

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2013**

ATTENDANCE THIS MEETING AND FOR ELECTION YEAR 2013-14 TOTAL 2, 2 REGULAR, 0 SPECIAL						
PRESENT	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	
FOR EY	CLAUDE PELLEGRINO	WENDY SCHNIP	ELLEN FROST	GERALD LACHANCE	KATE TIFFANY	EMPTY SEAT
REGULAR	100%	50%	100%	100%	100%	N/A
SPECIAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Also present: First Selectman Catherine Osten, Selectmen Denise Dembinski and Cheryl Blanchard, Superintendent Ed Senesac, Judy Benson-Clark, and Terri Woronecki from the Board of Ed; Dennison Allen, Todd Hastings, and Kathleen Kocon from the Sprague Water & Sewer Authority.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm in the Court Room by C. Pellegrino, Chairman.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. DISCUSS BOE FINANCIALS WITH SAME

Ed Senesac, Judy Benson-Clark and Terri Woronecki discussed Board of Education financials:

- Boiler needs repairing, replacing; no other major problems, staying within budget.
- Do not anticipate any capital projects in the near future.
- FY 2014-15: Anticipate 4.39% (262,000) increase, initially proposed. Not definite, still working on the proposed budget.

Ed Senesac stated he would be retiring effective January 1, 2014; Judy Benson-Clark to be appointed as Superintendent effective January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014.

4. DISCUSS WATER & SEWER AUTHORITY FINANCIALS WITH SAME

C. Pellegrino explained to new members the Water & Sewer Authority is part of the town, but operates as a separate financial entity.

Kathleen Kocon gave overall summary of the Water & Sewer financials. Asking BoF to anticipate W&S asking for \$30,000 to assist in the construction of Pump Station 2. C. Pellegrino requested from W&S amount of reserves.

5. REVIEW AND ACT ON MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 21, 2013

Motion by E. Frost, to approve said minutes. Seconded by G. Lachance. Unanimously approved.

6. REVIEW AND DISCUSS MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORTS

C. Osten reviewed with the Board the monthly management reports.

G. Lachance suggested the Budget vs. Actual Report be in color to show over and under budget items. To be discussed further.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

C. Osten reported on the following:

- The Auditor's annual report delayed due to Bookkeeper on maternity leave.
- Presented a letter from Troop E reporting the monthly police services occurring within the Town of Sprague.
- Presented data from the Quinebaug Dispatchers on the Baltic FD EMS calls to Sprague and to other towns and EMS and Fire Mutual Aid received from other towns.
- Report from the TVCCA on services to the Town of Sprague from 10/1/12.
- To have Special Town meeting on December 30 on a resolution on C-Pace for town business and advisory questions regarding a defined benefit plan for the union employees and the non-union employees.
- Shetucket Village finished by this time next year. Completely grant funded.
- Sidewalks to Shetucket Village finished.
- New lights installed on the Lord's Bridge, completely grant funded.
- Grist Mill refurbishing project nearly completed.
- Town Garage also nearly finished. Working through couple problems with new boiler system.
- 2 projects put out to bid: Maple Avenue roadwork and Pump Station 2.
- MME money (now called Municipal Sharing) to be closely watched.

8. OLD BUSINESS UPDATE

C. Pellegrino stated need to schedule a special meeting prior to the next monthly meeting at 6:30 pm to conduct interviews on candidates to fill board open seat.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID MEETING

C. Osten stated Sprague listed in Connecticut Magazine in the top ten.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by K. Tiffany to adjourn. Seconded by E. Frost. So voted. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

CLAUDE R. PELLEGRINO, CHAIRMAN