

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm in the Court Room by Claude Pellegrino, Chairman. Members present: Glenn Cheney, Julie Lumpkins, Kate Tiffany, and Wendy Schnip. Absent: Karen Collins. Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Barbara Silvestri, Leslie Shull, Nancy Shull, Tom Girard, Robert Tardif, Interim Superintendent Jules D'Agostino, Cheryl Blanchard, Susan Zimmerman, Debra Salvas, and Jim Salvas.

**1. Public Comment**

Mrs. Salvas commented on the road situation on Birchwood Terrace.

**2. Review and act on minutes of February 17, 2011 monthly meeting, March 3 and March 10, 2011 special meetings**

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by K. Tiffany, to approve Feb. 17 minutes.

Approved. J. Lumpkins and G. Cheney abstained.

Motion made by J. Lumpkins, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve March 3 minutes.

Approved. G. Cheney abstained.

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by K. Tiffany, to approve March 10 minutes.

Approved. J. Lumpkins and G. Cheney abstained.

Motion made by G. Cheney to move to item #4 before item #3, seconded by K. Tiffany.

Motion denied.

**3. Budget Presentation by the Board of Education**

Jules D'Agostino, interim Superintendent and Cheryl Blanchard presented the Board of Education 2011-12 proposed budget totaling \$6,156,504, an increase of 5.4% from last year.

C. Osten stated grant writer looking into competitive grants for education. Discussion on ED001 and the MBR.

This discussion to continue at a Special Meeting to be held on March 24.

**4. Budget update by the Fire Department**

Leslie Shull discussed the Ambulance billing issue. Discussion also on the 990 form.

**5. Monthly Tax Collector, Treasurer, and Town Expenditure reports**

Monthly reports were reviewed.

**6. Discuss and possibly act on recommending an appropriation for 134-136 High Street demolition project**

Motion made by W. Schnip to recommend an appropriation of up to \$35,000 for the 134-136 High Street demolition project. Seconded by G. Cheney. Unanimously approved. To go to a town meeting.

**7. Discuss and possibly act on an appropriation of \$12,000 funded by a grant from the Office of Policy and Management for the 2007 Plan of Conservation and Development and contingent upon receiving said funds**

Motion made by J. Lumpkins to recommend an appropriation of \$12,000 funded by a grant from the Office of Policy and Management for the 2007 Plan of Conservation and Development and contingent upon receiving said funds. Seconded by W. Schnip. Unanimously approved.

**8. Discuss and possibly act on the Tax Collector suspense report**

Motion made by W. Schnip to approve the tax collector suspense report as presented. Seconded by J. Lumpkins. Unanimously approved.

**9. Review, discuss, and possibly act on the 2011-12 Town Budget**

C. Osten handed out the information on Pool Secretaries that the Board requested and reviewed updated town buildings' proposed capital projects. To be continued on March 24 at 6:00 pm.

**10. First Selectman's Report**

April 23 is designated as free Transfer Station day including any bulky waste and it will also be Earth Day.

C. Osten reported the Upper High Street project bid was finalized and Lacroix Project will be going out to bid soon.

C. Osten stated the town is still applying for competitive grants.

**11. Old Business Update**

C. Pellegrino will present explanatory information on reevaluation at the next meeting.

**12. Public Comment**

Robert Tardif commented on reducing the BOE budget and voting separately on the BOE and town budgets.

**13. Any other business proper to come before said meeting**

None.

**14. Adjournment**

Motion made by G. Cheney, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Claude R. Pellegrino, Chairman