

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011
Rescheduled from Thursday, May 19, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm in the Court Room by Claude Pellegrino, Chairman. Members present: Glenn Cheney, Julie Lumpkins, Karen Collins, and Kate Tiffany. Absent: Wendy Schnip. Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Treasurer Jeannette Deschamps, Alan Ouellette, Kathy Ouellette, Debra Salvas and Jim Salvas.

1. Public Comment

Alan Ouellette inquired if changes were made to the BOE Superintendent and Principal line items.

2. Review and act on minutes of April 27, 2011 rescheduled monthly meeting

Motion made by G. Cheney, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to approve said minutes. Approved. K. Collins and K. Tiffany abstained.

3. Monthly Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Expenditure reports

Monthly reports were reviewed.

4. Final report of Inland Road project

J. Deschamps reported the project of reconstruction of portions of Inland Road was approved on 4/29/10 at a town meeting. Total expenses: \$138,006. Town's portion: \$34,501.51. Discussion on appropriating process.

5. Discuss and possibly act on 2011-12 budget recommendation for the town

C. Osten explained changes made to the Medical Insurance line item. Changed to \$123,530, changed to MEHIP. Shortfall of \$104,924.

Motion made by G. Cheney to recommend to the town the 2011-12 Total Budget of \$8,622,881 with \$2,629,144 for the Town and \$5,993,737 for the Board of Education. Seconded by J. Lumpkins. Unanimously approved.

Annual Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in the Senior Center. To be adjourned to Referendum scheduled for Tuesday, June 14.

6. Discuss and possibly act on recommending an appropriation of \$225,000 for a Rural Utilities Service grant from USDA for the upgrade of Pump Station No. 1 contingent upon receiving said funds

C. Osten explained the whole project of the Pump Station No. 1.

Motion made by K. Collins to recommend an appropriation of \$225,000 for a Rural Utilities Service grant from USDA for the upgrade of Pump Station No. 1 contingent upon receiving said funds. Seconded by J. Lumpkins. Unanimously approved.

7. Discuss and possibly act on resolutions for appropriation and bond and note authorization for the following:

Discussion included that repayment of these bonds will be the sole responsibility of the Sprague Water & Sewer Authority. C. Osten to initiate a written agreement between the Town and Sprague W&S to indicate the intent of this agreement.

7a. Sanitary Sewer System Pump Station No. 1 Rehabilitation

Motion made by J. Lumpkins, seconded by K. Tiffany, to approve the following resolution as written. Unanimously approved.

Item 7a:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Sprague appropriate \$900,000 for costs related to the rehabilitation of sanitary sewer system Pump Station No. 1, located off of Main Street on the south shore of the Shetucket River, contemplated to include the replacement of existing pumps and pump control system, motor control system and transfer switch, generator, heating and ventilation system and all related appurtenances; installation of a new grinder in the influent screening structure; rehabilitation of the structure to meet current codes and design standards; and related work and improvements; and that the Town authorize the issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 to finance the appropriation. The Town anticipates receiving a \$200,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant and a \$225,000 United States Department of Agriculture grant to defray in part the appropriation for the project, and the amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued to finance the appropriation shall be reduced by the amount of grants received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants are not separately appropriated to pay additional project costs.

7b. Sanitary Sewer Collection System Infrastructure Rehabilitation

Motion made by J. Lumpkins, seconded by K. Tiffany, to approve the following resolution as written. Unanimously approved.

Item 7b:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Sprague appropriate \$1,000,000 for costs related to the rehabilitation of portions of the sanitary sewer collection system infrastructure as to be determined by the Water and Sewer Authority, contemplated to include the replacement of pipe segments, rehabilitation of defective pipe segments and connections, replacement of manholes and rehabilitation of defective manhole components and connections; and related work and improvements; and that the Town authorize the issue bonds, notes or obligations and temporary notes or interim funding obligations in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 to finance the appropriation. The Town anticipates financing the project appropriation with loans through the State of Connecticut Clean Water Fund Program.

8. Discuss and possibly act on a policy and/or procedure for public dissemination of information

Board suggested sending public hearing notice out on eSprague. Also to have signs posted at post offices and outside the Town Hall building.

9. First Selectman's Report

Grist Mill to be under budget, almost completed.

Elevator to be installed soon.

Solar panels have been installed.

Upper High Street project is underway.

134-136 High Street has been removed, cleanup continued.

Sweeping of roads in progress.

10. Old Business Update

J. Lumpkins inquired about funds from the Government for winter expenses. She also inquired about the 150th Celebration revenue/expenditure status. J. Lumpkins requested financials on the 150th.

11. Public Comment

None.

12. Any other business proper to come before said meeting

None.

13. Adjournment

Motion made by G. Cheney, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Claude R. Pellegrino, Chairman