

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Wednesday, November 28, 2007
7:30 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Lucy DiRocco
Jane Landers
Al Mardis
Wes Marsh
Tom Wahlig
Art Azzarito, Alternate
Tony Sanches, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Ron Oliveri, Selectman
Jay Waterman, Finance Director

Call To Order Lucy DiRocco called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Approval of Minutes

October 17, 2007- Regular Meeting- Jane Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2007 regular meeting as presented. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Election of Chairman

Jane Landers made a motion to nominate Joe Hart as Chairman of the Board of Finance for a fixed term of two years ending after the next municipal election in November 2009. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued as to whether or not it was legal to fix the term for officers.

Joe Hart made a motion to amend the previous motion to remove the portion of the motion that reads “for a fixed term”. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

Vote to amend: 4-2-0 (Motion approved)

(Jane Landers and Al Mardis opposed)

(Joe Hart, Lucy DiRocco, Wes Marsh and Tom Wahlig in favor)

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Attachment-1page (Transfer)

Wes Marsh nominated Lucy DiRocco as Chairman of the Board of Finance.
Lucy DiRocco declined the nomination.

Vote for Joe Hart: 4-0-2 (Motion approved)
(Joe Hart, Jane Landers, Al Mardis and Tom Wahlig in favor)
(Lucy DiRocco and Wes Marsh abstained)

Joe Hart became the chairman of the Board of Finance.

Election of Clerk

Tom Wahlig nominated Al Mardis to be clerk of the Board of Finance

Lucy DiRocco nominated Wes Marsh to be clerk of the Board of Finance

Vote: 4-2-0 in favor of Al Mardis
(Joe Hart, Jane Landers, Al Mardis and Tom Wahlig in favor of Al Mardis)
(Lucy DiRocco and Wes Marsh in favor of Wes Marsh)

Al Mardis became the clerk of the Board of Finance

Approval of calendar of Board of Finance meetings for 2008

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the calendar for 2008 with the only change being the meeting date of January 16, 2008 to January 23, 2008. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Correspondence and Announcements

Lucy DiRocco announced that there was an FOI request from a citizen. Recording Secretary Suzanne Kloos provided the information to this citizen.

Public Comment

Resident Rudy Bahrens spoke of the economy and the housing market in New Fairfield.

Old Business

- a. **Medical Update-** Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of the medical fund balance as of September 30, 2007. The fund balance is decreasing slightly due to a smaller increase in taxes for the fund balance.
- b. **Legal Update-** The Candlewood Lake revaluation lawsuit has been settled. There was a discussion about legal bills in regard to Legal-taxation.
- c. **Transfers-** Joe Hart made a motion to make the following transfer. Jane Landers seconded the motion. (To be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

\$'s	Account #	Transfer to	\$'s	Account #	Transfer from
\$5,000.00	4161-332-2	Legal-Taxation	\$5,000.00	4161-332-1	Legal-Land Use
\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00		

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

New Business

- a. **Budget Surplus-** There was a discussion of what to do with the approximately \$1 million in surplus. Members of the Board of Finance each gave their opinion regarding the best use for the surplus.
- b. **Items for December meeting-** Chairman Joe Hart asked Art Azzarito, Tony Sanches, Tom Wahlig and Al Mardis to be on the audit subcommittee. This subcommittee will meet sometime before the December 19th regular BOF meeting.

Art Azzarito asked that a "Policy and Procedures" committee be appointed at the December meeting.

There was a discussion of putting together a five year plan for projects that will be coming up in the future.

Public Comment- None

Board Member Comments- Alternate Art Azzarito explained his decision to remain on the ballot for the 2007 election.

Chairman Joe Hart welcomed all the new members to the Board of Finance.

Adjournment

Al Mardis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)