

**BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014**

This Special Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Claude Pellegrino, Chairman.

ATTENDANCE THIS MEETING AND FOR ELECTION YEAR 2013-14 TOTAL 12, 5 REGULAR, 7 SPECIAL						
PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
FOR EY	CLAUDE PELLEGRINO	WENDY SCHNIP	ELLEN FROST	GERALD LACHANCE	ANN MARIE OSOWSKI	KATE TIFFANY
REGULAR	100%	60%	100%	80%	100%	100%
SPECIAL	100%	71%	100%	86%	100%	100%

Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Selectman Cheryl Blanchard, Superintendent Judy Benson-Clarke, Terri Woronecki, Joseph Osowski, Mary Chartier, Les Shull, and Nancy Shull. Selectman Denise Dembinski arrived at 7:55 pm. Tom Hannon arrived at 8:00 pm.

1. REVIEW AND ACT ON MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2014 MONTHLY MEETING, MARCH 27, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING, APRIL 3, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING, AND APRIL 22, 2014 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion made by E. Frost, seconded by W. Schnip, to approve March 20, 2014 minutes. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by E. Frost, seconded by K. Tiffany, to approve March 27, 2014 minutes. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by E. Frost, seconded by K. Tiffany, to approve April 3, 2014 minutes. Unanimously approved.

Motion made by E. Frost, seconded by K. Tiffany, to approve April 22, 2014 minutes. Unanimously approved.

2. REVIEW AND DISCUSS MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed.

3. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON 2014-15 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Discussion on budget referendum. Budget did not pass.

W. Schnip stated some parts of the budget concerns from residents.

C. Osten procured a lower Fire Department Insurance- from \$26,500 to \$16,000

W. Schnip suggested and the Board agreed to start with a 1 mil increase.

C. Pellegrino suggested considering reducing BOE budget, capital for tree removal, and Fire Department.

C. Pellegrino stated email received from Terri Woronecki (BOE Chair) expectations in increased Board of Education cost.

A. Osowski suggested reducing Fire Department.

E. Frost suggested reducing BOE by \$8,000 and Fire Department by \$25,000.

The Board agreed on the following changes:

- Mill rate: reduce to 31.00
- Remove Capital: Tree Removal and Pruning from \$19,000 to \$0
- Reduce Insurance-Fire Department from \$26,500 to \$16,000
- Reduce Board of Education bottom line to \$6,027,331
- Reduce Fire Department from \$130,000 to \$105,000

- Increase in Municipal Revenue Sharing Grant of \$11,507
- Increase in State PILOT Property Grant of \$1,821
- Increase in Mashantucket Pequot-Mohegan Grant of \$1,590

Motion made by K. Tiffany to recommend to the Town the 2014-15 Total Budget of up to \$8,803,655 with \$2,776,324 for the Town and \$6,027,331 for the Board of Education. Seconded by E. Frost. Discussion on Special Town Meeting proceedings. Approved 4 to 1. W. Schnip opposed.

4. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON COMMITTEES FOR BFD AND INSURANCE

C. Osten suggests a committee comprised of BOF members to look into different medical insurances.

W. Schnip suggests a committee for BOE medical insurance negotiations. This discussion to continue at the next meeting.

W. Schnip and A. Osowski volunteered to be on a committee for BFD negotiations.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION ON TOWN AUDITOR

Motion made by W. Schnip to go into executive session to discuss Auditor, inviting C. Osten and C. Hoffman. Seconded by A. Osowski. Approved.

Executive session started at 8:25 pm.

Board agreed to come out of executive session at 8:45 pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by K. Tiffany, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

CLAUDE R. PELLEGRINO, CHAIRMAN