Andy Brodersen and carried on unanimous vote.**

9. **Executive Session:**

Motion #15/16-363: Matthew O'Brien moved that the Town Council enter into Executive Session at 8:46 PM pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 1-200(6)(B)-discussion of strategy and negotiation with respect to pending claims and litigation to which the public agency or a member thereof, because of his conduct as a member of such agency is a party until such litigation claim has been finally adjudicated or otherwise settled with the following people in

attendance: Town Council members except for Julie Blanchard and the Town Manager. The motion was seconded by Thomas Pope and carried on unanimous vote.

Motion #15/16-364: Thomas Pope moved to leave Executive Session at 8:59 PM, seconded by Hannah Pietrantonio and unanimously approved.

10. Adjournment:

Motion #15/16-365: Lisa Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Thomas Pope and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Stone
Town Council Clerk

Note: These minutes are not official until acted on by the Town Council at its next regular meeting. Those meeting minutes will reflect approval or changes to these minutes.

Attachments

Laura Stone

From: Beth Bauer
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 5:09 PM
To: Julie Blanchard; Matthew OBrien; Hannah HPietrantonioTC; Andy Brodersen; John Elsesser; Laura Stone
Subject: Ten year fund balance - COVRRRA

To the Finance Committee:

As requested, here are ten years of audited fund balance for COVRRRA

COVRRRA fund balance history

	Beg Bal	Revenue	Expend	6/30 Fund Balance	
2006	169843	896000	778348	287495	
2007	287495	985988	896188	377295	
2008	377295	1105718	957513	525500	
2009	525500	997571	962959	560112	
2010	560112	953872	959493	554491	
2011	554491	1017911	1095845	476557	***Tipper barrels implemented
2012	476557	1025296	1064339	437514	
2013	437514	1054829	1031269	461074	
2014	461074	1107627	1078893	489808	
2015	489808	1089836	1045362	534282	

***new 3 tier rate structure implemented
170,200,250

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**Coventry Board of Education
Coventry, Connecticut**

**Special Board of Education Meeting
Unapproved Minutes of April 7, 2016
Administration Building Conference Room**

Attendance Taken at 7:32 p.m.:

Board Members Present:

William Oros, Chairman
Jennifer Beausoleil, Vice Chairman
Michael Sobol, Secretary
Michael Griswold
Frank Infante
Mary Kortmann
Eugene Marchand

Administrators Present:

David J. Petrone, Superintendent of Schools
Robert Carroll, Director of Finance and Operations

Audience Members Present: John Elsesser, Town Manager

I. Call to Order

W. Oros called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. Salute to the Flag

W. Oros led the Salute to the Flag.

III. Audience of Citizens

There was no audience of citizens.

IV. New Business - VOTE to approve the CNH June 2016 Field Experience to East Lansing, MI

MOTION: Approve the June 2016 CNH Field Experience to East Lansing, MI

By: J. Beausoleil

Seconded: M. Sobol

Discussion: Mr. Petrone reviewed the trip and noted it needed Board approval before the group could move forward.

Result: Motion passes unanimously

V. Old Business

V.A. Information: Connecticut Natural Gas Project Update

W. Oros introduced John Elsesser, Town Manager who presented to the Board regarding the natural gas initiative being proposed in Coventry. He said Coventry was offered a \$1.1 million subsidy to convert one section of town, including CNH and CHS, over to natural gas.

