

July 16, 2014

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; Sandy Grimes and June Strunk. Also present William King, SPS Business Manager; Barbara McKrell, DPW Director; Lou DiCesare and residents. John O'Brien and Bryan Bentz were absent.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Comments from the Public – None**

**Previous Minutes** – Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the minutes of the June meeting as presented. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Budget Transfer – WBSS** – Superintendent Van Riley had submitted a Building update on the ceiling issue at the school. Mr. King explained that the transfer request was from the Lease of Modular Classroom line FY 13-14 to the Asbestos and Tiling line for repairs due to the water infiltration. Mr. Wheeler does not support work and expense to the aging building. After discussion the members tabled the transfer for a more definitive estimate for the work at the school.

**Bid Waivers-**

DPW – Catch Basin cleaning – Mr. Dicesare stated the department would like to take advantage of the Capitol Region Council of Government contracts applicable. They are mandated to clean the catch basins at least every two years, there are 1600 basins in the town and they do half each year. Mrs. Strunk made a motion to approve the bid waiver for Shaw Vac Services to perform the work for contract CRCOG#604. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

DPW – Liquid Bituminous Material – Mrs. McKrell stated that they are in the process of implementing the road paving bond work. She added that she is following the plan of roads recommended by the previous Director of Public Works. Mrs. Strunk made a motion to approve the bid waiver for The Gorman Group, LLC to perform the work for contract 13PSX0262. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

DPW – Line Painting – Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the bid waiver to Hi-Way Safety Systems, Inc. for the Traffic Guidelines (line painting) contract CRCOG 601. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Director of Finance** – Nothing to report  
**Correspondence**

Local Option Property Tax Relief for Older Adults and Totally Disabled – Marsha Standish, Tax Assessor spoke to the program for certain homeowners age sixty-five or over or permanently and totally disabled outlining the Requirements, Qualifications and Benefits.

Police Boat – Chief Stewart extended a formal invitation to the Board to see and tour the new police Boat.

Resident letter – Letter from Hannah Lyon asking for more choices for the residents. Mr. Frishman stated that they would refer to the Chairman for comment.

Bicentennial donation request – Request for funds for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Stonington.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Mrs. Strunk reported that the K-12 Building Committee plans to have an RFP ready to hire an architect to help plan for the seven buildings.

Mr. Grimes reported that the Athletic Fields Task Force was to meet to tomorrow with various groups and organizations for a proposed fee schedule based on use to help with the \$167,000 per year maintenance costs. Mrs. Strunk asked that Mr. Grimes obtain the current data and use of the fields.

### **Comments from the Public**

Sue Jones, Palmer St. suggested a flat fee for use of the fields. She also stated that she believes the failing buildings are due to cuts in the CIP and BOE budgets in previous years.

Ashley Gleese, Moss St. stated that the asbestos abatement line item has been cut by the Board of Finance for the past three years.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Glenn Frishman  
Secretary

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