

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

MINUTES

Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 2013
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

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

Other Town Officials Present:

John Hodge, First Selectman
Susan Chapman, Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman
Jay Waterman, Finance Director
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Barbara Mechler, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal
Sarah McLain, Meeting House Hill School Principal
Aimee Turner, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Craig McClain, Business Manager
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman
Scott Akam, BOE member
Vic Flagello, BOE member
Sean Loughran, BOE member

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Correspondence and Announcements

Chairman Wes Marsh noted that he received a letter from the chairman of the Planning Commission formally requesting money in the budget for the Plan of Conservation of Development. This must be done by the town every ten years. Mr. Marsh noted that the contract for the Plan of Conservation of Development is for \$45,000 but the Planning Commission has requested \$50,000 in order to have money left for contingencies. Since this is a particularly tight budget year, it was decided to put \$45,000 in the budget for the Plan of Conservation of Development.

Chairman Wes Marsh noted that at the last BOF meeting on March 20th there was a discussion of what the impact would be of not funding GASB45 to the full amount. It was noted that the cost of the impact analysis from the actuary would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000 so it was decided not to do the analysis at this time.

Public Comment

Board of Education Chairman Kim Hanson spoke of the relationship between the BOE and the BOF specifically regarding the budget. Mr. Hanson referred to a comment at the last BOF meeting that compared the BOE budget in Brookfield with the BOE budget in New Fairfield. It was noted that Brookfield actually has fewer things in their budget and the prior comparison did not compare “Apples to Apples”.

Resident Joe Carlucci spoke in support of hiring a full-time Athletic Director.

Approval of Minutes

Don Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0

Discussion of the BOS and BOE requested 2013/2014 budget

There was a discussion among the members of the BOF regarding a suitable percentage increase for the 2013-2014 BOS and BOE budgets and what would reasonably be passed by the voters. Members of the board each gave their opinions regarding the budget increase and how the cuts should be allocated between the town and the BOE. Chairman Wes Marsh noted that \$810,000 in cuts would yield an increase of just under 4% for both the town and the BOE. It was noted that there will be additional revenue of approximately \$47,000 from the Sherman tuition.

Wes Marsh made a motion to cut \$110,000 from the BOS requested budget and \$663,000 from the operating expenditures of the BOE budget of \$31,364,269. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-2-0 (Motion approved-Tom Edwards and Keith Landa opposed)

Public Comment- None

Future agenda items- The final mark up for the budget will be held next Wednesday, April 3rd.

Board member comments- None

Adjournment

Tom Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm. Keith Landa seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)