

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

MINUTES

Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2015
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Don Blackwell
Michael Cammarota
Tom Edwards
Jane Landers
Brian Shea, Alternate (arrived 8:20pm)
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate

Members not present:

John Hodge
Anthony Yorrio, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman
Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Craig McLain, Business Manager
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Dr. Jason McKinnon, Chief Academic Officer
Mariana Coelho, High School Principal
Aaron Herold, Director of Technology
Karen Gruetzner, Consolidated School Assistant Principal
Scott Akam, BOE Chairman
Sean Loughran, BOE member
Susan Starr, BOE member
Jay Voss, BOE member

Call To Order 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

Jane Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2015 regular meeting as presented.
Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers- None

Discussion of the Board of Selectmen's requested budget for 2015-2016

The board discussed the BOS requested budget for 2015-2016. Finance Director Evelyn Abraham noted that two additional Sherman students have been added for next year which will yield additional revenue

for the town. The town will lock in utility rates which should yield approximately \$24,000 in savings annually. Other topics of discussion included Real Estate Conveyance Tax, Town Clerk receipts and Drop off center revenue. The proposed 24/7 EMS addition was discussed and the board requested a count of the number of EMS calls with the average response time. The board also discussed ADP payroll, State Police expenditures and the proposed Beach House at the Town Beach.

It was noted that the Mil Rate will most likely increase due to the decrease in the grand list due to the revaluation.

Discussion of the Board of Education's requested budget for 2015-2016

The board discussed capital projects for the Board of Education and specifically the Meeting House Hill School project and the High School project. It was noted that the project cost less than the approved bond amount. The BOF asked for a copy of the bonding resolution for this project by the next meeting.

Public Comment

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy spoke of the revaluation process and noted that approximately 80% of the assessments in town were decreased and thus the Mil Rate is likely to increase.

Future Agenda items

The next meeting of the BOF will be the regular monthly meeting of March 18th.

Board member comments

Mike Cammarota congratulated the High School Girls Basketball team on becoming SWC Champions.

Jane Landers thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and encouraged more taxpayers to attend meetings.

Adjournment

Jane Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:01pm. Mike Cammarota seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)