

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Special Meeting**  
**Monday, April 28, 2008**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Senior Center**

***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  
Ed Sbordone, Finance Department  
Kerrie Greening, Tax Collector  
Barbara Coehlo, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation  
Mark Lamanna, Parks and Recreation Commission  
Bill O'Keefe, Parks and Recreation Commission

**Call To Order** Chairman Joe Hart called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**

None

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Joe Hart spoke of the "Warning" for the Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hart handed out a copy of the "Warning" to the board members.

There was a discussion of a petition that was circulated in order to put a vote for bathrooms/concession stand at the Rebel Field as a separate referendum item with the budget vote. Art Azzarito read Section 7-129A of state statute that gives the Parks and Recreation Commission the ability to set its own Capital and Nonrecurring account.

Joe Hart read an e-mail from the New Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department dated April 27, 20078 concerning the communications system. Mr. Hart noted that nothing has come before the BOF concerning the communications system and went on record as saying that the BOF has never refused anything for the Fire Dept.

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*Attachments- Transfer sheets*

**Discussion of Board of Finance role and authority concerning petitions and what can legally be put on the budget referendum**

There was a lengthy discussion regarding what can legally be put on a budget referendum. There was a discussion as to whether it was advisable to get a legal opinion in case this item comes up again in the future. Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of at least four previous attorney opinions that allow citizens to petition the town via bonding. Jane Landers asked that the Selectman’s office provide her with copies of these opinions. There was a discussion as to what the role of the Board of Finance was and what can be accomplished at a Town Meeting.

**Discuss and vote on whether to obtain legal counsel**

Lucy DiRocco made a motion to authorize Jane Landers and Art Azzarito to seek legal counsel in regards to legal questions and issues raised at tonight’s meeting. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

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

**Budget Transfers**

Joe Hart 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)**

\$'s	Transfer to		\$'s	Transfer from	
\$1,400	4310-610-3	PW-Snow M&S	\$1,400	4310-120	PW-Snow Personnel
<b>\$1,400</b>			<b>\$1,400</b>		

Joe Hart 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)**

\$'s	Transfer to		\$'s	Transfer from	
\$3,000	4161-332-6	Legal-Planning	\$3,000	4161-332-8	Legal- ZBA
<b>\$3,000</b>			<b>\$3,000</b>		

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

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

\$'s	Transfer to		\$'s	Transfer from	Transfer from
\$1,000	4161-332-2	Legal-Tax	\$1,000	4161-332-8	Legal-ZBA
<b>\$1,000</b>			<b>\$1,000</b>		

Joe Hart made a motion to make the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting required). Lucy DiRocco seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

\$'s	Transfer to		\$'s	Transfer from	
\$26,000	4310-451	PW-Road Repairs	\$32,000	2-001-3300-023	PILOT-Elec. Generation
\$ 2,000	4195-620-5	Utilities-TP Fuel Oil			
\$ 4,000	4195-626	Utilities- Gas & Diesel			
<b>\$32,000</b>			<b>\$32,000</b>		

Joe Hart made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer. Al Mardis seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting).

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

There was a discussion regarding this transfer and taking money out of the BOF Contingency.

\$'s	Transfer to		\$'s	Transfer from	
\$26,000	4310-451	PW-Road Repairs	\$ 26,000	4151-801	BOF Contingency
\$ 2,000	4195-620-5	Utilities-TP Fuel Oil	\$ 2,000	4151-801	BOF Contingency
\$ 4,000	4195-626	Utilities- Gas & Diesel	\$ 4,000	4151-801	BOF Contingency
<b>\$32,000</b>			<b>\$32,000</b>		

**Public Comment**

Parks and Recreation committee members spoke about the petition and working together for the good of the town to get bathrooms together.

Selectman Ron Oliveri recommended that the BOF to read prior legal opinions before hiring legal counsel.

**Board Member Comments**

The members of the BOF each stated that they are in favor of the bathrooms but didn't like the process in which they were done.

**Adjournment**

Jane Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:08pm. Lucy DiRocco seconded the motion.

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