

North Stonington Board of Finance
Draft Meeting Minutes
of
Wednesday, May 29, 2013
New Town Hall
North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Spring called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Brent Woodward, Mike Urgo, Mustapha Ratib and Emile Pavolvics were present. Peter Nimirowski was absent.
2. **Public Comments and Questions:** Joe Gross encouraged the Board to present the budget, in the next public forum, in a fashion that explained the essence of the need for any increase and not just facts and figures.
3. **BOS: EMS Complex Updates:** Mark Perkins, spokesperson for the NS Fire/EMS facility project provided the Board the USDA "Letter of Intent to Meet Conditions" (REV. 6-10) which needs to be submitted 60 days after Town approval of the project should they be the means of borrowing. Peter Springsteel, the architect that has been working with the NS Fire/EMS facility committee presented an overview of his involvement with the USDA and other projects. Points of interest include the following;
 - In a twelve year span he had done four such projects with the USDA.
 - When funding is appropriated through the USDA another layer of construction/spending approval is invoked.
 - The April 27, 2012 letter of conditions provided by the USDA was more involved than previous similar such letters that he had seen and he had not conducted a complete review of those requirements.The Board felt it prudent to have the Town attorney review the letter to ensure compliance could be achieved. First Selectmen Nick Mullane agreed with this approach.

Nick Mullane advised the Board that the Village Green bridge repair could start as early as July 1, 2013 and no later than July 15, 2013 due to weather constraints. Duration should be between 60 and 90 days. Cost is estimated at \$266,000.

Sandra E. Welwood, LLC invoiced the Town \$836.00 for professional financial services conducted for the period April 1, 2013 to May 18, 2013.

A motion was made by Emile Pavolvics to transfer \$836.00 from line item B 3.01 (Board of Finance, Auditing) to line item B 1.12 (Board of Selectmen,

Auditing/Accounting Consulting) and seconded by Dan Spring. The motion passed 5-0-0.

4. **Suspense Report:** Tabled pending BOS action.
5. **Calendar; Budget Presentation; Town Meeting:** Action being taken by Dan Spring in preparation of the upcoming Town meeting.
6. **Future Strategies; EDC Forum 5/30/13:** All Town board and commission members were invited to a presentation being sponsored by the ECD on May 30, 2013. The focus is economics for public officials.
7. **Previous Minutes:** Dan Spring moved to approve the minutes of May 22, 2013 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mustapha Ratib and passed 4-0-1. Mike Urgo abstained.
8. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dan Spring to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mike Urgo and passed 5-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brent B. Woodward

Secretary, Board of Finance