

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance**  
**Tuesday, April 27, 2010 @ 7:00PM**  
**Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall**

**Members present: Chairman Mark Thompson, Bill Paecht, Peter Jezierny, Bill Sawicki, Len Greene, Kristen Harmeling, and Nancy Onofrio.**  
**Others present: First Selectman Paul Roy, Doug Thomas, Tony Caserta, Michelle Walsh, John Stelma, Frank Loda, Jeanne Loda, W. Kurt Miller, Tom Eighmie, Joan Gee, Robert J. Koskelowski, All Rochelle.**

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

**Meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Thompson at 7:03PM.**

**ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**ITEM # 3 - Seating of Alternates.**

**None.**

**ITEM # 4 - Public Comment.**

**Robert Koskelowski, Pearl Street: Comments that the current budget states \$125.00 per hour for Town Counsel and not \$160.00 per hour. He asks that the Board does not approve the increase. He also states that the firm did not get appointed by the Board of Selectmen only the Town Counsel and he questions the billing.**

**Joan Gee, 5 Bassett Road: Very concerned that the HR position was eliminated from the proposed budget and feels that the position is a necessity.**

**ITEM # 5 - Remarks from the Chairman.**

**Mark Thompson reminds everyone that the budget referendum machine vote will be held on Thursday, April 29, 2010 from 6am to 8pm at the Seymour Community Center. Whether the budget passes or not the Board must have a meeting within 5 days so we will be scheduling a special meeting for Tuesday, May 04, 2010. There will also be a public notice put in the paper for the special meeting. He also states that at the last meeting the Town's health insurance policies were being questioned and a comparison was requested, although it was not done, he feels that the Town's Insurance Agent is good and he trusts that he is working to get the best deal for the Town. He is hoping to have a cost comparison done by July 2010. A labor negotiation team may be formed for union contracts.**

**ITEM # 6 - First Selectman's Comments.**

**Paul Roy, First Selectman: Also reminds everyone to vote on Thursday, April 29, 2010. States that the Town and Emergency Management Director will be utilized to perform a test and reminding citizens to vote.**

**ITEM # 7 - Transfers.**



**ITEM # 8 - Correspondence.**  
None.

**ITEM # 9 - Approval of Minutes from Board of Finance Meeting on 3/23/10.**  
Motion to approve minutes from Board of Finance meeting on 3/23/10.  
Motion: Peter Jezierny                      Second: Len Greene  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 10 - Approval of Minutes from Special Board of Finance Meeting on 4/13/10.**  
Motion to approve minutes from special Board of Finance Meeting on 4/13/10 with the following amendments: add Michelle Walsh and John Stems to Others present and additional public comment not recorded by resident.  
Motion: Bill Sawicki                      Second: Peter Jezierny  
Vote: 7-Yes                      0-No                      0-Abstain                      0-Disqualify

**ITEM # 11 - Finance Director's Report.**

- The Auditor will be field testing in the end of May.
- There may be a few line items that will be short funds that may need to be transferred before June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion was had concerning employee cell phone usage and Bill Sawicki requests a list of everyone that has a town cell phone.
- The Board members would also like a new grant list with more detail. They would like the list to state explanations of grants, dates, amounts, etc.

**ITEM # 12 - Other Business.**

- Item's 12 a & b are tabled due to the budget going forward to referendum as is.

**Item 12c - Town Counsel and Special Town Counsel hourly rates. (Take possible action).**  
A discussion was held concerning the Board of Selectmen approving the fees for the Town Counsel and the Board of Finance not approving it. The Charter states that the fee schedule for Town Counsel must be approved by both Boards. The First Selectman submits a comparison list of the fees from the prior Town Counsel's vs. the present Town Counsel's. He also shows minutes from prior years showing that the approval process was never done in the past either. A lengthy discussion was had concerning Town Counsel, which includes credentials, hours and fees.

Motion to approve \$160.00 per hour for Town Counsel retro-active from December 16, 2010.  
Motion: Kristen Harmeling                      Second: Bill Sawicki  
Vote: 2-Yes (Kristen Harmeling and Bill Sawicki) 4-No (Len Greene, Bill Paecht, Peter Jezierny, Nancy Onofrio) 1-Abstain (Mark Thompson) 0-Disqualify  
Motion Fails.

The Board members would like this matter to go back to the Board of Selectmen.

**ITEM # 13 - Adjournment.**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:06PM.**

**Motion: Nancy Onofrio**

**Vote: 7-Yes            0-No**

**Second: Kristen Harmeling**

**0-Abstain            0-Disqualify**

**Submitted by,**

**Reviewed by,**

**Deirdre Caruso,  
Recording Secretary**

**Mark Thompson,  
Chairman Board of Finance**