

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

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2019**  
**7:30 PM**  
**New Fairfield Community Room**

***Members present:***

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

***Members not present:***

Erin Badillo  
Anthony Yorio

***Other Town Officials Present:***

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director  
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman  
Khris Hall, Selectman  
Kim Hanson, Selectman  
Dr. Pat Cosentino, Superintendent of Schools  
Dr. Rich Sanzo, Director of Business and Operations  
Peggy Katkocin, BOE Chairman

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Appointments**

Wes Marsh announced that Erin Badillo has appointed Tom Garben in her absence and that Anthony Yorio has appointed Brian Shea in his absence.

**Addition to the agenda**

Michael Cammarota made a motion to add agenda item #6A "Approval of Boat Dock invoice" to the agenda. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

**Correspondence and Announcements**-None

**Public Comment**

Selectman Kim Hanson spoke of the proposed BOS budget and specifically against pay raises and added hours for town employees. He spoke of the possibility of receiving less money from the State.

**Approval of Minutes**

Cheryl Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Michael Cammarota seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Cheryl Reedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

### **Boat Dock invoice**

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the payment of Boat dock invoice #2018/-1014 in the amount of \$6,771.20 to Race Coastal Engineering. Jane Landers seconded the motion.

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

### **Discussion of the BOS and BOE requested budgets for 2019/2020**

**Revenue-** The Board discussed changes to the revenue accounts for the proposed budget and noted that State Aid will likely be reduced. Potential increases to the revenue accounts include interest income and fees, motor vehicle supplemental taxes, Town Clerk receipts, real estate conveyance income, and student tuition from Sherman. The estimated increase in revenue for the 2019/2020 budget would be approximately \$108,000 which would decrease the proposed increase from 3.6% to 3.37%.

**State Budget** There was a brief discussion of previous cuts from the State and how it affected the base line budget.

**Medical-** Chairman Wes Marsh noted that there will be a presentation on the medical plan at the March 27<sup>th</sup> BOF meeting. There was a brief discussion of the current medical plan including OPEB (Other Post employment benefits). There was a discussion of how much should be in the reserve fund for medical.

There was a discussion of changes to the proposed budget and the Board decided on the following proposals:

- Since the Saw Mill Bridge project is set to begin on April 1, 2019, the cost of approximately \$280,000 should be included in the 2018-2019 budget as an Additional Appropriation from the Unappropriated Capital and Nonrecurring Fund. This would decrease the proposed 2019-2020 budget by \$280,000.
- The BOS was asked to come back to the BOF with recommendations for a decrease of \$200,000 from their proposed budget. It was noted that this can come from either the capital and nonrecurring or the operations part of the budget.
- The BOE was asked to come back to the BOF with recommendations for a decrease of \$400,000 from their proposed budget. It was noted that this can come from either the capital and nonrecurring or the operations part of the budget.

Ed Sbordone noted that these cuts along with the increased revenue would yield a 1.57% tax increase.

**Public Comment-** None

### **Future Agenda Items**

- March 20<sup>th</sup>- Will recommend an Additional Appropriation to a Town Meeting. Will also vote on budget transfers and ongoing updates
- March 27<sup>th</sup>- Medical presentation and suggestions of cuts from BOS and BOE.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Final Mark up

### **Board member comments**

Members of the Board of Finance congratulated Board member Anthony Yorio on the birth of his son.

### **Adjournment**

Jane Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion.

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