Town of East Hampton

Board of Finance

Special Meeting

Wednesday March 27, 2013

East Hampton High School Library

**Approved Minutes**

**Present**: Timothy Csere, Mary Ann Dostaler, Ted Turner, Tom O’Brien, David Monighetti, Patience Anderson and Matthew Walton.

**1-2. Chairman Walton called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**3. Public Remarks:** Ten residents of East Hampton and 3 members of the High School Building Committee spoke in favor of the High School Renovations Project and asked the board to approve the appropriation.

**4. Approval of meeting minutes:**

1. March 15, 2013 budget workshop – **Timothy Csere motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Patience Anderson. Motion approved: Yes: 6; No: 0; Abstain: 1**
2. March 18, 2013 regular meeting- Mary Ann Dostaler requested the following corrections: Item #5: The word “message” should be omitted and replace with “a copy of the

 letter to the editor”.

 Item#9b – The word “has” in the second sentence should be changed to “had”.

 Item #9d – The word “finance” should be changed to “budget”.

 **Timothy Csere motioned to approve the minutes with the suggested changes,**

 **seconded by Patience Anderson. Motion approved: Yes: 7; No: 0**

1. March 19, 2013 budget forum – **Timothy Csere motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Patience Anderson. Motion approved: Yes: 7; No: 0**

**5. To consider and act upon a resolution recommending an appropriation for the East**

 **Hampton High School Renovations, Improvements and Additions Project, and**

 **recommending the issues of bonds and notes to finance the portion of the**

 **appropriation not defrayed from grants.**

Patience Anderson read aloud the Resolution of Board of Finance for the East Hampton High

 School Renovations, Improvements and Additions which was seconded by Mary Ann Dostaler.

 Timothy Csere stated that he would vote no to the Resolution because of the cost and due to the

 lack of design options. He went on to add that the funding for the athletic field lighting be put in

 Capital.

 Mary Ann Dostaler voted to accept the Resolution. She stated that in her opinion it would be

 fiscally irresponsible for the board not to accept it.

 Ted Turner was opposed to the resolution stating that he was not comfortable with the price of

 the project and felt that the tax payers would find it difficult to afford the tax increase. Ted

 stated that he would accept the athletic field lighting.

David Monighetti voted in favor of the resolution.

 Patience Anderson voted against the resolution. Patience explained the criteria of the Debt

 Policy and provided factual financial trends that supported her decision.

 Tom O’Brien voted against the Resolution stating that the cost of the project was too much. He

 went on to add that he approves of the athletic field lighting but that it should not be part of the

 Resolution but that it should be bonded.

 Matthew Walton was opposed to the cost of the project stating that the cost is a burden to the

 taxpayers. Mr. Walton was not opposed to the lighting for the athletic field but suggested that it

 be omitted from the Resolution and to have the request go through the proper process.

 Mr.Walton added that he would like to see the Resolution go to the voters to decide.

 **Chairman Walton asked the board members to vote on the resolution as presented:**

 **Opposed: 5; In Favor: 2**

 **Motion: The Resolution was denied.**

 A discussion followed regarding making amendments to the Resolution and returning with a

 new Resolution that would omit the Board of Ed space and the athletic field lighting.

 Mary Ann Dostaler made a motion to make the following amendments to the Resolution: to omit

 the athletic field lighting and the Board of Ed space.

 David Monighetti seconded the motion.

 Patience Anderson suggested that the Building Committee revise the plans and return to the board

 with the suggested changes.

  **6**. **Adjournment: Patience Anderson motioned to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Timothy Csere. Motion approved: Yes: 7; No: 0**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Castonguay

Recording Secretary