

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 4, 2012**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

Wes Marsh, Chairman  
Don Blackwell  
Doug Connelly  
Tom Edwards  
Jane Landers  
Tom Quigley  
Keith Landa, Alternate  
Michael Cammarota, Alternate  
Brian Shea, Alternate

***Other Town Officials Present:***

John Hodge, First Selectman  
Jay Waterman, Finance Director  
Susan Chapman, Selectman  
Mike Gill, Selectman  
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager  
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools  
Linda Fox, Library Director  
Jo Ann Yachulke, Children's Librarian  
Gail Lehman, Library Board Chairman  
Janet Hansen, Library Board member  
Laurie Landa, Library Board member  
Steve Lazarus, Lazarus and Sargeant Architect  
Sarah McLain, MHHS Principal  
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman  
Scott Akam, BOE member  
Steve Burfeind, BOE member

**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**- Many members of the public including BOE Chairman Kim Hanson spoke of the Board of Education budget for 2012-2013 and specifically the Capital and Nonrecurring budget

**Approval of Minutes**

Jane Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2012 regular meeting as presented.  
Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

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

### **Library Renovation- Phase I**

Library Director Linda Fox spoke of the proposed renovations to the existing library and gave a power point presentation which included pictures of the existing library. Such renovations would include updating of lighting and air conditioning, and making the building ADA compliant. An elevator would need to be added and the bathrooms, doors and staircase would need to be improved. The renovations would include an update to the Program Room and the Community Room.

This project would be done in two phases with a cost of \$565,000 for the first Phase and \$390,000 for the second Phase. It was noted that the library would use money that they have accumulated as well as grants and donations to fund this project and will be done over two fiscal years.

Library Board Chairman Gail Lehman spoke of the funding for the library renovation and noted that the library will contribute \$390,000. Other sources of funding for the project include funds from the town's capital fund, possible grants and donations from taxpayers.

Architect Steve Lazarus spoke of the project and noted that the project will be done in phases so that the library can remain open during the renovation.

BOF members asked questions of Mr. Lazarus and the Library Board.

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a town meeting an additional appropriation of not more than \$300,000 from the unappropriated Cap & Non for the purpose of funding Phase I of the library expansion project. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

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

### **Final mark up of BOF recommended 2012-2013 budget**

Chairman Wes Marsh spoke of the recommended 2012-2013 budget and gave a summary. The five main components of the budget include- Operating, GASB 45, Medical Insurance, Debt Service and Capital and Nonrecurring. It was noted that the BOE Cap & Non account will be funded by the prior year surplus that allows surplus to be put in the a non-lapsing account.

Mr. Marsh spoke of the total budget and the amount of non taxpayer revenue and what is raised by taxes. There was a brief discussion of a *Danbury News Times* article that shows the amount spent per pupil in surrounding districts.

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a town meeting a Board of Finance recommended budget consisting of the following: town government expenditures totaling \$9,571,091 from the General Fund and town government expenditures from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund of \$628,857 and \$811,796 from other Governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 be approved.

AND education expenditures totaling \$39,236,394 from the General Fund and education expenditures from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund of \$0 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 be approved. Doug Connelly seconded the motion.

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

### **Public Comment**

BOE Chairman Kim Hanson spoke of the budget and specifically the Capital and Nonrecurring budget

Library Board Chairman Gail Lehman thanked the BOF for all their support with the library renovation project.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy spoke of the budget cuts and the per pupil expenditure in New Fairfield.

### **Future Agenda Items**

It was decided to cancel the April 11<sup>th</sup> BOF meeting. It is anticipated that the budget referendum will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board Member Comments**

Members of the board thanked everyone involved in the budget process.

### **Adjournment**

Don Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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