

**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, Sandra 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**\*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