

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

**MINUTES**

**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

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

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director  
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman  
Khris Hall, Selectman  
Kim Hanson, Selectman  
Dr. Alicia Roy, Superintendent of Schools  
Craig McClain, BOE Business Manager  
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman  
Greg Flanagan, BOE member  
Rick Regan, BOE member

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

**Appointments**-None

**Correspondence and Announcements**

Anthony Yorio spoke of an email that the board received from Selectman Kim Hanson asking to wait until after the School Safety audit until hiring additional School Resource Officers.

Selectman Kim Hanson noted that he is in support of the Board of Selectmen requested budget **except** for the increase in personnel. He spoke of the specific proposed increase of positions and efficiencies in prior years.

First Selectman Pat Del Monaco referred to the reasons for the increased positions and encouraged anyone with questions to contact her.

Laura Consiglio spoke of the change in culture in New Fairfield and encouraged everyone to support the current boards.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Anthony Yorio made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Erin Badillo made a motion to amend the previous motion to change the wording under New Business for the Town Tribune column to read "month" instead of "week" in two incidences. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

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

### **Budget Transfers**- None

### **Status of Communication Plan and next newspaper article**

Erin Badillo noted that she will write the next article which will be about the budget and will be published before the referendum vote.

### **Medical Plan**

There was a discussion of the medical reserve fund and the surplus that was built up over multiple years. The current balance in the Medical reserve is approximately \$2.7 million and it was noted that the town has never reached 100% of the budgeted claims. The Board decided that it would make sense to not fund as much as previous years.

Anthony Yorio made a motion to budget for projected claims and medical expenses including premiums at \$6.1 million instead of \$6.385 million. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

### **Budget for 2018-2019**

Specific items of discussion regarding the budget included reimbursements for higher education, attrition, ways to measure improvements of town services, test scores in the schools and the use of the surplus for school security.

Wes Marsh made a motion for a final markup of the municipal expenditure budget to add \$162,720 to Police SRO Overtime, \$12,448 to Social Security, \$27,894 to Pension, \$91,938 to Police Resident State Troopers, and \$116 to Communications Center NW-PSCC and to deduct \$5,000 from the OPEB contribution and \$96,693 from the Medical contribution. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Wes Marsh made a motion for a final markup of the education expenditure budget to deduct \$64,000 from the operating expenditures and \$252,035 from the OPEB contribution and to add \$228,361 to the Medical contribution. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

Wes Marsh made a motion to recommend to a Town Meeting a Board of Finance recommended budget consisting of the following: Municipal expenditures totaling

\$12,126,441 from the General fund and \$931,170 from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund and \$826,159 from other Governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 and Education expenditures totaling \$42,820,654 from the General fund and \$480,000 from the Capital and Nonrecurring fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion.

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

### **Public Comment**

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of the budget increase and the need to take out of the General Fund in the near future.

BOE Chairman Peggy Katkocin thanked the BOF, BOE and BOS for a great budget season. She encouraged residents to vote on the budget.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Alicia Roy thanked the BOF for a great budget season. She also spoke of attrition and noted that 29.8 positions have been eliminated since 2010.

Laura Consiglio thanked the BOF for passing this budget onto the taxpayers and encouraged residents to come out and vote.

Lisa Weisenberger spoke of participation of voters.

Rick Regan spoke of metrics and noted that the BOE will provide charts and statistics to the BOF in order to show measurable results.

### **Future Agenda items**

- The next BOF meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Town Tribune articles will be discussed
- There will be an update on the School Security audit

### **Board member comments**

Board members thanked the members of the Board of Education, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Department and the Superintendent of Schools for all their hard work with the budget and encouraged residents to vote.

Many members of the board thanked Dr. Roy for all her years of service and wished her well in her future endeavors.

Anthony Yorio noted that the next meeting of the School Safety Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### **Adjournment**

Anthony Yorio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**