

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Wednesday, June 20, 2007
7:30 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Lucy DiRocco
Wes Marsh
Roger Wise
Art Azzarito, Alternate
Jane Landers, Alternate

Members absent:

Bob Burke
Mike Cockburn
Bob Carbone, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Jay Waterman, Finance Department
Kerrie Greening, Tax Collector
June McCarney, Assistant Assessor

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

Appointments Joe Hart announced that Mike Cockburn will not be able to attend tonight's meeting and has appointed Art Azzarito in his place. Joe Hart announced that Bob Burke will also not be able to attend tonight's meeting and has appointed Bob Carbone in his place. Since Mr. Carbone was also not available, Joe Hart made a motion to appoint Jane Landers in his place. Art Azzarito seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-2-1 (Motion denied)
(Joe Hart and Art Azzarito in favor)
(Lucy DiRocco and Wes Marsh opposed)
(Roger Wise abstained)

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Approval of Minutes

Lucy DiRocco made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2007 meeting as presented. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

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Lucy DiRocco made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2007 meeting as presented. Roger Wise seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of subcommittee meeting minutes

Joe Hart made a motion to add the approval of the subcommittee meetings of June 4, 2007 and June 11, 2007 as item #4A to the agenda. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2007 subcommittee meeting as presented. Art Azzarito seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-1 (Motion approved-Lucy DiRocco abstained)

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2007 subcommittee meeting as presented. Art Azzarito seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Elderly Tax Credit

Roger Wise spoke of a proposal for an elderly tax credit. Mr. Wise spoke of a charter town vs. a town that follows CT General Statute Title VII. Assistant Assessor June McCarney spoke of the current elderly tax credit available to New Fairfield residents. There was a discussion regarding having the Board of Selectmen reestablish a committee to go over the elderly tax credit. Mr. Wise thanked Kerrie Greening, June McCarney and Kathy Hull for all their hard work with the proposal

Roger Wise made a motion to table the approval of the Elderly Tax Credit proposal until procedures can be followed and Town Counsel can review. Art Azzarito seconded the motion.

Vote: 3-2-0 (Motion approved)

(Joe Hart, Roger Wise and Art Azzarito approved)

(Lucy DiRocco and Wes Marsh opposed)

Policy and Procedures Committee

Art Azzarito spoke of the "Policy and Procedures" committee that was formed as a subcommittee to the BOF to determine rules and procedures for future Board of Finance meetings. Mr. Azzarito submitted draft proposals that outlined potential policies. There was a discussion of Robert's Rules and proposed agendas. Joe Hart thanked everyone who worked on this committee.

Senior Center and Small Cities Grant update

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the progress of the Senior Center. Modular companies have been contacted regarding building the Senior Center.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of Small Cities DECD grants in the amount of \$650,000.

Legal Update

There was a discussion of legal bills as of April 30, 2007. There was a discussion of the BOF contingency fund and transfer that was used. First Selectman Hodge agreed that a budget transfer to put money back into the BOF contingency fund will be done at the June 28th Board of Selectman meeting.

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Legal Update (con't)

There was a discussion of the legal retainer contracts with the attorneys. John Hodge will provide the BOF with an updated contract.

Medical Update

Jay Waterman spoke of the Medical update balance. As of May 31, 2007 the balance in the medical fund is \$3,102,948.74

Police Update

Lucy DiRocco made a motion to remove item #10 from the agenda. Roger Wise seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget transfers

Art Azzarito made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$9,000 **from** line item #4210-110-3 (T-days/vacation) **to** line item #4210-130-1 (Police-Overtime) also in the amount of \$9,000. Roger Wise seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Roger Wise made a motion to make an Inter-departmental transfer **from** line item #4140-110 (Registrar of Voters Salaries) in the amount of \$2400.00 **to** line item #4440-110 (Social Services salaries) also in the amount of \$2400 and **from** line item #4161-332-6 (Legal-Planning) in the amount of \$177.50 **to** line item #4191-110 (Salaries-Planning Commission) also in the amount of \$177.50 and **from** line item #4161-332-8 (Legal ZBA) in the amount of \$47.25 **to** line item #4191-110 (Salaries-Planning Commission) also in the amount of \$47.25 for a total Inter-Departmental transfer of \$2,624.75. Art Azzarito seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Wes Marsh made a motion to make an Intra-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$5,100 **from** line item# 4220-610 (Fire Dept. materials and Supplies) **to** line item #4220-430-1 (Fire Co. maintenance and repairs) also in the amount of \$5,100 and **from** line item # 4210-110 (Police salaries) in the amount of \$49,000 **to** line item# 4210-317-3 (State trooper OT) also in the amount of \$49,000 and **from** line item #4160-140 (Salary adjustments) in the amount of \$9,600 **to** line item # 4215-110 (Comm.Center salaries) also in the amount of \$9,600 for a total transfer of \$63,700 (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Joe Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-1-0 (Motion approved-Lucy DiRocco opposed)

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

Roger Wise made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm. Joe Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)