

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Special Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 30, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

Wes Marsh, Chairman  
Michael Cammarota  
John Hodge  
Tom Edwards  
Anthony Yorio  
Rick Salem, Alternate  
Brian Shea, Alternate  
***Members not present:***  
Jane Landers  
Cheryl Reedy, Alternate

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director  
Susan Chapman, First Selectman  
Mike Gill, Selectman  
Kim Hanson, Selectman  
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools  
Craig McClain, School Business Manager  
Kevin Hearty, BOE member  
Samantha Mannion, BOE member  
Susan Starr, BOE member  
Amy Tozzo, BOE Vice Chairman

**Call To Order** Chairman Wes Marsh called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**-Chairman Wes Marsh noted that Jane Landers will not be present at tonight's meeting and appointed Rick Salem to serve in her place.

**Update from Connecticut Conference of Municipalities regarding state budget**

Randy Collins from CCM spoke of the current State of Connecticut's budget and revised cuts proposed by Governor Malloy. He spoke of a possible \$400 million dollar shift from small towns to cities and which towns will be affected most. It was noted that the Union concession package was ratified and there will be a no layoff clause for four years. Mr. Collins also spoke of unfunded liabilities and how they could affect the overall budget. There was a brief discussion of plans proposed by surrounding towns and which towns would be hurt the most.

**Board of Finance review of state budget**

The Board discussed possible budgetary options for the town and the pros and cons of each. Although the exact amount of the budget deficit is unknown, the Board decided to look for ways to cut \$2.2 million from the budget. Suggestions for this included budget line deletions and delays in Capital and Nonrecurring projects and delaying the housing revaluation. There was a suggestion of possibly putting freezes on all non-payroll line items and the possibility of hiring freezes for some

positions. Additional possible revenue sources such as cell tower revenue, student tuition increases and increases to the preschool program were discussed.

The Board further discussed withdrawing money from the General Fund or the Medical Reserve Fund. There was also a discussion of issuing a supplemental tax bill to taxpayers. Chairman Wes Marsh noted that he spoke with Tax Collector Kerrie Greening and discussed the challenges associated with issuing a supplemental bill. There was a discussion among the Board members of how this would affect taxpayer votes in the future.

The Board discussed the option of recommending that the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen consider optional budget cuts to their respective budgets.

**Vote on budget recommendations to the Board of Education and Board of Selectmen**

Anthony Yorio made a motion to recommend to the Board of Education that they consider operational freezes, budget line deletions and project delays in the amount totaling \$800,000 and to recommend operational freezes, budget line deletions and project delays to the Board of Selectmen in an amount totaling \$300,000. Tom Edwards seconded the motion.

John Hodge made a motion to amend the motion to request that a plan be brought to the Board of Finance by their next regular meeting of September 20, 2017. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

**Vote to amend motion: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Vote on motion as amended: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Adjournment**

John Hodge made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Wes Marsh seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)