

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

MINUTES

Board of Finance Special Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2020
7:30 PM
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Members present via Zoom

Wes Marsh, Chairman
Michael Cammarota
Tom Garben
Jane Landers
Cheryl Reedy
Anthony Yorio
Brian Shea, Alternate
Mark Werner, Alternate
Greg Williams, Alternate

Other Town Officials Present via Zoom

Ed Sbordone, Finance Director and Town Treasurer
Pat Del Monaco, First Selectman
Kim Hanson, Selectman
Khris Hall, Selectman
Dr. Pat Cosentino, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rich Sanzo, Director of Business and Operations
Kerrie Greening, Tax Collector
Rick Regan, BOE member

Director of Business and Operations Dr. Rich Sanzo gave a brief overview of the rules and procedures for having a virtual meeting.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointments- None

Correspondence and Announcements- None

Public Comment- None

Approval of Minutes

Jane Landers made a motion to adopt the minutes of the May 27, 2020 BOF meeting as presented. Michael Cammarota seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Budget Transfers-None

Discussion of Medical Plan for 2020-2021

Tom Kowalchick from USI spoke of premiums from Anthem for the medical plan. Currently, the town has an Individual Stop Loss of \$200,000 and an Aggregate Stop Loss of \$120%. There was a discussion of the best option for the town and specifically the cost of lasering for one member. The Board spoke of the risk of eliminating Aggregate Stop Loss and increasing the Individual Stop Loss. There was a discussion of how COVID 19 could affect medical claims in the future.

Vote on Medical Plan for 2020-2021

Wes Marsh to approve the Medical Plan for 2020-2021 with \$150,000 ISL including the lasering of one member for \$350,000 and 120% ASL with a prescription plan for an annual premium cost of \$433,729.32. Anthony Yorio seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

New Fairfield Tax Collector Suspense List

Tax Collector Kerrie Greening explained that the suspense list is comprised of delinquent taxpayers that are sent to a collection agency. There is an 18% fee to the collection agency of which the taxpayer must pay 15% for any money collected. It was noted that fees are only paid on money collected.

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve the Suspense List for the Town of New Fairfield dated May 28, 2020. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to adopt the BOS and BOE budgets for fiscal year 2020-2021

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve and adopt the town government expenditures totaling \$12,276,720 from the general fund and \$749,000 from the capital and nonrecurring fund and \$928,256 from other governmental funds for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 be approved. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Wes Marsh made a motion to approve and adopt the education expenditures totaling \$43,709,084 from the general fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 be approved. Jane Landers seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Vote to set the Mill Rate for the fiscal year 2020-2021

Wes Marsh made a motion to set the Mill rate for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at 30.58 mills. Cheryl Reedy seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

Public Comment- None

Future Agenda items

It was decided to cancel the June 17, 2020 regular BOF meeting with the notation that the Board of Finance will hold a special meeting if there is any necessary business that needs to be done. There was a brief discussion of the possibility of forming additional subcommittees for the BOF such as an investment committee.

Board Member Comments

Members of the BOF thanked Tom Kowalchick for his hard work with the medical plan. They thanked fellow board members for their hard work with adopting the budget especially in this unprecedented time. They encouraged everyone to stay safe and practice social distancing.

Adjournment

Jane Landers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57¹ pm. Michael Cammarota seconded the motion. **Vote: 6-0-0 (Motion approved)**

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