

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

MINUTES

Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2019
7:30 PM
New Fairfield Community Room

Members present:

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Erin Badillo
Michael Cammarota
Jane Landers
Cheryl Reedy
Anthony Yorio
Tom Garben, Alternate
Brian Shea, Alternate
Rick Salem, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present:

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman
Dr. Jason McKinnon, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rich Sanzo, BOE Director of Business and Operations
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman
Samantha Mannion, BOE member
Rick Regan, BOE member

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments-None

Correspondence and Announcements

Wes Marsh read an email from resident Eric Schonenberg expressing his concern of the increased proposed BOS budget.

Public Comment

Selectman Kim Hanson encouraged the Board of Finance to review the Fraud policy carefully before approving it.

Approval of Minutes

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2019 special meeting as presented. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion.

Wes Marsh made a motion to amend the previous motion to have the minutes reflect that “The Board recommended Tom Garben to fill the position of BOF alternate” instead of “Wes Marsh recommended Tom Garben to fill the position of BOF alternate”. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion.

Vote on amendment: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

Town of New Fairfield Fraud Policy

There was a brief discussion of the proposed Fraud policy and some inconsistencies associated with it.

Anthony Yorio made a motion to table the approval of the Fraud Policy to give more time to review. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Cheryl Reedy made a motion to amend the previous motion to ask the Selectmen to review the proposed Fraud policy with an attorney of their choice. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion.

Vote on amendment: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)

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

BOS and BOE requested budget for 2019-2020

The Board discussed the following items regarding the proposed BOE budget:

- Security enhancements and how they affect the budgets.
- Special Education and the challenge of budgeting for the needs of these students.
- Capital and Nonrecurring and specifically, making the elevator at the high school ADA compliant and roof at the middle school. There was a question about how much has been saved by the installation of solar panels
- Increase in payroll and how it affects pension obligations. There was a brief discussion of how the governor's budget may shift some of the burden of teacher pensions to the individual towns.

The Board discussed the following items regarding the proposed BOS budget:

- Proposed increased hours for the Social Services Assistant.
- Difficulty getting EMT volunteers.
- The possibility of purchasing a used police car for the School Resource Officer.
- Services provided by the Fire Marshal
- Capital and Nonrecurring projects specifically the Saw Mill Bridge project.
- Paving of the roads and specifically the need to repave some roads that were paved recently with a product that didn't measure up to expectations.
- The BOF asked the Selectmen to provide measurable results for money that has been spent in order to make more informed decisions.

Public Comment- None

Future Agenda items

The Board will review revenue accounts and an update on the State budget at the next BOF meeting.

Board member comments

Members of the BOF thanked everyone involved in both the BOS and BOE budgets for their cooperation. They encouraged residents to get involved in the budget process. Chairman Wes Marsh cautioned residents not to rely on social media to get information regarding the budget.

Adjournment

Anthony Yorio made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)