

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Wednesday, May 16, 2007
7:30 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Bob Burke
Michael Cockburn
Lucy DiRocco
Wes Marsh
Art Azzarito (Alternate)
Jane Landers (Alternate)

Members absent:

Roger Wise
Bob Carbone (Alternate)

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Jay Waterman, Finance Department
Steve Rinaldi, Evertt James, Inc.

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

Appointments Joe Hart announced that Roger Wise will not be able to attend tonight's meeting and has requested that Art Azzarito be elevated to a full member in his absence.

Correspondence and Announcements

Joe Hart announced that the budget passed on all accounts. Mr. Hart thanked the Board of Finance members and everyone who helped with the budget for all their hard work.

Joe Hart welcomed Jane Landers as the new alternate to the Board of Finance.

Approval of Minutes

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2007 meeting as presented. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Medical Update

Steve Rinaldi from the firm of Everett James, Inc. gave a presentation regarding the medical plans for the Town. Mr. Rinaldi presented the Town with various scenarios regarding the medical fund.

Medial Update (con't)

Joe Hart made a motion to stay with the Anthem Alternative 120% stop loss with a premium of \$157,601. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Election of Clerk to the Board of Finance

Wes Marsh nominated Lucy DiRocco as the Clerk to the Board of Finance

Joe Hart nominated Mike Cockburn as the Clerk of the Board of Finance

(Wes Marsh, Art Azzarito and Lucy DiRocco voted for Lucy DiRocco)

(Joe Hart, Bob Burke and Mike Cockburn voted for Mike Cockburn)

Mike Cockburn declined the nomination and Lucy DiRocco was elected Clerk of the Board of Finance.

Approve Tax Collector's suspense list

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's suspense list as presented. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on Mil Rate for the 2007/2008 fiscal year

Joe Hart announced that there is still information needed regarding the state budget in order to make an informed decision about the Mil Rate for the Town of New Fairfield. It was decided to wait and hold a special meeting for such purpose.

Joe Hart made a motion to hold a special BOF meeting in June in order to set the Mil Rate. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote on reappointment of auditors for the year ending June 30, 2007

Joe Hart made a motion to appoint the firm of Blum & Shapiro (merged with Scully & Wolf) as auditors for the year ending June 30, 2007. Art Azzarito seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Procedures Committee for the Board of Finance

Art Azzarito announced that the "Procedures Committee" will meet by the end of the week. An agenda will be posted in Town Hall announcing the date, time and venue of the meeting.

Vote on legal fee reimbursements

Joe Hart made a motion to table the transfer of \$4385 from legal fee reimbursements from prior years until the next BOF meeting. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Vote to on the acceptance of grants for the Parks and Recreation Dept.

Joe Hart made a motion to make an additional appropriation in the amount of \$10,000. This would entail a transfer from a donation from Pepsi in the amount of \$10,000 to Fund 205 (Park & Rec self-sustaining account) also in the amount of \$10,000. (No Town meeting is required for this portion). Joe Hart further moved to recommend to a Town meeting an additional appropriation in the amount of \$21,500 from the New Fairfield Community Foundation Grant also to Fund 205 in the amount of \$21,500. (A Town meeting is required for this portion). Bob Burke seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget transfers

Joe Hart made a motion to make an Inter-departmental transfer in the amount of \$195.75 **from** (ZBA Legal) **to** (ZBA Salaries) also in the amount of \$195.75. Wes Marsh 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 in the amount of \$500 **from** line item #4160-140 (Salary adjustments) **to** line item #4193-110 (ZBA Salaries) also in the amount of \$500. 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 in the amount of \$300 **from** line item #4160-140 (Salary adjustments) **to** line item #4193-610 (ZBA Materials & Supplies) also in the amount of \$300. 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 in the amount of \$5000 **from** line item #4160-140 (Salary adjustments) **to** line item #4220-620-2 (Squantz utilities) also in the amount of \$5000. 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 in the amount of \$5500 **from** line item #4150-110 (Finance Salaries) **to** line item #4195-620-2 (Fire Company Utilities) also in the amount of \$5500. 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 in the amount of \$13,000 **from** line item #4150-110 (Finance Salaries) **to** line item #4195-620-3 (Town Properties Electric) also in the amount of \$13,000. Bob Burke seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget transfers (con't)

Joe Hart made a motion to make an Intra-departmental transfer in the amount of \$489.88 **from** line item #4120-342 (Town Clerk-Ordinance) **to** line item #4120-610 (Town Clerk-maintenance and supplies) also in the amount of \$489.88. 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 Intra-departmental transfer in the amount of \$2000 **from** line item #4450-441 (Senior Center lease) **to** line item #4450-620 (Senior Center utilities) also in the amount of \$2,000. Bob Burke seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Addition to Agenda

Lucy DiRocco made a motion to add "Discussion of BOF Alternates" as an agenda item. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Lucy DiRocco spoke of the appointment of a new alternate to the Board of Finance. There was a discussion regarding whether it was the purview of the Board of Finance or the Board of Selectmen to appoint alternates to the Board of Finance. First Selectman John Hodge referred to an opinion from prior Town Counsel Dan Casagrande in which he notes that it is the purview of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Hodge will bring this opinion to the next Board of Finance meeting.

Public Comment

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of a prior appointment of an alternate to the Board of Finance.

Adjournment

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Bob Burke seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)