

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in the Court Room.

ATTENDANCE THIS MEETING AND FOR ELECTION YEAR 2011-12 TOTAL 5, 4 REGULAR, 1 SPECIAL						
PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
FOR EY	CLAUDE PELLEGRINO	JULIE LUMPKINS	WENDY SCHNIP	DEBORAH BAKER	KATE TIFFANY	KORD JABLONSKI
REGULAR	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	100%
SPECIAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-

Also present: Donna Leake, Donna Cloutier, Cheryl Blanchard, Dennison Allen, Alan Ouellette, Kathy Ouellette, Dave Solomon, Susan Zimmerman, and Margaret Campanelli. First Selectman Catherine Osten arrived at 8:05 pm.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**2. BUDGET PRESENTATION BY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Donna Leake presented and reviewed the 2012-13 BOE budget. 2.32% increase from 2011-12. Extensive discussion on budget due to change in line items.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alan Ouellette spoke on the top 3 officials of the school: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Principal comparing salaries with other abutting towns. Not in support of BoE budget. Kathy Ouellette stated the State would give municipalities different items such as computers, furniture, etc as needed and suggested the BoE look into this. Dave Solomon spoke on BoE budget, wished for more clarity.

**4. REVIEW AND ACT ON MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2012 MONTHLY MEETING**

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by K. Jablonski, to approve said minutes. W. Schnip suggested changes: To move statement in Public Comment #11 to #3. #4 – Add to 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence “other B.F.D. members”. Motion made by J. Lumpkins, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve minutes with amendments. Unanimously approved.

	Claude Pellegrino	Julie Lumpkins	Wendy Schnip	Deborah Baker	Kord Jablonski	Kate Tiffany
Vote	Yea	Yea	Yea	<i>Absent</i>	Yea	Yea

**5. REVIEW AND DISCUSS MONTHLY REPORTS**

Tabled.

**6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS BUDGET PRESENTATION SCHEDULE**

A Special meeting is scheduled for March 22 for budget presentations from the Library and the First Selectman; a special meeting is scheduled for March 29 for budget presentations from the Baltic Fire Department. BoF may also meet on April 5.

**7. UPDATE FROM BFD AD HOC COMMITTEE**

W. Schnip and K. Jablonski reported the Baltic Fire Department is working with its accountant to reorganize their financial books. Baltic Fire Department agreed to submit monthly reports on ambulance charges. Schnip and Jablonski will meet again with the BFD before their budget presentation.

**8. REVIEW AND DISCUSS BUDGET SUBMISSIONS**

Tabled.

**9. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

C. Osten reported a settlement is near on the lawsuit between the Town of Sprague and Sprague Paperboard and Cascade Boxboard LLC.

**10. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE**

None.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by J. Lumpkins, seconded by K. Jablonski, to adjourn. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.						
	Claude Pellegrino	Julie Lumpkins	Wendy Schnip	Deborah Baker	Kord Jablonski	Kate Tiffany
Vote	Yea	Yea	Yea	<i>Absent</i>	Yea	Yea

Claude R. Pellegrino, Chairman