

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

MINUTES
Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 15 2015
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Don Blackwell
John Hodge
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate
Anthony Yorio, Alternate

Members not present:

Michael Cammarota
Tom Edwards
Jane Landers
Brian Shea, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Evelyn Abraham, Finance Director
Susan Chapman, First Selectman
Ed Sbordone, Accounting Manager
Mike Gill, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments

Chairman Wes Marsh noted that Jane Landers will not be available for tonight's meeting and has appointed Cheryl Reedy to act in her place.

Cheryl Reedy made a motion to appoint Anthony Yorio to a full voting member for the purpose of this meeting in place of Michael Cammarota. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 4-0-0 (Motion approved)

Correspondence and Announcements- Chairman Wes Marsh spoke of the letter sent from the BOF to Connecticut legislators in response to the discussion at last month's meeting regarding the provision in the new state budget regarding the Resident State Trooper program. Mr. Marsh read a response from State Senator Michael McLachlan.

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Don Blackwell made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2015 regular meeting as presented. John Hodge seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)

Budget Transfers- None

Library project financial status

First Selectman Susan Chapman noted that the Grand Re-opening of the Children's Library held on July 2nd was very successful.

Accounting Manager Ed Sbordone reviewed the financial schedule for payments for the library renovation project. The town authorized a payment of \$300,000 in May 2012. The total cost of this project is approximately \$1.5 million. A grant from the State gives half of what is ultimately spent. It was noted that the contingency fund for this project has dropped due to certain change orders. The Board of Finance noted that whatever money is left from this project will go back to the unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring fund.

All town municipal projects status

First Selectman Susan Chapman gave an update on town municipal projects that included Police cars and equipment, revaluation, business machines and equipment, 2-way radios for Public Works, Street Scape projects, air conditioning at the Police Dept, carpeting in the Community Room and a phone system for the library.

There was a brief discussion of the Green House (Creamery) next to the Senior Center. First Selectman Chapman noted that the Historic Properties Commission received a grant to do a feasibility study which is due back in September. The Board of Selectman will make a decision regarding this property once the study is returned.

There was a discussion about Parks and Rec capital projects and it was noted that many of these projects are funding through their self-sustaining 205 account. The BOF asked for a quarterly update on Parks and Rec projects.

ONGOING UPDATES

Medical update- Finance Director Evelyn Abraham noted that they are still waiting for the June report and will give final numbers for the year at the next meeting.

Legal update- No report

Year to date expenses review-The board reviewed expenses for fiscal year 2014-2015 and inquired about expenditures that were over 100% of their budget. It was noted that this will change once receivables are received. There was a discussion about overspending budget lines and the procedures and policies and state statutes for this.

Current year revenue update- Revenues for fiscal year 2014-2015 look good especially a 99.94% tax collection rate.

Cap & Non – None

Cap & Non- BOE- There was a discussion of BOE Cap & Non projects and specifically \$48,000 for the school security project. It was suggested inviting BOE Business Manager Craig McClain and BOE Buildings and Grounds Director Phil Ross to the BOF next meeting.

Public Comment- None

Future agenda items There was a suggestion of inviting State Legislators to come to a joint meeting of the Board of Selectman, Board of Finance and Board of Education. First Selectman Chapman suggested also inviting the public to this meeting and will set up something in the fall.

Board member comments- None

Adjournment

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04pm. Don Blackwell seconded the motion.

Vote: 5-0-0 (Motion approved)