

April 19, 2017

A Special Meeting of the Board of Finance was held on this date in The Stonington High School Commons, directly after the Public Hearing. Members present were Chairman Bryan Bentz, Secretary June Strunk, Glenn Frishman, Tim O'Brien, Mike Fauerbach and Blunt White. Also present were Selectmen Rob Simmons and Mike Spellman, Finance Director James Sullivan, school administrators, Town employees and interested citizens.

Director of Assessment- Director Marsha Standish asked for an increase of \$5,500 for clerical salaries to cover appeals. Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the increase, Mr. White seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the action to zero out all the budget line items in Sanitariums budget totaling \$105,000, and move to a new line item called "Ledge Light Health District Membership" and increase the figure by \$30,500, for the yearly membership fee. Mrs. Strunk seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Frishman made a motion to increase of \$5,500 to Board of Assessment Appeals and \$30,500 increase to Ledge Light Health District to be offset by \$36,000 appropriation of Capital Improvements Fund, fund balance. Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and voting was unanimous.

Budget deliberations- Chairman Bentz asked if the Board would like to make comments. Mr. Fauerbach mentioned that it was a challenging year and took a lot of work. He said that he appreciated the thanks given, but there was a lot of work done outside of the Board. He said it was a collaborative effort across the Town Departments, the Boards, and that everyone deserves the credit and thanks. Mr. O'Brien stated that he thought they presented the best first draft that they could. Mrs. Strunk was appreciative of the departments that did not spend everything, as that is how they were able to offset the increase in mil rate due to the new school bonding in this budget. Mr. White said that he hopes everything goes right in Hartford for us, and that we have no control over what happens there.

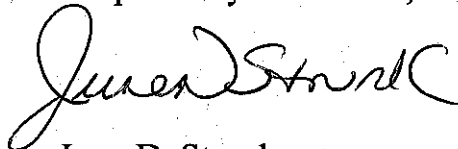
Mrs. Strunk made a motion that they send the budget as amended to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Frishman seconded, and voting was unanimous.

General Government	\$21,159,507
Board of Ed	\$37,037,483
Debt Service	\$6,364,705
CIP	\$3,034,785

Total Recommendation \$67,596,80 with a mil rate of 22.98

With no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Frishman made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Fauerbach seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "June D. Strunk".

June D. Strunk

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