

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 17, 2015**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

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

***Members not present:***

Michael Cammarota

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director  
Susan Starr, BOE member

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**

Tom Edwards made a motion to appoint Brian Shea to a full voting member for the purpose of this meeting in place of Michael Cammarota. John Hodge seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Correspondence and Announcements**- None

**Public Comment**- None

**Approval of Minutes**

Jane Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

**Vote: 5-0-1 (Motion approved- Tom Edwards abstained)**

**Budget Transfers**

Wes Marsh made a motion to make the following Inter-Departmental transfer in the amount of \$7,000.00. 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 |                                     |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| \$3,000.00        | 4110-110    | Board of Selectmen-Salaries | \$3,600.00        | 4440-335      | Social Services-Counseling Services |
| \$4,000.00        | 4110-610    | Board of Selectmen-M&S      | \$2,000.00        | 4199-610      | Commission of Youth-M&S             |
|                   |             |                             | \$900.00          | 4163-520      | General Ins. Property & Casualty    |
|                   |             |                             | \$500.00          | 4199-110      | Commission of Youth-Salaries        |
|                   |             |                             |                   |               |                                     |
| <b>\$7,000.00</b> |             |                             | <b>\$7,000.00</b> |               |                                     |

**Discussion of state budget passed by Connecticut General Assembly**

Chairman Wes Marsh spoke of the State budget and noted that it was passed by the Connecticut General Assembly but not yet signed by the governor. Some provisions that affect this budget include the Motor Vehicle Tax Cap, sales tax for accounting and veterinary services, and a change in the percentage that municipalities would have to pay for the Resident State Trooper program. The cap for the Mil Rate for Motor Vehicles for fiscal year 2017 would be 32.00 and 29.36 for fiscal year 2018. Towns would be permitted to set a different Mil Rate for motor vehicles than real property.

There was a lengthy discussion of the change in contributions for the Resident State Trooper program and it was noted that this was one of the few benefits that New Fairfield receives from the State. It is estimated that this change will cost the town approximately \$268,000.00 a year. Cheryl Reedy suggested sending a letter to the State Legislators on behalf of the Board of Finance asking to either reconsider or at least defer the contributions until next year.

Jane Landers made a motion have Cheryl Reedy draft a letter on behalf of the Board of Finance to the State Representatives and State Senators as well as the Governor’s office to reflect the sentiments of the BOF regarding the provision in the new state budget regarding the Resident State Trooper program to be signed by Chairman Marsh. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

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

**ONGOING UPDATES**

**Medical update-** The balance as of the end of May is \$1,848,277.00

**Legal update-** The balance as of June 12, 2015 is \$23,701.00- All contracts have been completed.

**Year to date expenses review**- The negative balance for the Town Engineer is due to him not yet being reimbursed by certain developers. There was a brief discussion of Resident State Trooper overtime. It was suggested that oil tanks be filled this year so that more money is available next year in order to make up for the resident state trooper deficit. Finance Director Evelyn Abraham will check on the current price per gallon.

**Current year revenue update**- The town has a 99.86 tax collection rate. Real Estate Conveyance tax and Motor Vehicle Supplemental tax are both over 100% of the budgeted amount.

**Cap & Non**- Finance Director Evelyn Abraham will check on the status of the following projects: radio project, status of the library renovation bills (grants vs. town contributions), Creamery and whether or not the library phone upgrades are included in the renovation bills.

**Cap & Non- Board of Education**- There was a brief discussion of projects that will be done over the summer. The parking lot renovation at the high school will not be done this summer.

**Public Comment**- None

**Future Agenda items**- Report on Library renovation project, Town Capital and Nonrecurring projects and presentation by the Auditors of the suggestions for the Policy and Procedures manual.

**Board member comments**- The board wished everyone a “Happy Summer”.

### **Adjournment**

Don Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. John Hodge seconded the motion.

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