MINUTES
Special Board of Finance
Monday, May 17, 2010 @ 7:00PM
Meeting Room at Seymour Community Center

Members present: Chairman Mark Thompson, Bill Sawicki, Bill Paecht, Len Greene, Peter Jezierny, Michelle Walsh, and John Stelma.
Not present: Nancy Onofrio and Kristen Harmeling.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.
Chairman Mark Thompson opened the meeting at 7:02PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Seating of Alternates.
Motion to seat Alternate Michelle Walsh for Nancy Onofrio.
Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Bill Sawicki
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to seat Alternate John Stelma for Kristen Harmeling.
Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Peter Jezierny
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 - Public Comment.
Christine Syriac, Associate Superintendent: States that a 0% increase will be devastating to the Board of Education. This would be the 2nd year with no increase to the Board of Education budget.

Paul Roy, First Selectman: Had a department head meeting this morning, which went well and there were a lot of suggestions for cuts. They include: ED Secretary 1/2 year salary $18,000; Snow plowing $10,000; Recreation Purchased Services $2,000; Recreation Supplies $1,000; Contingency/Labor $10,000; Tax Collector Volunteer Abatements $10,000; Fire Marshal turnout coat $950; Town Employees, 4 Furlough Days $110,000 and approximately $200,000 increase for the Board of Education from last year, which equals a $490,000 cut from the proposed budget. This will be a 1.25 mill increase from last year.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Would like the math checked on the numbers presented.

Sandy McVey: Has questions about where the Board of Education will take the money from in their budget.
Sean Walsh, 126 Pearl Street: Suggests using the Town Garage to service all Town vehicles to save money.

ITEM # 5 - Remarks from the Chairman.
Mark Thompson: Thanks the First Selectman and the Board of Selectmen for postponing the referendum to 5/25/10 to give the Board of Finance more time to make the right cuts to the budget. States that he attended the department head meeting that the First Selectman held today and it was very productive and the departments really stepped up to makes cuts to their budgets. If the budget does not pass he would like a summit meeting of the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to try to resolve the budget.

ITEM # 6 - Discussion of 2010/2011 Budget with Departments, Boards, and Commissions.
Board members discuss what the legal obligations are and what will happen if the budget does not pass by the June 15 deadline. Mark Thompson states that Town Counsel and the Finance Department are working on those numbers. There is a request to have Bonding Counsel involved in this process. The majority of Board members would like a 1 mill or less increase from last fiscal year's mill rate.

Motion to eliminate the Economic Development Secretary position after 6 months into the fiscal year, which equals approximately $18,000.00.
Motion: Len Greene Second: Bill Paecht
Vote: 5-Yes (Len Greene, Bill Sawicki, Peter Jezierny, Michelle Walsh, Bill Paecht) 2-No (Mark Thompson, John Stelma) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to accept the $1,169.00 savings on Code Red.
Motion: Len Greene Second: Bill Paecht
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to take $10,000 from the Public Works Snow Plow account.
Motion: Peter Jezierny Second: Bill Sawicki
Vote: 5-Yes (Peter Jezierny, Bill Paecht, Mark Thompson, Bill Sawicki, John Stelma) 1-No (Len Greene) 1-Abstain (Michelle Walsh) 0-Disqualify

Motion to take $1,000 from Recreation Supplies account.
Motion: Peter Jezierny Second: Len Greene
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to take $2,000 from Recreation Purchased Services account.
Motion: Len Greene Second: Bill Sawicki
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to take $10,000 from the Contingency Labor Fund line item.
Motion: Bill Sawicki Second: Bill Paecht
Vote: 7-Yes 0-no 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to take $10,000 from the Tax Collector Abatement Volunteers line item.
Motion: Len Greene  
Second: Bill Paecht  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to take $950.00 from Fire Marshal turnout coat line item.  
Motion: John Stelma  
Second: No Second  
Motion Fails

Motion to take $600 from Fire Marshal cell phone line item.  
Motion: Bill Paecht  
Second: Bill Sawicki  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to take $10,000 from Public Works highway materials.  
Motion: NONE  
Motion Fails.

Motion to have all Town Employee Salaries reduced by 5%.  
Motion: Len Greene  
Second: Bill Paecht  
Motion Rescinded: Len Greene  
Second Rescinded: Bill Paecht

Discussion to continue tomorrow night 5/18/10 at 7:00PM at the Seymour Middle School Library.

ITEM # 8 – Adjournment.  
Motion to adjourn 8:38PM.  
Motion: Bill Paecht  
Second: Bill Sawicki  
Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,  

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Recording Secretary