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The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date in the meeting room of the Stonington Police Department. Members present were Bryan Bentz, Chairman; June D. Strunk, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler, Glenn Frishman and Michael Fauerbach. Also present were Selectman Rob Simmons, Police Chief Darren Stewart; Director of Finance James Sullivan; and members of the Police Commission.

Mr. Bentz called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

Dir. Sullivan asked for a line item transfer on behalf of the Board of Selectman to give a raise to the Director of Human Resources at Human Services for her new position. The total amount is \$2,889 but he is asking for a transfer in the amount of \$1,445 retroactive to January. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Dir. Sullivan also requested a new fund called K-12 School Renovations Project fund to streamline the projects and make it easier to track funds. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve and Mrs. Strunk seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Budget Presentations FY 16-17

- **Police Department**-Chief Stewart introduced Captain Olson and members of the Police Commission. Chairman Moukawsher spoke regarding the budget. He said the Board was mindful of the guidelines set by the BoF and he feels they came up with a responsible budget. Chief Stewart said the new budget is essential to the public safety of Stonington. Mr. Moukawsher said they tried to present a very level budget with the exception of the training budget (active shooter training) and the addition of another officer. They feel this is needed because police services will be in demand, as well as

the fact that some officers will be reaching retirement age.

- **WPCA-** Director Doug Middleton introduced himself. He said the budget does not have much of a change, and most of the change is contractual. He is requesting \$5000 for consulting fees. He would like assistance in getting all restaurants in compliance with grease trap inspections and would like to hire an outside consultant to assist since there are 135-150 restaurants that need to be inspected.
- **Solid Waste-**Solid Waste Director John Phetteplace spoke regarding the budget. The tipping fee this year remains at \$58 a ton, which is the lowest in the state. He is not sure how long it will stay that low but is working on a new contract and needs something in place by spring 2017. He said that the added mattress and paint stewardship programs have been incredibly busy. They also received \$320,800 from taxes back from the state. They also had reduction in staff due to retirement. They are looking into training employees at the transfer station in welding to repair the roll off boxes, as they pay a considerable amount of money to have the repairs outsourced.

Mr. Bentz made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Frishman seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.