

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Don Blackwell
Michael Cammarota
John Hodge
Jane Landers
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate
Anthony Yorio, Alternate

Members not present:

Tom Edwards

Other Town Officials Present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman
Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Craig McClain, Business Manager
Scott Akam, BOE Chairman
Steve Burfeind, BOE member
Linda Norris, BOE member
Susan Starr, BOE member
Amy Tozzo, BOE member
Bruce Taylor, Fire Chief

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

John Hodge made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Mike Cammarota seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Discussion of the medical plan's stop loss and prescription drug coverage for the 2015-2016 budget

The board discussed the medical plan and specifically the reserve fund and the premiums associated with each plan. Options include 110% Aggregate Stop loss with an Individual Stop loss, 110%

Aggregate Stop loss with no Individual Stop loss, 125% Aggregate Stop loss with an Individual Stop loss, 125% Aggregate Stop loss with no Individual Stop loss. There was a brief discussion of whether or not to include a prescription plan with these options. The board discussed the difference in premiums for a 125% ASL with no ISL with prescription drugs vs. 125% ASL with \$200,000 ISL also with a prescription drug plan. It was decided to invite consultant Steve Rinaldi to the next meeting before voting on this matter.

Discussion of the 2015-2016 BOS and BOE requested budgets

The board discussed the proposed 2015-2015 budgets for both the BOS and the BOE. BOE member Steve Burfeind spoke of field fees and noted that New Fairfield has one of the highest fees in the area. At this time, there are no plans to resurface the track but it was noted that the track and the tennis courts should be done at the same time. The board asked for a payment schedule for replacement of Rebel Turf.

There was a discussion of the proposed plan to reconfigure the parking lot at the high school and middle school. Cheryl Reedy suggested having a separate drop off time for parents that want to drive their kids to school as to not conflict with the buses. It was suggested that a traffic study be done for this and possibly postponing the project until the summer of 2016.

The board discussed the proposed 24/7 EMS. There was a discussion of the Affordable Care Act and how this affects reimbursement. There was a discussion of deductibles and the contract and the possibility of getting multiple bids. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

There was a discussion of the funding for the library renovation project. The project was awarded to Sacadino and Sons. There was a question about the plan for any leftover money from the project. It was decided to ask the library board what their plans were.

It was noted that the BOE will hold a special meeting on Monday, March 30th to discuss the plans for \$400,000 worth of cuts as requested by the BOF.

First Selectman Susan Chapman spoke of the BOS plan to cut \$100,000 from their budget and noted that \$50,000 will be cut from the proposed capital project for the Beach House and another \$50,000 will be added to the budget as additional revenue from taxes from the revaluation.

Schedule of Final Mark up budget meeting

It was decided that the final mark up of the budget will be Wednesday, April 1st.

Public Comment

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of the resurfacing of the track and Rebel field.

Future agenda items

The final mark up of the budget will be on April 1st.

The BOF will invite Medical Consultant Steve Rinaldi to the next meeting to get further information on the medical plan.

Board member comments

Board members commented on the good budget discussion had at tonight's meeting.

Adjournment

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:03pm. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)