

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in the Court Room.

ATTENDANCE THIS MEETING AND FOR ELECTION YEAR 2012-13 TOTAL 8, 5 REGULAR, 3 SPECIAL						
PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
	CLAUDE	JULIE	WENDY	VINCENT	KORD	KATE
FOR EY	PELLEGRINO	LUMPKINS	SCHNIP	CHRZANOWSKI	JABLONSKI	TIFFANY
REGULAR	100%	80%	100%	100%	80%	80%
SPECIAL	100%	67%	100%	100%	100%	100%

Also present: Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Dennison Allen, Barbara Silvestri, Peter Silvestri, Kevin Generous, Mike Smith, Hugh Schnip, Theo Horesco, Ed Meadows, Mike Meadows, Tracie Jencks, Gerry Meadows, Harry Segerstrom, Sr., Nancy Shull, Les Shull, George Allen, Thomas Girard, Gerry Lachance, Barry Kolar, Joseph Lussier, Sr., Denise Lance, and Austin Deschamps, Jr. First Selectman Cathy Osten arrived at 7:50 pm.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Generous spoke on the proposed budget suggesting the BoF support the public view and that there is a town meeting vote on the budget rather than a referendum.

Ed Meadows spoke on the reduction in hours to his position and his son's.

Theo Horesco, union agent for the town crew, spoke on the positions of the town crew and unfairness of changes.

Mike Meadows spoke on his behalf.

Gerry Meadows spoke on the position of Senior Center municipal agent.

Barry Kolar spoke in favor of reducing the Assessor's time.

2. REVIEW AND ACT ON MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2013 MONTHLY MEETING AND MARCH 14, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion made by V. Chrzanowski, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve said minutes. Discussion. W. Schnip recommended the following change: On March 14 minutes #4 second sentence to read as follows: C. Osten to ask BFD and surrounding towns if they have a vehicle washing system and the possibility of shared services and to ask DEEP if the system needed to be installed asap. Unanimously approved with amendment.

3. REVIEW AND DISCUSS MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Monthly management reports were reviewed.

4. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON END OF FY 2011-12 ACCOUNT TRANSFERS

End of year transfers readdressed per discussion with auditor.

Motion by J. Lumpkins, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve the end of year 2011-12 transfers as presented. Unanimously approved. **See attached.**

5. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE GRIST MILL

Tabled. C. Osten to get more info from engineer.

6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE TOWN GARAGE

Tabled. C. Osten to get more info from DEEP and other surrounding towns.

7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON RECOMMENDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 FOR THE WASTEWATER UPGRADE OF PUMP STATION II FUNDED BY A USDA GRANT AND CONTINGENT UPON RECEIVING SAID FUNDS

In conjunction with the \$500,000 from STEAP, this will be the total cost.

Motion made by K. Jablonski, seconded by V. Chrzanowski, to approve the recommendation of an appropriation of \$250,000 for the wastewater upgrade of Pump Station II funded by a USDA grant and contingent upon receiving said funds. Unanimously approved.

8. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON 2013-14 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

C. Pellegrino reviewed the function of the Board of Finance versus the Board of Selectmen.

Discussion included Bookkeeper salary increase, Grant writer salary increase, Library Director salary increase, Assessor salary and hours decrease, Highway Maintenance line item changes, new item Shared Services with School.

Discussion on a written services agreement between the Town of Sprague and the Baltic Fire Department.

C. Pellegrino stated and affirmed with the BoF that the BoF had agreed to support the purchase of the Baltic Fire Department ambulance under the condition that the BFD use, in part, the income from the ambulance service to pay for the ambulance.

9. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

The town garage is an ongoing project and may need more money.

10. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE

Re: School grants.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Silvestri spoke on his eliminated position and the effect it will have on the Town.

Tom Girard spoke on the decrease of a town crew position.

Harry Segerstrom spoke in support of four full-time road crew.

Mike Meadows spoke opposing all the cuts in positions being made and hopes these changes are reconsidered.

Les Shull spoke on the agreement on the ambulance and in support of the town crew, no decrease of a position.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

BoF to hold special meeting on Wednesday, March 27 on which the BoE will present their budget.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by V. Chrzanowski, seconded by W. Schnip, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

CLAUDE R. PELLEGRINO, CHAIRMAN