

February 12, 2014

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were John O'Brien, Chairman; Glenn Frishman, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; Bryan Bentz; Sandy Grimes and June Strunk. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance, Selectmen, Town staff and residents.

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Previous Minutes**

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Frishman seconded the motion. At this time, Mrs. Strunk commented that she would like the minutes to reflect that she was specifically not present at this meeting.

Mr. O'Brien made a second motion to approve the minutes with the attendance adjustment. Mr. Frishman seconded and voting was unanimous.

**Additional Appropriation - Deans Mill School roof repairs**

Members were provided with a detailed attachment outlining the plan and corresponding letters, specs and reports.

William King, SPS Operations Manager stated that the roof is out of warranty and beyond its useful life. They request immediate funding to replace and repair roof structures at DMS. An assessment conducted by Garland Company, Inc. completed last year has been reviewed and confirmed by two other roofing companies. The request is for approximately \$569,000 to repair/replace five sections of the roof-Cafeteria, Library, Gym, Classroom B and the Office. Board members had issues with repairs and replacement of just certain parts, they thought it more prudent to do the whole roof. Members discussed the benefits of going ahead with complete roof repair/replacement, as this request will need to go to Town meeting. Mr. King added that they would probably start with the Library section over April vacation and the remainder over the summer break.

Using the cost estimate provided the total cost for the entire roof is \$1,015,000. Adding a 15% contingency would bring the cost to \$1,167,250.00. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve an additional appropriation of \$1,200,000 from Fund Balance to be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen to set a Town meeting. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Mrs. Stevens added that it is important to include the prevailing wage in the bid packages.

At this time, 7:26 pm, Mr. O'Brien took a five-minute recess.

Mr. O'Brien recalled the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

### **Budget Hearings FY 14-15**

Solid Waste – John Phetteplace, Recycling Manager was present to discuss his proposed level funded budget. Revenues from single stream recycling are down considerably this year due to the Chinese market. The Yellow bag contract expires in October 2014 and he would like to extend the Willimantic Waste contract through 2015. He told the members that he would return with more concrete information regarding the contract. Is decrease in tonnage due to packaging? Not sure. State to promote organics. Compost would help reduce tonnage. Hope to keep bag prices same.

Water Pollution Control Authority – Thomas Gilligan, WPCA Director and James Sisk, Chairman were present. They are 22 months into the 30-month upgrade at the plants. Challenges with Mystic facility and diverting flow to borough, extremely tight site. Again on schedule and within budget. Contract operations coming up on fifteenth year with United Water, to be negotiated within next six months. In reply to Mr. Frishmans' question, Mr. Sisk stated that the water infiltration system is currently manageable.

Human Services – Leanne Theodore, Youth & Family Services Administrator Addressed the Program highlights, agency applications and a program guide. She stated that they have greatly utilized all community partners in the area to assist residents. Energy assistance is a more streamlined program that has decreased the budget; continue to focus on budget and job coaching; counseling hours are up. Summer program numbers are ever increasing.

Outside Agencies – Mr. Haberek went over his thought process with regard to funding for the agencies. Many of these agencies are struggling but provide excellent services to the community and its residents.

Mr. Grimes asked if any agency representatives would like to speak:

Charles Young – PNC thanked the Board but would like to receive their department request.

Lois Hillard – Mystic & Noank library- 14% of income from Town of Stonington

Dan Sneideker-Director of Westerly library introduced new director

Denise Collins – MASH

George Sylvestre-Stonington Library stated he is greatly impressed by level of commitment from all staff at the local non-profits. They are a great value to the Town.

Chris Clarkin-Mystic River ambulance

Tom Gibney- Westerly Ambulance Corps.

Kelly Sullivan-Stonington Ambulance

### **Director of Finance**

Mrs. Stevens confirmed that all members received the audit report; this can be discussed at a later date. She also verified that they received her comments with regard to the Plan of Conservation and Development that will be going to Public

Hearing. She added that she will check their schedule. Mr. O'Brien commented that there was no reference at all regarding the Stonington Fishing Fleet.

Mrs. Stevens also mentioned the Governors proposed budget, it is very preliminary and will most likely change.

**Subcommittee reports**

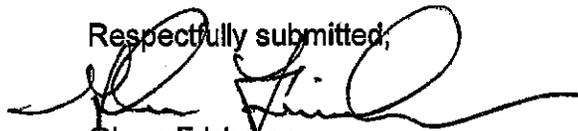
**Fields** - Mr. Grimes informed the members that the baseball field is in bad shape. The plan for usage fees is still not determined. Members all agreed that the previous poor management of the fields needs to be addressed. Selectman George Crouse added that the baseball field has been overused, for warm ups, practices, etc. Mr. Grimes stated that this will change.

**K-12** - Mrs. Strunk mentioned that the bldg. committee has suggested that the BOF meet at different schools throughout the year. Meetings need to be posted with the Town Clerk; this would require that these meetings be a Special meeting.

Mrs. Strunk asked that any questions regarding CIP be forwarded to her.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Frishman seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Frishman  
Secretary

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