

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Meeting
Thursday, May 28, 2009
7:00 PM
New Fairfield High School Library

Members present:

Joe Hart, Chairman
Lucy DiRocco (via phone)
Jane Landers
Al Mardis (arrived 7:25)
Wes Marsh
Art Azzarito, Alternate
Tony Sanches, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Members not present

Tom Wahlig

Other Town Officials Present:

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- Joe Hart announced that Tom Wahlig had requested that Art Azzarito be appointed in his absence.

Correspondence and Announcements

Chairman Joe Hart announced that Lucy DiRocco will be attending tonight's meeting via phone.

Jane Landers read an opinion letter that she received from Attorney Nicholas Kepple from the firm of Kepple, Morgan & Avena in Pawcatuck, Connecticut regarding whether or not the Board of Finance can utilize available surplus funds in determining the mill rate after the budget has been established by referendum. (Such opinion letter to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Some members of the public gave their opinion regarding using surplus funds in determining the mill rate.

Discussion and vote on Mill rate for 2009/2010

There was a discussion among the members of the Board of Finance regarding whether or not the BOF should use the surplus in determining the mill rate. There was a suggestion of paying for the fire trucks out right instead of bonding.

Lucy DiRocco made a motion to apply \$1.2 million from the General Fund to reduce the 2009-2010 mill rate. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 2-3-0 (Motion denied)
(Lucy DiRocco and Jane Landers in favor)
(Joe Hart, Wes Marsh and Art Azzarito opposed)
Al Mardis did not arrive until 7:25 and thus did not vote on this item

Joe Hart made a motion to set the mill rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 at 20.61mils. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)
Al Mardis did not arrive until 7:25 and thus did not vote on this item

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	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$6,856.00	4550-640	Library-Books and Materials	\$6,246.00	4550-110	Library-Salaries
			\$ 210.00	4550-430	Library-Maintenance
			\$ 200.00	4550-610	Library-Technical Supplies
			\$ 200.00	4550-810	Library- Programs
\$6,856.00			\$6,856.00		

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

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$ 800.00	4160-290	Unclass P & B Employee Phy.	\$ 800.00	4160-130	Unclass P & B-OT Contingency
\$ 800.00			\$ 800.00		

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)

\$ 320.00	4151-110	BOF Salaries	\$ 320.00	4151-610	BOF Materials & Supplies
\$ 320.00			\$ 320.00		

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: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

\$'s	To Account #		\$'s	From Account #	
\$30,000.00	4310-451	Public Works- Road Repair	\$10,000.00	4195-620	Utilities-Gas & Diesel
			\$20,000.00	4195-626-5	Utilities-Town Prop. Fuel Oil
\$30,000.00			\$30,000.00		

Adjournment

Joe Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)