

***AMENDED Minutes from the July 25, 2013 meeting.***

**THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE**

The Board of Finance held their regular meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2013 in the Council chambers at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman John Kortze called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Present: John Kortze, Harry Waterbury, James Gaston, jr., John Godin

Absent: Joseph Kearney, Carol Walsh

**Also Present:** First Selectman Pat Llodra, Director of Park & Recreation Amy Mangold, Ed Marks, one member of the public and two member of the press

**Voter Participation:**

**Communications:** John Kortze welcomed John Godin to the Board of Finance.

**Minutes:** Mr. Waterbury moved to accept the minutes of June 27, 2013. Mr. Gaston seconded, motion unanimously accepted.

**First Selectman's Report:** Mrs. Llodra gave the board a schedule for the \$50 million dollar referendum for Sandy Hook School. It will be with the BOF on August 22 and advertised by September 20<sup>th</sup>. The referendum will be Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> if all goes on schedule.

John Kortze asked if there was an issue with residents not being able to get into the room for the town meeting last evening. Mrs. Llodra responded that the effectiveness and the legality of the meeting was not affected by the room size. There is no way to know how many people would attend. It was estimated 100 people would attend, which the room fits, but twice that amount attended.

**Finance Director's Report:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*Policy on depositing unexpended education funds to the Capital/Non-Recurring Fund* – Not discussed

*Board of Education Reserve Fund Statute* – Not discussed

*Board of Education Monthly Financial Report, May 31, 2013* – Not discussed

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion and possible action:**

Mr. Waterbury moved to transfer \$500 from Dues & Travel to Senior Center Operating Exp. Mr. Gaston seconded. All in favor(Attachment A)

Mr. Waterbury moved to transfer \$161,579 from Capital to Contingency, Mr. Godin seconded. All in favor(Attachment B)

Mr. Waterbury moved to transfer \$29,000 from Contingency to \$25,000 to Capital and \$4,000 to Uninsured Losses, Mr. Godin seconded. All in favor(Attachment C)

Mr. Waterbury moved to transfer \$28,807 from Contingency to various salary and benefit accounts as reflected in attachment D. Mr. Godin seconded, all in Favor.

Mr. Waterbury moved to transfer \$38,670 from Contingency to various salary and benefit accounts as reflected in attachment E. Mr. Godin seconded, all in favor

Mr. Waterbury moved the resolution providing for a Special Appropriation in the amount of \$5,000 to be funded from the Sandy Hook Special Revenue Fund “undesignated” account 33-500. Mr. Godin Seconded. This is for space made available by Peter D’Amico on South Main Street for the call center and the GE team at no cost to the town. All in favor.

Mr. Waterbury moved the year end re-appropriations as reflected in attachment F. Mr. Godin seconded. There is more this year than is typical. This is because we were so impacted with what happened in December and haven’t been able to complete projects. The money is being carried over to complete the work. All in favor.

Mr. Waterbury moved the resolution providing for a special appropriation in the amount of \$774,162 for the demolition of the existing playground area and the planning, design, acquisition and construction of a new playground area at Dickinson Park located in the Town of Newtown, Connecticut as authorized in the capital improvement program (2013-14 to 2017-2018, inclusive) and authorizing the issuance of \$774,162 bonds of the town to meet said special appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowing for such purpose. The reading of the full resolution was waved. Mr. Godin seconded. All in favor

The resolution authorizes the expenditures no greater than \$774,162. \$438,000 will be bonded. **The Park Gift fund has received \$287,450 in donations and donations are still being raised. If they do not get enough donations to cover the balance, the Parks and Recreation Commission has authorized the use of the surcharge account for up to \$48,712.00. It is the donors’ intention to enhance the project, not to supplement the CIP funding and to complete the entire original playground concept design.**

*Announcements* – None

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Arlene Miles,  
Clerk Pro-Tem

Attachment A: Transfer  
Attachment B: Transfer  
Attachment C: Transfer  
Attachment D: Transfer  
Attachment E: Transfer  
Attachment F: Year End Re-appropriations