

**BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2011**

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm in the Court Room by Claude Pellegrino, Chairman. Members present: Glenn Cheney, Julie Lumpkins, Karen Collins, Kate Tiffany, and Wendy Schnip. Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Selectman Ed Meadows, Gerry Meadows, and Susan Zimmerman.

1. Review, discuss and possibly act on the overall 2011-12 town budget

Discussion on Board of Education budget. By general acclamation, the Board agreed that the BOE should resubmit a budget in the range of 0 to 2.6% increase due to economic concerns and uncertain revenue.

On general government side, C. Osten proposes the following decreases:

6810-5 – \$ 1,800

7002-1 – \$ 7,317

7002-2 – \$ 1,462

7004-3 – \$ 500

6500-6 – still working on

6500-5 – \$31,899

Fire Department – Discussion. As an interim solution, the Board agreed that the BFD should resubmit its operating budget to distinguish ambulance service expenditures from fire department expenditures and that the BFD should be responsible for all future ambulance service operating and capital expenditures.

Board agreed on fixed amounts as stipends for elected officials:

Selectmen – \$1,459 (\$1,200 stipend)

Tree warden – \$1,600

Emergency Mgmt – \$2,200

On general government, there was discussion on salaries. Discussion to be continued.

2. Review and discuss town hearing presentation for the 2011-12 budget

Hearing presentation to include reevaluation explanation. Special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 pm.

3. Adjournment

Motion made by W. Schnip, seconded by J. Lumpkins, to adjourn. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Claude R. Pellegrino, Chairman