

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2015
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Don Blackwell
Michael Cammarota
John Hodge
Jane Landers
Brian Shea, Alternate
Anthony Yorio, Alternate

Members not present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Tom Edwards
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Mike Gill, Selectman
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools
Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director
Scott Akam, BOE Chairman
Ken Chapman, BOE member
Linda Norris, BOE member
Susan Starr, BOE member
Amy Tozzo, BOE member

Call To Order Jane Landers called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments

John Hodge made a motion to appoint Brian Shea and Anthony Yorio to full voting members for the purpose of this meeting in place of Wes Marsh and Tom Edwards. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Correspondence and Announcements

Jane Landers read a letter sent from a resident via the BOF website regarding the presentation at a prior meeting regarding health records. Jane Landers also read a response to this letter from consultant Steve Rinaldi.

John Hodge noted that the amended Elderly Tax relief for this year has helped an additional 65 residents with a cost to the town of \$104,585.00. The original estimate for this amendment was \$104,000.00.

Public Comment

BOE member Linda Norris spoke against the Inter-Departmental transfer that was approved by the BOS on May 5th and submitted to the BOF for approval at this meeting.

Ellen Waltmyer and Theda Lambert also spoke against the transfer.

BOE Chairman Scott Akam spoke against the transfer and the fact that he was not informed beforehand.

Approval of Minutes

Don Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Mike Cammarota seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers

Finance Director Evelyn Abraham spoke of this transfer and noted that a surplus was realized as a result of refinancing debt service. It was noted that an opinion from bond counsel confirmed that the BOS can use this. First Selectman Susan Chapman spoke of this transfer and noted that the money was used for snow removal and storm clean up.

Jane Landers made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$160,581.25. John Hodge seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting) **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

\$	Transfer To		\$	Transfer From	
\$8,000.00	4161-332-2	Professional Services-Legal Tax	\$75,000.00	4720-14-6	Dept. Service School-Principal
\$18,775.00	4161-332-3	Professional Services-Legal Labor	\$48,687.00	4720-15-6	Debt. Service School-Interest
\$17,000.00	4161-332-4	Professional Services-Legal General	\$13,000.00	4160-230	Unclass P &B-Pension
\$2,825.00	4162-313-2	Intergovernmental Agencies-CLA	\$12,000.00	4163-520	General Ins. Prop & Casualty
\$110,000.00	4310-110	Public Works-Salaries	\$5,000.00	4164-615	Business Machines-Postage
\$3,400.00	4310-423	Public Works-Contracted Services	\$3,900.00	4190-345	Human Resources-Bus. Services
\$581.25	4710-1	Debt Service Town-Bond Reg. Fees	\$2,994.25	4160-260	Unclass P & B-Workers Comp.
\$160,581.25			\$160,581.25		

Mill Rate

Jane Landers made a motion to set the mill rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at 28.53 mills. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

Approval of suspense list

Jane Landers made a motion to approve the suspense list from the New Fairfield tax collector dated April 30, 2015 in the amount of \$42,836.74. Don Blackwell seconded the motion. (Such document to be attached to the minutes of this meeting)

Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion approved- Anthony Yorio abstained)

There was a brief discussion of the efforts to collect these outstanding taxes once they appear on the suspense list.

ONGOING UPDATES

Medical update- The total fund balance is currently \$1,507,907.00

Legal update- Higher legal fees were incurred due to contract negotiations.

Year to date expenses review- No discussion

Current year revenue update- No discussion

Capital and Nonrecurring- No discussion

Public Comment

Ellen Waltmyer, Linda Norris, Theda Lambert, Debbie Bing-Zaremba, Selectman Mike Gill, BOE Chairman Scott Akam and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy spoke of the Inter-Departmental transfer.

Future agenda items- None

Board member comments

Board members spoke of the miscommunications with the Inter-Departmental transfer and noted that they hoped to improve the communications with Board of Education and noted that all three boards worked really well together during the budget season.

Adjournment

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Brian Shea seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)