

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

MINUTES

Board of Finance Special Meeting
Tuesday, June 30, 2009
7:00 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Lucy DiRocco (via phone)
Jane Landers
Al Mardis
Wes Marsh
Tom Wahlig
Art Azzarito, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

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

Members not present:

Tony Sanches, Alternate

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Correspondence and Announcements- Chairman Joe Hart announced that the BOF received a bill for legal services that was previously approved.

Public Comment- None

Discussion of Senior Center Project costs

Chairman Joe Hart referred to minutes from Board of Finance meetings and Board of Selectmen meetings of November 2006 regarding the architect fees pertaining to the Senior Center. There was a discussion of whether architect fees should be refunded to the General Fund and bonded by the town. Members of the Board of Finance each spoke regarding this discussion.

Joe Hart made a motion that the Board of Selectman convene a Town Meeting for an additional appropriation of \$74,500 to cover the loan repayment. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-1-0 (Motion approved- Al Mardis opposed)

Budget Transfers

A lengthy discussion ensued among the members of the Board of Finance regarding the following Inter-Departmental transfer and the appropriation of legal expenses. There was a discussion of an overrun of legal expenses.

Tom Wahlig 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: 3-3-0 (Motion denied)
(Joe Hart, Al Mardis and Tom Wahlig in favor)
(Lucy DiRocco, Jane Landers and Wes Marsh opposed)

(Lucy DiRocco hung up after this vote and did not participate in the rest of the meeting)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$1,500.00	4161-332-1	Legal-Land	\$ 1,500.00	4110-330	Grants Administrator
\$24,000.00	4161-332-3	Legal-Labor	\$ 7,000.00	4140-110	ROV-Salaries
			\$ 5,500.00	4163-520	Gen. Ins.-Prop. & Casualty
			\$ 4,000.00	4192-110	Zoning Commission-Salaries
			\$ 4,000.00	4110-330	Grants Administrator
			\$ 2,500.00	4162-451	Household Hazardous Waste
			\$ 1,000.00	4110-110	BOS Salaries
\$25,500.00			\$ 25,500.00		

Discussion on Line Item Transfer policy

There was a lengthy discussion among the members of the Board of Finance and First Selectman Hodge and Selectman Oliveri regarding the recent vote by the BOS to readopt a prior resolution which requires that the BOF only need to approve Inter-Departmental transfers and the Intra-Departmental transfers can be managed on a department by department basis.

Public Comment

Selectman Ron Oliveri spoke of the policy regarding Intra-Departmental transfers.

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of legal expenses for the town and noted that approximately \$365,000 have been recovered this year in legal fees. Mr. Hodge also spoke of the Senior Center bonding and contact that he had with bond counsel. Finally, Mr. Hodge spoke of the opening of the Senior Center on Thursday, July 2nd

Resident Jim Lemine spoke of the payment for the arbitrator

Future agenda items

It was decided to invite the Permanent Building Committee chairman and members to the July BOF meeting.

Discussion of surplus for both the town and the Board of Education will be reviewed at future meetings.

Board member Tom Wahlig spoke of a list of potential projects and would like to review it at a future meeting.

Board member comments

Members of the Board of Finance each gave their opinions regarding discussions from tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Joe Hart seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

(Lucy DiRocco hung up after the budget transfers and did not participate in this vote)