MINUTES

Board of Finance

Tuesday, June 22, 2010 @ 7:00PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Mark Thompson, Len Greene, Bill Paecht, Peter Jezierny, Bill Sawicki, Kristen Harmeling, and Michelle Walsh.

Others present: First Selectman Paul Roy, Doug Thomas, Tony Caserta, Colleen Fries, Philip Wilhelmy, Saundra Gesek, Karl Trybus, John Stelma and Michael Metzler.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order at 7:06PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 - Fill vacancy on Board. (Take action)

Motion to appoint Alternate member Michelle Walsh as a regular member of the Board of Finance to fill a vacancy left by Nancy Onofrio.

Motion: Peter Jezierny Second: Bill Paecht

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Seating of Alternates.

None.

ITEM #5 - Public Comment.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Since the Tri-town Plaza litigation has been settled, he would like to know how it was taken care of and would like the info sent to him.

ITEM #6 - Remarks from the Chairman.

- The 4th referendum passed, which was only the Board of Education, by 144 votes. He believes that the letter from the Board of Finance that was left at the polling place helped with the voter's decision. There was also an article in the Gazette after the 4th referendum.
- Had a meeting with some members of the Recreation Commission and the Finance Director today to work out some issues concerning outside consulting programs and accounting.
 Beginning on July 1, 2010 there will be a special revenue account for the Recreation Department.
- There was a Board of Education Administrators Union Contract Negotiations meeting today that Mark was not able to attend, but the First Selectman did attend.
- Would like to start working on 5-year long term plan at the next meeting.

ITEM #7 - First Selectman's Comments.

- Would like to thank the Board for all of their hard work on the budget and is pleased that it finally passed on the 4th referendum.
- Would like to see a lot more communication between the boards before and during budget season next year and would like to have joint meetings early to see what direction each board is going in.

- Cannot comment on the ongoing contract negotiations with the Board of Education Administrators Union Contract.
- Kristen Harmeling suggests that the Board of Finance members start going through procedures and changes on the budget process so it can go more smoothly next budget season. Would like to begin in July of this year.

Board members discuss whether the E-mail packet is preferred via the mailed packet. Most members seem to prefer the "Green" packets through email.

ITEM #8 - Transfers.

Motion to place control # 23 transfer for \$63,000.00 on the table for discussion.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Len Greene

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve control # 23 transfer for the Police Department for \$14,000.00 from Salary uniformed officers acct 1-001-420-2100535-110 into repairs and maintenance acct 1-001-420-2100-535-430 for the installation of air handler at the police department and pending possible additional 2 quotes per purchasing policy.

Motion: Len Greene Second: Bill Paecht

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve control # 23 transfer for the Police Department for \$49,000.00 from the salary uniformed officers acct 1-001-420-2100-535-110 and into machinery and equipment cars acct 1-001-420-2100-535-745 for the purchase of 2 new police vehicles.

Motion: Bill Sawicki Second: Len Greene

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to place control # 24 transfer for \$2,750.00 on the table for discussion.

Motion: Peter Jezierny Second: Bill Sawicki

Vote: 5-Yes (Mark Thompson, Bill Sawicki, Len Greene, Peter Jezierny, Kristen Harmeling) 0-No

2-Abstain (Bill Paecht, Michelle Walsh) 0-Disqualify

Motion to approve control # 24 transfer for Planning & Zoning for \$2,750.00 from salary regular employees acct # 410-1110-410-110 and into general supplies acct # 410-1110-410-610 to purchase computers for the Town Planner and the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Motion: Len Greene Second: Bill Sawicki

Vote: 5-Yes (Mark Thompson, Bill Sawicki, Len Greene, Peter Jezierny, Kristen Harmeling) 0-No

2-Abstain (Bill Paecht, Michelle Walsh) 0-Disqualify

ITEM #9 – Correspondence.

None.

ITEM'S # 10 – 15: Approval of Minutes.

Motion to table approval of minutes from 6/15/10 special, 5/25/10 regular, 5/25/10 special, 5/17/10 special, 5/18/10 special, and 6/2/10 special until next regular meeting.

Motion: Bill Sawicki Second: Bill Paecht

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

*Add special meeting minutes from 5/4, 5/5, & 5/12/10 to the next agenda also.

ITEM # 16 – Finance Director's Report.

- Gives the board members the status on financials and projections for the end of the year. States that the Town is about even minus the use of fund balance of approximately \$800,000.
- Board members ask for updated financial reports.
- Gives the board members a cell phone analysis.
- Has no update on Grants due to the Grants Coordinator being busy and taking vacation time.
- States school reimbursements were given to Rick Belden who is taking care of the process. Will request an update from Mr. Belden on where he is on the process.

ITEM # 17 – Other Business.

a) Take action on Town Counsel fee schedule approved by the Board of Selectmen: First Selectman Paul Roy explains the process that the Board of Selectmen went through concerning the Town Counsel's fee schedule. Selectman John Conroy suggested a compromise for the Town Counsel's fee. The compromise is that from December 7, 2009 until June 30, 2010 Town Counsel will receive \$145.00 per hour and beginning on July 1, 2010 she will receive \$160.00 (per approved budget). A comparison has been given out to the Board members to show that this is an average cost for Counsel.

Motion to approve Town Counsel fee schedule for Colleen Fries and her Law Firm for \$145.00 per hour from December 7, 2009 until June 30, 2010 and beginning on July 1, 2010 the rate will be \$160.00.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Bill Sawicki

Vote: 5-Yes (Mark Thompson, Bill Paecht, Peter Jezierny, Bill Sawicki, Kristen Harmeling)

2-No (Michelle Walsh, Len Greene) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 18 – Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:29PM.

Motion: Bill Sawicki Second: Bill Paecht

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso, Recording Secretary