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# TOWN OF NEWINGTON

131 CEDAR STREET  
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**MAYOR ROY ZARTARIAN**

## MINUTES

**NEWINGTON TOWN COUNCIL  
L101 – Lower Level  
7:00 P.M.**

**April 4, 2017**

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Mayor Zartarian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Councilor Anest  
Councilor Budrejko  
Councilor DelBuono  
Councilor Klett - absent  
Councilor Manke  
Councilor Marocchini  
Councilor Nagel  
Councilor Serra  
Mayor Zartarian

#### **Staff Attendees:**

Tanya Lane, Town Manager  
Ann Harter, Finance Director  
Lisa Rydecki, Deputy Finance Director  
Jaime Trevethan, Asst. to the Town Manager  
Linda Irish-Simpson, Clerk of the Council

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Anest asked for an additional item be added to the agenda to include an executive session on real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilor Klett and passed 9 – 0.

### **IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)**

None

### **V. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS (Action May Be Taken)**  
**A. Changes to the FY 2017-18 Tentative Budget, If Needed**

Councilor Marocchini expressed concern that the BOE budget cuts did not allow for accreditation that the Democrats were in favor of. If the money was not funded, it could mean a step backward. Councilor DelBuono stated the budget had been very difficult especially in terms of the BOE. However, she said they did not control how the money was spent but the BOE did. She hoped they would use the money to move the accreditation forward.

Councilor Klett also expressed concern over the accreditation and would like to see the BOE and library funding restored. She would not support the current budget.

Councilor Budrejko wanted to have more information on the St. Mary's property. She was concerned about the recent article in the Town Crier and was disappointed at being kept in the dark regarding it. She indicated this had not been vented, there was no information to give to the public and could understand why the public was confused.

**VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – IN GENERAL (In Person/Via Telephone: 860-665-8736)**

John Bachand, 56 Maple Hill: He found Councilor Budrejko's comments incredible as well as the Superintendents. He felt it was important to recognize the economic situation and felt the previous town manager had left before it became a real problem. The situation should not be ignored and the current financial situation was unsustainable.

John Silva, 45 Basswood Street: He had read the Town Crier article and was disappointed in the comments. He apologized to the Town Council and felt they should not have been treated in that manner.

Scott Greczkowski, 46 Miami Avenue: He congratulated the Council members and felt they were the best council since they worked so well together. He hoped they all ran for office again.

Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive: She called in to say that if a letter was read into the record it also should be placed on the timer to be fair to those who attend a meeting and want to speak. She also indicated the microphones were an issue and the sound was not good at the meeting.

**VIII. REMARKS BY COUNCILORS**

None

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION – REAL ESTATE**

Councilor Anest moved to adjourn at 7:30 for executive session and was seconded by Councilor Serra. The motion passed 9 – 0. Councilor Nagel moved to adjourn from the Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilor Anest moved to adjourn from the Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Manke. Motion passed 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Irish-Simpson  
Clerk of the Council