

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015**

ATTENDANCE THIS MEETING AND FOR ELECTION YEAR 2014-15 TOTAL 10, 5 REGULAR, 5 SPECIAL						
PRESENT	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
FOR EY	CLAUDE PELLEGRINO	WENDY SCHNIP	JOAN NAGLE	GERALD LACHANCE	ANN MARIE OSOWSKI	KATE TIFFANY
REGULAR	100%	40%	80%	80%	100%	100%
SPECIAL	75%	50%	75%	100%	75%	75%

Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Selectman Cheryl Blanchard, Megan Feinglass, Les Shull, and Tim Ricatta. Selectman Denise Dembinski arrived at 7:30 pm.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 by C. Pellegrino, Chairman.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Megan Feinglass asked if the BoF could discuss reallocating \$17,500 for the bowling item of the BoE budget.

**3. REVIEW AND ACT ON MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2015 REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 23, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING, AND APRIL 13, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING**

Motion made by J. Nagle, seconded by A. Osowski, to approve March 19 minutes. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by K. Tiffany, seconded by G. Lachance, to approve March 23 minutes. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by G. Lachance, seconded by A. Osowski, to approve April 13 minutes. Unanimously approved.

**4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS**

C. Osten reviewed monthly reports.

**5. REVIEW QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> PUBLIC HEARING AND DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON 2015-16 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Board reviewed comments and questions that were brought up at the budget hearing. J. Nagle commented the Baltic Fire Department members didn't understand the proposed financial arrangement on paying for a new ambulance. Discussion ensued.

The Board agreed to remove the BFD ambulance from this budget, but still leave open for discussion. Discussion on grants.

Per C. Osten, the Board of Selectmen approved April 27 as the date for the annual budget meeting at 7:00 pm in the town hall to be adjourned to referendum and May 5 as the date for the budget referendum.

Motion made by A. Osowski to recommend to the Town the 2015-16 total budget of up to \$8,924,027 with \$2,800,281 for the Town and \$6,123,747 for the Board of Education. Seconded by J. Nagle. Unanimously approved.

**6. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON TAX COLLECTOR SUSPENSE REPORT**

Motion made by G. Lachance to accept the Tax Collector Suspense Report. Seconded by J. Nagle. Unanimously approved.

**7. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON RECOMMENDING AN APPROPRIATION UP TO \$30,000 FROM THE OPEN SPACE FUND OR GRANT FOR THE ROBINSON PROPERTY SURVEY**

Motion made by J. Nagle to recommend an appropriation up to \$30,000 from the Open Space Fund or Grant for the Robinson Property Survey contingent upon receipt of said funds. Seconded by A. Osowski. Unanimously approved.

**8. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

C. Osten reported:

- Fusion status.
- The Solar Panel Project presentation that was held on April 14. Construction to begin in Summer 2016.
- New policies on ballfields.
- Road projects.

**9. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE**

The Board of Finance and the Fire Chief who was in attendance agreed that the Board fulfilled its obligation to inform the Baltic Fire Department of its decision on the ambulance. Financial Advisor discussion to be at the next meeting.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tim Ricatta, EMT and Treasurer of the BFD commented on their financials.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING**

None.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by A. Osowski, seconded by G. Lachance, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

CLAUDE R. PELLEGRINO, CHAIRMAN

**Minutes subject to approval at the next monthly meeting.**