

**BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm in the Court Room.

ATTENDANCE THIS MEETING AND FOR ELECTION YEAR 2011-12 TOTAL 8, 4 REGULAR, 4 SPECIAL						
PRESENT	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
FOR EY	CLAUDE PELLEGRINO	JULIE LUMPKINS	WENDY SCHNIP	DEBORAH BAKER	KORD JABLONSKI	KATE TIFFANY
REGULAR	100%	100%	100%	50%	100%	100%
SPECIAL	100%	75%	75%	25%	100%	100%

Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Denise Dembinski, Dennison Allen, Les Shull, Nancy Shull, Donald Allen Jr., George Allen, Michael St. Germain, Harry Segerstrom Sr., Tracy Medling, Carmella Turner, Arthur Blais Sr., Adam Blais, Joseph Lussier Sr., Michael Meadows, Thomas Connors, Michael Smith, Terri Woronecki, Reg Patchell, Jody Enslow, Noah Enslow, Robert Whipple III, and Heather Whipple.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. DISCUSS AND POSSIBLY ACT ON 2012-13 BUDGET HEARING RECOMMENDATION

C. Osten spoke about the loss of tax revenue for FY 2012-13 of \$124,000 due to tax settlement with Carastar et al. A much larger potential loss was averted. C. Osten suggested the BoF raise revenue due from taxes \$110,000 back taxes raise up to \$145,000. ECS - \$2,628,551; Total Revenue: \$8,477,625.

Suggested expenditure changes by Selectmen:

<p>Operating budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog licenses (6040-3) increased to \$350. • Pool secretaries (6050) split into 2 items – secretary and land use secretary – same • Assistant Planner reduced by \$2,000 • Public works salary: corrected • Storm materials decreased by \$5,000 • Police Department overtime decreased by \$5,000 • BFD decreased by \$3,600 • Recycling (6700-3) decreased by \$1,000 • Recreation salaries decreased by \$300 • Shetucket River Fest: decreased \$400 • Museum clerk removed • Legal ads decreased by \$1,500 due to regionalizing <p>After suggested changes, Total operating expenditures excluding debt and CNR \$2,059,586</p>	<p>Capital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roads: Tree removal decreased to \$12,000 • File cabinets were added • Town Hall boilers clarified funding split of 2/3 Grant 1/3 Town share • Traffic laser gun & mirrors moved to next year under operating budget • Grist Mill refurbishing increased to \$45,000 • Parks and Recreation moved to next year • Retaining wall behind firehouse removed, to apply for grant • Diesel fuel pump moved into budget • Moved Board of Education items to next year. <p>After suggested changes, Total capital & non-recurring expenditures \$61,660</p>
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C. Osten spoke on this year's audit. Fund balance (Pg. 34-Audit)

J. Lumpkins left at 9:00 pm.

C. Osten indicated the grant writer could assist the BoE in looking for grants. The BoF recommended that the first selectman send written notes to all appropriate town agencies indicating that the grant writer could assist them including the BFD.

Continued discussion on roads and trucks: The BoS will reevaluate and present different amounts to BoF.

As members of the BFD were present, the BoF discussed the BFD capital request for a new ambulance. From the information provided by the BFD to W. Schnip and K. Jablonski, the ambulance service appears to have the monthly net cash flow to support financing payments. The BoF suggested that it work out such an arrangement with the BFD and the Town. L. Shull stated the BFD voted unanimously that they will not pay for an ambulance and that the Town is responsible for the purchase of a new ambulance. A discussion followed with BFD members. A BFD member indicated that the BFD planned on saving money to purchase the next ambulance in ten years but the town should purchase this one. C. Pellegrino indicated that if the BFD could save enough money to buy an ambulance in ten years then the BFD had enough money to pay for one now. The cash flows were equivalent on a present value basis. The BoF requested of the BFD by the next BoF meeting: monthly accounts balances and summary statements of cash flow of ambulance billing funds from the present to as far back as their recordkeeping permitted.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Noah Enslow commended the Baltic Fire Department and pleaded for support of BFD.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSS SCHEDULE

Regular monthly meeting next week.

5. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION MADE BY W. SCHNIP, SECONDED BY K. JABLONSKI, TO ADJOURN. APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:10 PM.						
	Claude Pellegrino	Julie Lumpkins	Wendy Schnip	Deborah Baker	Kord Jablonski	Kate Tiffany
Vote	Yea	<i>Absent</i>	Yea	<i>Absent</i>	Yea	Yea

CLAUDE R. PELLEGRINO, CHAIRMAN