

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 19, 2008**

**7:30 PM**

**New Fairfield High School Library**

***Members present:***

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

***Members not present:***

Joe Hart, Chairman

***Other Town Officials Present:***

John Hodge, First Selectman  
Ron Oliveri, Selectman  
Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Ed Sbordone, Finance Department

**Call To Order** Board of Finance Clerk Al Mardis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**

Lucy DiRocco made a motion to appoint Art Azzarito as a regular member for tonight's meeting in Joe Hart's absence. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Lucy DiRocco spoke of correspondence that was received from Town Treasurer Phil Cammarano regarding the drop in interest rates that have impacted the amount of interest revenue the town will receive. Mr. Cammarano recommended that the BOF consider a further \$200,000 reduction in interest revenue from the original amount.

**Public Comment**

Many members of the public spoke overwhelmingly about the need and desire for restrooms and a concession stand at the turf field.

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### **Approval of Minutes**

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Jane Laners made a motion to amend the previous motion to change the attendance record to reflect that Lucy DiRocco and Art Azzarito were not present at the meeting of March 12, 2008. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

**Vote to amend motion: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote on original motion as amended: 5-0-1 (Lucy DiRocco abstained)**

Art Azzarito made a motion to approve the minutes of the audit subcommittee meeting of March 12, 2008 as presented. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-1 (Lucy DiRocco abstained)**

### **Discussion of 2008-2009 BOS budget request**

First Selectman John Hodge and Finance Director Jay Waterman spoke of the requested Board of Selectmen budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Members of the BOF asked questions regarding the budgets. Main topics included the boat docks fees and capital and nonrecurring projects. A discussion ensued regarding paving of roads and restrooms and a concession stand at the turf field. The Board of Finance members requested that the Board of Selectmen provide a list of maintenance for Parks and Recreation and a breakdown of all expenditures including Public Works hours for Historic Houses.

### **Discussion of 2008-2009 overall requested budget**

Members of the Board of Finance gave their opinions on the 2008-2009 requested budget. There was a discussion about the taxpayers ability to pay and whether or not cuts will be needed in the budget. Further BOF meetings to discuss the budget will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The final Mark-Up of the budget will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Legal Update**

Finance Director Jay Waterman noted that the legal budget lines are within the budget.

#### **Medical Update**

It was noted that employee contributions have changed regarding the Medical fund.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Budget Transfers**

Lucy DiRocco made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer. Wes Marsh seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	
\$200.00	4191-610	Materials & Supplies- Planning Commission	\$200.00	4160-130	Overtime Contingency- Unclassified Payroll and Benefits
<b>\$200.00</b>			<b>\$200.00</b>		

Tom Wahlig made a motion to make the following Intra-Departmental transfer. Jane Landers seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer to</u>		<u>\$'s</u>	<u>Transfer from</u>	
\$10,000.00	4210-130-1	Police Overtime	\$5,000.00	4210-110-1	Police-Secretary
			\$5,000.00	4210-110-3	T-Days/Vacation
\$5,000.00	4215-130	Comm Ctr.Overtime	\$5,000.00	4210-110-1	Comm.Ctr. Salaries
\$500.00	4420-110	Inland/Wetlands Salaries	\$ 500.00	4420-331	Inland/Wetland-Regulations
\$4,000.00	4161-332-9	Inland/Wetlands- Legal	\$4,000.00	4161-332-5	Health Code Enforcement- Legal
\$14,000.00	4220-430-1	Fire Co's Maint & Repairs	\$14,000.00	4220-610	Fire Co's Materials & Supplies
<b>\$33,500.00</b>			<b>\$33,500.00</b>		

**Year to date financial review**

There was a discussion among the members of the Board of Finance regarding accounts and what has been spent so far this year.

**Public comment**

Resident Robert Brearton spoke of the boat dock fees in New Fairfield

**Board member comments-** None

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**Adjournment**

Art Azzarito made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

**Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**