

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Wednesday, February 21, 2007
7:30 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Bob Burke
Michael Cockburn
Lucy DiRocco
Ron Graiff
Wes Marsh
Art Azzarito (Alternate)
Bob Carbone (Alternate)
Roger Wise (Alternate)

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Ed McCue, New Fairfield Fire Chief
Various members of the Fire Dept.
Jay Waterman, Finance Department

Call To Order Chairman Joe Hart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Appointments None

Correspondence and Announcements None

Amendment to the Agenda

Joe Hart made a motion to amend the agenda to move "Legal Update" as item #6A ahead of "Transfers". Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of Minutes

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Mike Cockburn seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion approved- Bob Burke abstained)

Fire Department Apparatus Replacement Schedule

Fire Chief Ed McCue gave a presentation that answered questions that the BOF had asked at the previous meeting. Chief McCue gave a handout to the BOF members that addressed the questions. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Members of the BOF asked questions

of Chief McCue and the other members of the Fire Dept. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding ways to fund the apparatus. It was decided that this item will be an agenda item on the BOF budget meeting on March 3rd.

Ron Graiff made a motion that the Board of Finance support and give the Fire Dept. “a vote of confidence” regarding the replacement schedule of Fire Department Apparatus. Discussion of funding for this apparatus will be put on the agenda at the next meeting. Mike Cockburn seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of Historic House Move Direct Costs

Members of the Board of Finance asked questions of First Selectman John Hodge regarding the “direct costs” of moving the Historic Houses. The houses are scheduled to be moved on Sunday, March 4th. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding what exactly is a direct costs and what work was done by the Public Works Department.

Legal Update

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of areas that are in need of a transfer due to legal matters. A transfer in the amount of \$45,000 is requested to pay for legal fees. There was a discussion regarding legal expenses.

Transfers

Wes Marsh made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$1700 **from** line item #4195-620-4 (Town Properties Telephone) **to** line item #4195-620-6 (Town Properties-Other) also in the amount of \$1700. Bob Burke seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting).

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Joe Hart made a motion to make an Inter-Departmental transfer (**Town Meeting required**) in the amount of \$45,000 **from** line item # 4160-140 (salary adjustment) in the amount and \$20,000 and line item #4151-801(BOF contingency) in the amount of \$25,000 **to** line item #4161-332-2 (Legal-Tax) in the amount of \$15,000, line item # 4161-332-1 (Legal-Land Use) in the amount of \$15,000, line item # 4161-332-7 (Legal-Zoning) in the amount of \$5,000 and line item # 4161-332-8 (Legal-ZBA) in the amount of \$10,000 for a total of transfer of \$45,000. Ron Graiff seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting).

Joe Hart amended the previous motion to change the amount of line item #4151-801 (BOF contingency) from \$25,000 to \$15,000 and to change the amount of line item #4160-140 (salary adjustment) from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a total transfer of \$45,000. Ron Graiff seconded the amendment.

Vote to amend motion: 3-3-0 (amendment failed)
(Joe Hart, Ron Graiff and Bob Burke in favor)
(Mike Cockburn, Wes Marsh and Lucy DiRocco opposed)

Vote on original motion as presented: 1-5-0 (Motion failed)
(Mike Cockburn in favor, all others opposed)

Change in Agenda

Joe Hart made a motion to move “ Medical Update” and “Public Comment” ahead of “Transfers” until more information could be gathered in regard to the transfers. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Medical Update No changes since last month

Public Comment None

Transfers

The board revisited the transfer of \$45,000.

Bob Burke made a motion to approve the transfer of \$45,000 as originally presented in the above-mentioned motion. Mike Cockburn seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-1-0 (Motion approved-Lucy DiRocco opposed)

Adjournment

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)