

Town of Seymour
Board of Finance

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Minutes

Budget Workshop/Deliberation Meeting
Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:00pm
Flaherty Room, Seymour Town Hall

Members Present: Trisha Danka, Bill Sawicki, Ed Wasikowski, John Stelma, David Bitso and Heather McDaniel

Members Absent: Michele Pavlik

Others Present: Richard Grudzias (alternate), Kurt Miller, Bob Koskelowski, Tony Caserta and Doug Thomas

Call Meeting to order

The Chairman, Trisha Danka, called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Bob Koskelowski, 130 Pearl Street: Asks the BOF to review the First Selectman's salary which was lowered under a previous year budget and needs to be increased to the correct amount. Also, the BOS has not acted on the Inland/Wetlands stipend and recommends the BOF increase it to the current amount. Asked the BOF to consider lowering the budget another \$300,000 to \$400,000 prior to the first vote.

First Selectman Comments

Kurt Miller states the First Selectman's budget does have small errors to be adjusted in the salary and travel line items. Recommendations on adjustments to the 2012-2013 budget in the contingency, BOE, Economic Development Commission were presented.

Trish Danka presented a question on Salary and Stipends. Can the BOF change the amount of a Stipend? Kurt Miller recommended the BOF follow the budget as presented by the board representing the department which, in the current situation, includes a lower stipend amount than the previous year. While he agreed it is a substantial decrease, his interpretation is that positions with stipends should be controlled by the board, commission or other authority to which each stipend position reports.

Budget Discussions

The BOF reviewed the following budgets:

- Contingency
- BOE
- Economic Development Commission
- Inland / Wetland
- Real Estate Conveyance Tax Revenue

The above mentioned departments may be reviewed by the BOF at a later date and amounts are not set for the proposed 2012-2013 budget at this time.

April workshop/deliberation meeting for April 4, 9 and 11 will be cancelled. The next BOF special meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2012.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle Walsh
Recording Secretary