

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

MINUTES
(REVISED)

Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2011
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Tom Edwards
Jane Landers
Robert Klick
Al Mardis
Tom Wahlig
Norma Gyle, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate

Members not present:

Tom Quigley, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager

Call To Order Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2011 regular meeting as presented. Robert Klick seconded the motion.

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

Discussion of Plan of Conservation and Development

There was a lengthy discussion of the Plan of Conservation and Development which is done by the town every ten years. Members of the board each gave their suggestions of ideas for the town and Chairman Wes Marsh read a letter from Alternate Tom Quigley regarding the POCD in his absence. Main topics and suggestions for the town were “cluster housing”, “walking spaces/biking trails and making the town more pedestrian friendly”, “expanding the town center”, “providing a place for people who work from home”, “preserving drinking water”, expanding more arts and culture activities,” “improvements to or rebuilding of

the library” and “having more ball fields or a field house in town.” Chairman Wes Marsh will compile of list of the suggestions and send it on to the Planning Commission.

Budget Transfers

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the following Additional Appropriation (Town Meeting Required) in the amount of \$127,745.41. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

<u>\$</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>		<u>\$</u>	<u>Transfer From</u>	
127,745.41	301-4330-742-1	Cap & Non-Bridge & Drainage-East Lake	100,000.00	301-4100-7	Unappropriated Cap & Non
			27,745.41	2-001-3300-020	Revenue-Intergov-FEMA
127,745.41			127,745.41		

Board of Education Capital and Nonrecurring fund transfers

Wes Marsh noted that he had a discussion with the BOE Chairman Kim Hanson regarding options for the budget surplus for the education budget. A list of questions regarding the Board of Education budget was discussed. They included:

- Can the BOE transfer funds from its operational budget to its Cap & Non?
- Can the funds in the BOE Cap & Non projects accumulate over separate budget years?
- Can the BOE, at its discretion, re-assign funds within its Cap & Non to other existing Cap & Non projects or new ones?
- Is a town meeting required to transfer funds out of the BOE Cap & Non?
- Can the BOF, at its discretion, transfer funds from the General Fund to the BOE Cap & Non?
- If the BOE has surplus funds, other than those already encumbered or in its Cap & Non, remaining at the end of the budget year, are there options for those funds other than to go to the General Fund?

There was a discussion among the board members regarding these questions. It was decided to contact the town attorney for clarification of these questions.

Question concerning “conflict of interest” for State Representative

Jane Landers noted that she researched whether or not there was a “conflict of interest” if a State Representative also represents a board in town. Ms. Landers noted there was no “conflict of interest”.

ONGOING UPDATES

Medical update- Chairman Wes Marsh noted that the medical fund is trending well. The May report will be available by June 17th.

Legal update- No questions on the legal report

Year to date expense review- Estimates for the surplus are \$170,000 for the operational budget and about \$82,000 on the revenue side for a total surplus of approximately \$252,000.

Current year revenue update- The town continues to have a 99.18% tax collection rate.

Capital and Nonrecurring report review-First Selectman John Hodge noted that it is hopeful that the communications project will be completed before the next BOF meeting.

Public Comment- None

Future Agenda Items- An update of the budget surplus for the Town's budget and the Final updated Board of Education budget will be on the July agenda.

Board Member Comments- Robert Klick congratulated all the graduates in town.

Adjournment

Al Mardis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58pm. Tom Wahlig seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)