

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 3, 2013  
7:30 PM  
New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

Wes Marsh, Chairman  
Don Blackwell  
Tom Edwards  
Jane Landers  
Tom Quigley  
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate

***Members not present:***

Keith Landa  
Michael Cammarota, 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  
Kim Hanson, BOE Chairman  
Steve Burfeind, BOE member  
Sean Loughran, BOE member

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**- Keith Landa asked that Alternate Cheryl Reedy be appointed in his absence

**Correspondence and Announcements**- None

**Public Comment**

Resident Rudy Bahrens spoke of the economy and the declining enrollment in the schools

**Approval of Minutes**

Don Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2013 regular meeting as presented. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

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

**Vote on BOF recommended budget for fiscal year 2013-2014**

First Selectman John Hodge spoke of the BOS Recommended budget and the request by the BOF to cut \$110,000 from the town budget. At a previous meeting, First Selectman Hodge noted that the town was due to have a revaluation this year but was hoping to be able to postpone it. Mr. Hodge announced that he received notice that they won't be able to postpone the revaluation this year. As a result, the money for a revaluation needs to be put into the 2103-2014 budget. First Selectman Hodge gave a handout of some recommended cuts that add up to \$110,000 but includes and add on of \$85,000 for revaluation. It was noted that \$25,000 from the 2012-2013 budget will be put towards the revaluation.

First Selectman Hodge spoke of the BOS recommended cuts and explained the cuts and/or add ons and how they affect the budget.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve \$110,000 in cuts from the town budget as per the handout entitled BOS Recommended cuts (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting). Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

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

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting a BOF recommended budget consisting of the following: Municipal Expenditures totaling \$10,046,159 from the General Fund and \$756,209 from the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund and \$783,259 from other Governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 be approved and Education Expenditures totaling \$39,848,562 from the General Fund and \$422,550 from the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2014 be approved. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

#### **Public Comment**

Board of Education Chairman Kim Hanson spoke of the mark up figure for the BOE budget and asked if there was any flexibility in the Capital and Nonrecurring figure.

First Selectman Hodge noted that there will be a special BOS meeting to set the date for the Annual Town Meeting to set the date for the machine vote. It is hopeful that the referendum will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Director Jay Waterman noted that he received information from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy that she has received information from the actuary that the BOE will have a savings in the amount needed to be contributed to their pension plan. The amount of this is approximately \$100,000 which will be included in their requested cuts of \$663,000.

#### **Future Agenda Items**

The next BOF meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The new auditors will be coming to a meeting in the next couple of months.

Grants will be discussed at a future meeting.

#### **Board member comments**

Tom Edwards thanked both the BOS and the BOE for their cooperation during the budget process.

The entire BOF thanked Chairman Wes Marsh for all his hard work during the budget process.

Chairman Wes Marsh thanked Finance Director Jay Waterman and Accounting Manager Ed Sbordone for all their help with the budget process.

#### **Adjournment**

Tom Quigley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion.

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

BOS Recommended Cuts					
3/28/2013					
DEPARTMENT	LINE	DESCRIPTION	FY13-14 BUDGET #	ADJUSTMENT	NEW NUMBER
Business Machines	Police Equipment	License plate reader (warranty)	\$8,750	\$1,500	\$10,250
Cap & Non	Fire Company	Repair & Resurface Squantz Parking Lot	\$45,000	\$5,000	\$50,000
Intergovernmental Agencies	Regional Animal Control	Yearly budget set by Bridgewater 1st Sel.	\$76,566 Our estimate	(\$2,672)	\$73,894
Public Works	Road Repair	Road repair based on PW Directors road plan	\$755,000	(\$115,328)	\$639,672
Fire Department	Fire Co. Supplies and Equipment	Supplies	\$16,650	\$1,500	\$18,150
Assessor	Revaluation	Reval	\$0	\$85,000	\$85,000
Public Works	Salaries and Related Costs	Staff Position	\$75,000	(\$75,000)	\$0
Cap & Non Revenue	Cap & Non	Cell Tower Revenue	\$51,836 (6/30/12)	(\$10,000)	\$41,836
				(\$110,000)	