

**BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm in the Finance Room by Claude Pellegrino, Chairman. Members present: Glenn Cheney, Julie Lumpkins and Wendy Schnip. Kate Tiffany arrived late. Absent: Karen Collins. Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Selectman Ed Meadows, Barbara Silvestri, Baltic Fire Department members Les Shull, Nancy Shull, Susan Deschamps, Larry Deschamps, Michael Meadows, Frank Davis, Jr., Thomas Girard, Robert Whipple, Heather Whipple, Michael St. Germain, Harry Segerstrom, Sr., Don Allen Jr., George Allen, Edward Bastien, Joseph Lussier, Reg Patchell, and Tim Ricatta, Bob Holdsworth, Billing contractor for the Baltic Fire Department, Gerry Meadows, and Cheryl Blanchard from Board of Education.

The Board agreed to discuss #4 first.

1. Budget update presentation by the Board of Education

C. Pellegrino met with the Board of Education superintendent yesterday. Discussion ensued. Cheryl Blanchard arrived at about 6:45 pm. Board generally agreed to wait until the issue with the MME is clarified; if needed the BOF agreed to request the BOE to revisit the salaries.

2. Budget update presentation by the Baltic Fire Department

Les Shull asked the Board to listen to Bob Holdsworth, President of Holdsworth Pelton give a recap of the billing system for ambulance service. There was discussion between BFD members and BOF and BOS for clarification.

3. Review and discuss treasurer versus bookkeeper position and financing

Plan is to change Treasurer, an elected official, to a primarily ceremonial position being paid a stipend. Part-time Bookkeeper to handle journal entries and most of Treasurer duties. To be continued at the next monthly meeting of April 21.

4. Review, discuss and possibly act on auditor RFP responses

The Town has received 4 responses. Board agreed to schedule interviews on April 19 tentatively starting at 10:00am with a possible decision at the monthly meeting.

5. Review, discuss and possibly act on the 2011-12 overall town budget

Board agreed to tentatively schedule the public hearing for Thursday, May 26. Discussion on the General Operating Budget. Will revisit to possibly make any changes that can be made. To be continued.

6. Adjournment

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Claude R. Pellegrino, Chairman