

Finance and Budget Committee Minutes

May 23, 2006 Room 312

In attendance: Councillors Cantor, Slifka, Verrengia, Sinatro, Carpenter

Community Contributions

It was reported that since the last meeting the West Hartford Stage had requested their contribution funds and that this was being processed. In the future, letters will be sent to each group receiving a contribution, informing them of the contribution amount and the process to collect. In addition, the Committee asked that letters be sent to those requesting funds asking them to describe how the funds will be used and informing them that these contributions are not meant to be on-going funding mechanisms.

Parking at Blue Back Square

John Phillips made a presentation (outline attached) to the Committee regarding optional parking policies and operations for the Town garages and on-street parking. He described the technology that will be used and the various types of payments that will be available. It was pointed out that the Town is determining the type of equipment and operation and that Blue Back is buying the necessary equipment and installing it.

The Committee asked what was being done with the concept of valet parking. It was explained that the Town had told Blue Back that we not want to run such a program.

Revaluation Notice

A draft of a notice regarding revaluation was handed out (copy attached). It will be included in the car tax bill and sent to the newspaper to print. A few changes were made to the draft and it was approved.

Other Business

Chris Johnson explained that the 60 miles of optic fiber that Mr. Chase had installed on the lines was being offered to the Town. It could be used to help connect remote facilities, enlarge our internet capabilities, and be useful for economic development. The Committee gave an okay to further explore this issue.

The next meeting was set for June 1st at 8 AM in room 312.