

**Litchfield Board of Finance  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 21, 2013**

**Call to Order:** Chairman David Geiger called the meeting to order in the LIS Art Room at 7:05pm with David W. Wilson, Ed Gadomski, Mitchell Fishman, Ed Weik and David Pettinicchi (Alt.) present.

Anne Dranginis (Alt.) and Brenda Barnes were absent. Chairman Geiger appointed David Pettinicchi (Alt.) a full member.

Also present were Leo Paul, Rose Bouchard, and Sky Post.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Ed Weik moved to accept the 6-12-13 special meeting minutes and Ed Gadomski seconded the motion. All voted aye with David Pettinicchi abstaining and the motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Ed Weik moved to accept the 9-9-13 regular meeting minutes and Ed Gadomski seconded the motion. There was one correction by Rose Bouchard: On Pg 4, 1<sup>st</sup> ¶, \$1,120,649 should be \$1,125,649. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Finance Director's Monthly Report and 2014 Draft Budget Meeting Schedule**

Rose Bouchard distributed the Town of Litchfield First Quarter Expense Report and the Town of Litchfield First Quarter Revenue Report and answered several questions from Board members. She also distributed a Draft Budgeting Schedule for the BOF.

**Motion:** Ed Weik moved to approve the Draft Budgeting Schedule and David Wilson seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Rose will provide this schedule to Roxanne and the LIS for meeting scheduling and Chairman Geiger will ask Superintendent Wheeler if the BOE budget will be ready by 2-10-2014.

As of 9-30-13, the town has collected 53.5% of revenue and has spent 22.8% of the BOS budget 25% through the fiscal year. The town is also 41.3% committed through encumbrances.

**Board of Selectman's Update:**

Leo Paul said he met with Morris First Selectman Barbara Bongiolatti concerning the Bantam River jam since 80% of Bantam Lake is in the town of Morris. It was agreed that the Litchfield Public Works Director, Litchfield First Selectman, Morris First Selectman and two members from the Bantam Lakes Authority would work together on a new mechanical system to control the water level in Bantam Lake. This will be funded by STEEP and Seherr-Thoss Foundation.

Mr. Paul said the BOS met to discuss the school laptop fee issue but decided to give the BOE the authority on this. If that does not satisfactorily resolve the parents' concerns, the BOS will take action on this next year.

**New Business:**

- a. **Financial Transfers:** There were no financial transfers.
- b. **Correspondence:** Chairman Geiger said the Board of Finance received a letter from a group called Citizens Concerned about Route 202 (CAR) that detailed their concerns about the sale of land on #202 to the Litchfield Housing Trust to be used for affordable housing. The group is asking the Board of Finance to take action on this issue but Chairman Geiger said he believes the BOF has no jurisdiction in this matter.

Leo Paul said the Litchfield Housing Trust has appeared before Inland Wetlands and will follow their recommendations, and the proposed new housing will not affect the wetlands portion of this property. In June of 2013, First Selectman Paul discussed this issue with the Connecticut state legislature which passed a validating act confirming that the action taken by the town of Litchfield in this matter was appropriate and proper. Therefore, the Board of Finance approval of the town's sale of this property to the LHT was also appropriate and proper.

- c. **Payment of Bills:** There were no bills for payment.
- d. **Future Agenda Items:**
  - i. Mitchell Fishman said the Pension Commission received a year-end performance review and this should be discussed at a future BOF meeting.
  - ii. Chairman Geiger said that Brenda Barnes believed she received the BOE technology plan from Jason Lathrop, but as Mitchell Fishman noted, that plan is not updated and this should be addressed at a future BOF meeting.
  - iii. Since Jason Lathrop had another meeting tonight, his agenda item of the BOE Year-End Financials as of 8-30-13 vs. 2012/2013 Budget will be discussed at a future BOF meeting.

**Committee Reports:** There were no committee reports.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** Ed Weik moved to adjourn at 8:30pm and Ed Gadomski seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Jaacks  
Recording Secretary