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## MINUTES

## **Board of Finance**

# Tuesday, May 26, 2009 @ 7:00PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Bill Paecht, Peter Jezierny, Nancy Onofrio, and Mark

Thompson (7:13PM).

Not present: Michele Pavlik and Jim Simpson.

Others present: Finance Director Doug Thomas, Assistant Finance Director Tony Caserta, Public Works

Director Dennis Rozum, Chairman of the Fire Commission Ugo Zullo, Brian Koskelowski, and

Selectman Paul Roy.

ITEM #1 - Call meeting to order.

Chairman Trisha Danka opened the meeting at 7:01PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 - Seating of Alternates.

None.

ITEM #4 - Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 5 - First Selectman's Comments.

None.

ITEM #6 - Transfers.

Motion to approve transfer control # 15 for the Police Department for \$46,000.00 from Salary Uniformed Police acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-110 and into Gasoline acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-626 for \$28,000.00 and into Electricity acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-622 for \$9,000.00 and into Oil acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-624 for \$6,000.00 and into Clothing acct # 1-001-420-2100-535-615 for \$3,000.00, which are due to rate hikes on energy after the budget process last year.

**Motion: Bill Paecht** 

Second: Peter Jezierny

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve transfer control # 17 for Town Buildings for \$25,250.00 from Library Books acct # 1-001-450-5500-640-640 for \$4,200.00 and Contingency acct # 1-001-410-1950-530-872 for \$11,050.00 and Registrars Purchased Services acct # 1-001-410-1400-440-310 for \$10,000.00 into Town Buildings Oil acct 1-001-410-1940-510-624 for \$25,250.00 for oil for the Community Center, which was due to rate hikes from the previous year.

Motion: Bill Paecht

**Second: Nancy Onofrio** 

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve transfer control #19 for the Fire Department for \$250.00 from Salary Part-time acct # 1-001-420-2200-550-120 and into Board Secretary Fees acct # 1-001-420-2200-550-125 due to extra special meetings so the secretary fees were short.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Peter Jezierny

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to approve transfer control # 20 for the Dog Warden for a total of \$1,881.00; \$881.00 from Electricity Acct # 1-001-440-4143-605-622 and into Heating Fuel acct # 1-001-440-4143-605-624; \$1,000.00 from Repairs & Maintenance acct # 1-001-440-4143-605-605 into Gasoline acct # 1-001-440-4143-605-626 for utility costs due to cold winter at kennel and usage of the vehicle has increased.

Motion: Bill Paecht

**Second: Peter Jezierny** 

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

**0-Disqualify** 

Motion to approve transfer control # 21 for the Public Works Department for \$4,608.74 from Overtime acct # 1-001-430-3110-570-130 and into Oil acct # 1-001-430-3110-570-624 to cover winter heating costs.

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Nancy Onofrio

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

## ITEM # 7 - Correspondence.

- Copy of legal opinion from Attorney Doug Gillette concerning approval of emergency appropriations.
- Copy of resignation letter from W. Kurt Miller from the Board of Finance.
- Copy of email from Doug Thomas from Auditor, James George concerning the use of funds from the surplus sale from the Board of Education.
- Copy of letter from the Assessors Office concerning applications for the Town Homeowners Program.

ITEM #8 – Approval of Minutes from Meeting on 4/28/09.

Motion to approve minutes from Board of Finance meeting on 4/28/09.

**Motion: Peter Jezierny** 

Second: Mark Thompson

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

## ITEM # 9 - Financial Reports.

- Police Enhancement Quarterly Reports.
- Board of Education Quarterly Report.

Finance Director Doug Thomas was asked several questions about what he is predicting the shortfall will be for the current year. Although he cannot predict any certain amount with accuracy, he has stated that due to the Board of Education shortfall and the extremely low interest rates the Town may have a shortfall of approximately \$500,000 for this fiscal year. He was also asked about the 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  million dollar shortfall in income, but told the Board that there are still grants, education grants, taxes, and sewer assessments due before the end of June. The Town should also see a savings in expenditures.

#### ITEM # 10 – Other Business.

Trisha Danka: States to the Board members that the Board of Selectmen has approved extending the Re-evaluation until 2011.

ITEM # 11 – Public Comment. None.

ITEM # 12 – Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 7:27PM. Motion: Bill Paecht

Respectfully submitted by,

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Deirdre Caruso,

**Recording Secretary** 

Vote: 5-Yes

0-No

**Second: Peter Jezierny** 

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Reviewed by,

Trisha Danka,

**Chairman Board of Finance** 

VIA EMAIL