

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance**  
**Tuesday, May 25, 2010 @ 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

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

**Not present:** Nancy Onofrio.

**Others present:** Finance Director Doug Thomas, Assistant Finance Director Tony Caserta, Frank Loda and Jeanne Loda.

**ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.**

**Meeting was called to order 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 absent member Nancy Onofrio.**

**Motion:** Bill Sawicki

**Second:** Len Greene

**Vote:** 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 4 - Public Comment.**

**Mark Thompson:** Thanks Mr. Loda for videotaping the press conference held on Friday, May 21, 2010 concerning the budget.

**Frank Loda:** Thanks Michelle Leonard at Comcast for getting the press conference on the air on Saturday and Sunday.

**ITEM # 5 - First Selectman's Comments.**

**None.**

**ITEM # 6 - Transfers.**

**None.**

**ITEM # 7 - Correspondence.**

**None.**

**ITEM # 8 - Approval of Minutes from Board of Finance meeting on 4/27/10.**

**Motion to approve minutes from Board of Finance meeting on 4/27/10.**

**Motion:** Len Greene

**Second:** Bill Sawicki

**Vote:** 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 9 - Finance Director's Report.**

**Doug Thomas, Finance Director:** Gives Board members a list of all cell phones that are assigned to town employees. These are all month to month contracts and they were taken off of the State bid list. Board members would like a comparative analysis on the costs between different cell phone companies. There is also approximately \$393,000 in old projects that will be reimbursed.

**ITEM # 10 – Other Business.**

- a) Discussion of recording secretary position: Deirdre Caruso has resigned from her position as recording secretary due to personal obligations. She will be posting the job description on the Town website. Mark Thompson, Peter Jezierny, and John Stelma will be reviewing the applications and choosing the candidate.

Mark Thompson: Reminds the Board of the next referendum on June 10, 2010. He states that if the budget fails again he would like to call a summit meeting of the Board of Finance, Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education to discuss the next step. There are also several requests for Bond Counsel to advise the Town on this issue. Mark states that he has been working with the First Selectman, Town Counsel and the Finance Department on establishing “Legal Obligations”.

Doug Thomas states that he should have a legal opinion by the end of the week on what the Legal Obligations are and he will forward the information to the Board Members.

Kristen Harmeling: States that she would like an updated grants list and is not happy that it was not provided to the Board members. Would like it for the next meeting.

**ITEM # 11 – Public Comment.**

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: States that the budget is not really adopted on June 15<sup>th</sup>, but is used for the tax bills. The budget referendum process will continue until the budget passes. Suggests that a Charter Revision Commission be formed to fix the Charter so it is clear what the laws are. The current language in the Charter does not work.

**ITEM # 12 – Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:37PM.

Motion: Peter Jezierny

Second: Bill Paecht

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary