

May 13, 2015

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Dudley Wheeler; Tim O'Brien; Sandy Grimes; and June Strunk, Secretary. Also present Town Hall and residents.

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

Comments from the Public – None

Previous Minutes – Mrs. Strunk wanted a correction made to the March 24th minutes. Page 2 stated that she understood the necessity of the increase. Also the guideline was result of consideration of the national inflation rate, which was 1.7%. The increase in revenue the town could expect was 0.3%. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24th minutes as amended, March 25, April 14, and April 15 2015 meetings. Mr. Grimes seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Set Mill Rate

Voters approved the \$61.2 million budget. Mr. Grimes made a motion to set the mill rate at 21.32 mills and Mrs. Strunk seconded.

Budget Transfers and Additional Appropriations

Barbara McKrell, Director of Public Works, stated that she is \$188,099.44 over budget for snow removal. We had 25 snow events, 5 events of spot salting, and 70.5 inches of snow. It is twice our typical amount of 35.5 inches, according to Precision Weather, who is the town's meteorological service. Every event was initiated by a call by the police department, unless the call came when the department was on regular duty. After discussion, Mr. Frishman made a motion to use \$168,099 from the undesignated fund balance to be forwarded to BOS for town meeting. The remaining \$20,000 will be transferred from the tree trimming line item. Mrs. Strunk seconded the motion.

Bid Waivers

- Cogent 3M Automated Fingerprint Identification System-Correspondence received from Captain Olson, explaining it is the only system supported by State of Connecticut and is at a state bid price. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve, Mrs. Strunk seconded.

- Smart Interactive Whiteboard-Jason Jones, Director of Technology, was present and explained that the bid waiver includes 8 boards and projectors. The quote also includes materials installation and training. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the bid waiver, Mrs. Strunk seconded.

Correspondence

- Marsha Standish, Assessor, presented the October 1, 2014 Grand List Board of Assessment Appeals adjustments. Mr. Frishman questioned the status of the state car tax. Mrs. Standish replied that there was nothing definite.
- Requests transfer of \$2600 from the BAA to Assessor Equipment for the replacement of hallway partitions. Mrs. Strunk made the motion to approve, Mr. Grimes seconded.

Subcommittee reports –

Mr. Grimes looked further into the Westerly Adult Day Care. Mr. Sullivan, Finance Director, stated he has asked for financial clarification.

Mr. O'Brien met with the retirement board and stated the pension fund is in good shape, projections downgraded and the council to discuss the new defined contribution plan.

Mrs. Strunk spoke regarding the K 12 committee; the grant is going ahead for June 30th. There are no architectural drawings at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Strunk seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



June Strunk
Secretary

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