

*Town of New Fairfield*  
**Board of Finance**  
**4 Brush Hill Road**  
**New Fairfield, CT 06812**

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 26, 2014**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

Wes Marsh, Chairman  
Don Blackwell  
Tom Edwards  
John Hodge  
Jane Landers  
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate  
Brian Shea, Alternate  
***Members not present:***  
Steve Brown, Alternate  
Michael Cammarota

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Susan Chapman, First Selectman  
Mike Gill, Selectman  
Kim Hanson, Selectman  
Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools  
Scott Akam, BOE Chairman  
Susan Starr, BOE Member

**Call To Order** Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**-Wes Marsh noted that Michael Cammarota will not be able to attend tonight's meeting and has appointed Cheryl Reedy to act as a full member in his place.

**Correspondence and Announcements**- None

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2014 regular meeting as presented. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion and vote on Medical plan for the 2014/2015 budget**

The board received information for premium costs for multiple scenarios for the Medical plan and discussed the various scenarios. Chairman Wes Marsh noted that Consultant Steve Rinaldi has recommended a plan with 125% ASL with a \$200,000 ISL and a \$200,000 prescription drug plan. There was a discussion of whether or not to have an Individual Stop Loss and if so, how much. The board discussed whether or not to include a prescription drug plan. It was noted that the prescription coverage would add approximately \$20,000 to the premiums per year.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the Medical Plan with a 125% Aggregate Stop Loss with a \$200,000 Individual Stop Loss with Prescription drug coverage. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

**Vote: 2-0-4 (Motion denied-Wes Marsh and Jane Landers in favor, Don Blackwell, Tom Edwards, John Hodge and Cheryl Reedy abstained)**

The board decided to get more information regarding the number of individual claims for the last five years and how many exceeded \$200,000. It was decided to get more information regarding the prescription plan. The final decision regarding the Medical plan will be made after this information received.

#### **Vote on final mark up of the BOF recommended 2014-2015 budget**

Chairman Wes Marsh noted that the grand list has increased by approximately \$6 million from last year. Mr. Marsh described some adjustments to the budget. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting.)

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the changes to the Town and Education budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year as described in the attached document. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

#### **Discussion and vote to bring BOF recommended budget to a Town Meeting**

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a town meeting a Board of Finance recommended budget consisting of the following: municipal expenditures totaling \$10,395,009 from the General Fund and municipal expenditures totaling \$535,793 from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund and \$774,040 from other Governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 be approved and education expenditures totaling \$40,817,706 from the General Fund and education expenditures totaling \$631,631 from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015 be approved. John Hodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

#### **Public Comment**

BOE Chairman Scott Akam spoke of the Medical Plan for the town and the Board of Education. Mr. Akam also thanked the BOF for their cooperation in a smooth budget year.

#### **Future agenda items**

Items for the April meeting would be to invite the Planning Commission. The Medical Plan will be decided in May. Elderly Tax Relief will be discussed again in the near future.

#### **Board member comments**

Board members thanked everyone involved in the budget process for all their hard work and cooperation and also thanked Chairman Wes Marsh for all his hard work.

#### **Adjournment**

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14pm. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**