

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Special Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 19, 2007**  
**7:30 PM**  
**Senior Center**

***Members present:***

Joe Hart, Chairman  
Robert Burke  
Michael Cockburn  
Wes Marsh  
Art Azzarito (Alternate)  
Bob Carbone (Alternate)

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Peggy Katkocin, Selectman  
Ron Oliveri, Selectman  
Phil Cammarano, Town Treasurer  
Jay Waterman, Finance Dept.

***Not present:***

Lucy DiRocco  
Roger Wise

**Call To Order** Chairman Joe Hart called the meeting to order at 7:35pm

**Appointments** Roger Wise asked that Art Azzarito be appointed to a full member in his absence.

**Discussion on alternate participation at Board of Finance meetings**

Joe Hart spoke of alternate participation at Board of Finance meetings. A discussion ensued among the members of the Board of Finance as to the exact role of alternates at meetings. It was decided that parliamentary procedures should be followed.

Art Azzarito made a motion to table the vote concerning alternate participation until parliamentary procedures could be researched. Mike Cockburn seconded the motion.

Joe Hart made a motion to amend the previous motion to give a deadline for researching the parliamentary procedures to the next BOF meeting of April 25<sup>th</sup>. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

**Vote to amend motion: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote on original motion as amended: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Discussion of Senior Center petition**

Joe Hart spoke of a petition delivered to the Selectman's office on April 13, 2007 requesting that the funding for the Senior Center be bonded and go to a Town Meeting. Such petition effectively takes the BOF out of the equation regarding the Senior Center funding. The petition was reviewed by Town

Counsel and deemed legal. Joe Hart spoke of a list of questions he sent to First Selectman John Hodge regarding the petition. Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of the petition. A lengthy discussion ensued among the members of the BOF regarding the validity of the petition and whether or not it made sense that the BOF could be usurped by twenty signatures on a petition.

Joe Hart made a motion to ask the Board of Selectman to request from Town Counsel a written opinion on the validity and legality of a petition that was submitted on April 13, 2007 at 8:35am. The BOF requests that Town Counsel disclose in writing any and all involvement in this petition in its drafting and after its submission. The above should be provided to the Board of Finance prior to its next scheduled meeting on April 25, 2007. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Public Comment**

Many members of the public spoke of their opinion of the Senior Center and the petition regarding the funding of the Senior Center.

### **Adjournment**

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Art Azzarito seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**