

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18, 2009  
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

***Members not present:***

Brian Shea, Alternate

***Other Town Officials Present:***

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**- None

**Correspondence and Announcements**- Lucy DiRocco asked about having back up for the video taping of meetings.

**Public Comment**- Rudy Bahrens spoke of the status of the economy

**Approval of Minutes**

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2008 regular meeting as presented. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

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

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2009 special meeting as presented. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

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

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2009 special meeting as presented. Al Mardis seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion approved- Tom Wahlig abstained)**

Joe Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2009 special meeting as presented. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

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

**BOF Sub-committee reports-** The subcommittees have not recently met, but it was decided to have a “Policy and Procedures” meeting before the next regular BOF meeting at 6:30pm.

**OPEN BUSINESS**

**Water projects**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the water pipe for the center of town. Members of the BOF asked questions of First Selectman John Hodge regarding change orders and a grant that was approved to do a study of the water projects.

**Change in Agenda**

Joe Hart made a motion to move agenda item #11d (School building project update) to item #7b. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

**School building project update**

First Selectman John Hodge announced that there will be a public presentation regarding the school projects on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at the High School library. Members of the BOF spoke about the school business projects and discussed the role of the Permanent Building Committee regarding the school projects.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**FOI Discussion**

The FOI presentation in January was very successful. Joe Hart thanked Jane Landers for setting up this meeting.

**Budget Transfers**

Wes Marsh made a motion to make the following Inter/Intra Departmental transfer. Joe Hart seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

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

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$10,000.00	4310-610-1	PW-Building & Grounds M & S	\$2,000.00	4120-340	Town Clerk-Index & Micro
			\$1,000.00	4120-610	Town Clerk-Mat. & Supplies
			\$1,000.00	4154-331	Tax Coll.-Delq.Tax Coll.Fees
			\$2,600.00	4310-421	PW-Disposal of Waste
			\$1,700.00	4310-451	PW-Road Repair
			\$1,400.00	4310-742	PW-Truck & Equip M & R
			\$ 300.00	4310-610-4	PW-Safety Committee M&S
<b>\$10,000.00</b>			<b>\$10,000.00</b>		

## **ONGOING UPDATES**

### **Medical update**

Jay Waterman spoke of the medical fund through December 31<sup>st</sup> and noted that it is running about 7.2% below the expenditures for same time last year and forecasted that there will be a fund balance of approximately \$2.566 million.

### **Budget process update**

Jay Waterman spoke of revenues for the fiscal year 2008-2009 thru January 2009. There was a discussion of the Federal Economic stimulus package.

### **Town lists of projects update-** None

### **Senior Center update**

There was a discussion of finances and specifically bonding issues for the senior center.

### **Legal update**

Jay Waterman noted that there is an approximate fund balance for the legal fund of \$69,476. This is through December 2008 since they are still awaiting two invoices for January 2009.

### **Year to date expenses review**

Jay Waterman gave a summary of the town's accounts and total year-to-date expenses

### **Cap/Non report review**

Jay Waterman noted that there have been no major changes in the Capital and Nonrecurring accounts recently.

### **Public Comment-** None

**Future Agenda items-** Budget season is about to start. The budget presentation will be on March 7, 2009 from 9am to 4pm in the High School library.

Wes Marsh asked for a summary of transfers for both the Town of New Fairfield and the Board of Education.

### **Board member comments-** None

### **Adjournment**

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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