

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in the Finance Room by Claude Pellegrino, Chairman. Members present: Glenn Cheney, Julie Lumpkins, Kate Tiffany, and Wendy Schnip. Absent: K. Collins. Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Treasurer Jeannette Deschamps and Susan Zimmerman.

1. Review and act on minutes of March 18, 2010 monthly meeting and March 25, 2010 special meeting

Motion made by G. Cheney, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to approve March 18 minutes. Approved. K. Tiffany abstained.

Motion made by J. Lumpkins, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve March 25 minutes. Discussion. G. Cheney commented on item #3 second paragraph. To clarify, changed to read "The Board of Finance supports the Board of Education spending the estimated surplus of this current fiscal year and the Board of Finance is reducing the 2010-11 BOE budget by \$40,000."

Motion made by J. Lumpkins, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve the amended minutes. Unanimously approved

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

J. Deschamps reviewed monthly reports.

3. Discuss and possibly act on accepting a donation from Cascades Boxboard Group in the amount of \$200 for the food pantry

Motion made by W. Schnip to accept a donation from Cascades Boxboard Group in the amount of \$200 for the food pantry. Seconded by J. Lumpkins. Unanimously approved.

4. Discuss and possibly act on recommending an appropriation of \$25,000 funded by a USDA grant for the Sewer Treatment Plant study and contingent upon receiving said funds

Project consists of looking into Cascades connecting into Sprague Sewer Treatment System. Entire project is \$55,000.

Motion made by G. Cheney to recommend an appropriation of \$25,000 funded by a USDA grant for the Sewer Treatment Plant study and contingent upon receiving said funds. Seconded by K. Tiffany. Unanimously approved.

5. Discuss and possibly act on recommending an appropriation of \$56,000 funded by FEMA to repair Inland Road and contingent upon receiving said funds

Whole project may cost \$120,000. Chance FEMA may not fund this.

Motion made by G. Cheney to recommend an appropriation of up to \$120,000 to repair Inland Road with the possibility of funding by FEMA with option of bonding. Seconded by W. Schnip. Unanimously approved.

6. Discuss and possibly act on recommending an appropriation of \$69,935 funded by a USDA grant for solar panels and contingent upon receiving said funds

USDA is funding 1/3 of this project. CT Clean Energy Fund will be funding 2/3 of the project. If CT Clean Energy Fund is not received, USDA fund would be returned.

Motion made by C. Cheney to recommend an appropriation of \$69,935 funded by a USDA grant for solar panels and contingent upon receiving all necessary funds. Seconded by J. Lumpkins. Unanimously approved.

7. Review and discuss public response to budget hearing

G. Cheney and W. Schnip noted there were no comments to cut anything in the budget except for the \$1,000 for the referendum. Board agreed.

8. Discuss and possibly act on 2010-11 budget recommendation for the annual budget meeting

Motion made by J. Lumpkins to recommend to the town the 2010-11 Total Budget of \$8,493,840 with \$2,652,166 for the Town and \$5,841,674 for the Board of Education. Seconded by G. Cheney. W. Schnip commented she wishes more cuts were made. C. Pellegrino, G. Cheney, J. Lumpkins, and K. Tiffany voted yes. W. Schnip voted no. Approved.

First Selectman noted that the Town meeting will be on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 pm in Senior Center to be adjourned to referendum. Referendum will be on May 4.

9. Discuss and possibly act on public comment policy and procedure

Motion made by W. Schnip to approve the public comment policy and procedure as presented and discussed by the Board. Seconded by G. Cheney. Unanimously approved.

By general acclamation it was agreed to add Public Comment as the first item and also leave that item toward the end of each meeting.

10. First Selectman's Report

Problem with the sweeper; to cost \$11,000 to fix. Vendor can fix partially for \$5,000. Sold equipment to offset cost of fixing sweeper.

11. Old Business Update

None.

12. Public Comment

None.

13. Any other business proper to come before said meeting

W. Schnip suggests moving Selectman's Report to the beginning of the agenda. After discussion, Board agreed to leave as is.

C. Osten would like to see policies in order or subcommittee to work on policies and procedures for various financial situations. Will continue discussion at the next monthly meeting.

14. Adjournment

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.