



Town of *North Stonington*
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Draft Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday September 28th, 2016

Special Meeting

New Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. Call to Order; @ 7:35pm

In attendance; Chairman Tim Main, Vice Chairman Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland, Carolyn Howell, Emile Pavolovics, Mustapha Ratib, Alternate Bob Testa and Alternate Chris Hundt.

2. Pledge to the Flag; Completed

3. Public Comment and/or Questions;

First Selectman Shawn Murphy stated that the last fiscal year has been closed out and there is no reason to discuss Item # 4 for BOS transfers.

4. BOS Transfers; None

5. 2016 /2017 Budget ;

Discussion about the referendum for the budget 2016 / 2017 opened with a letter from the BOS on items cut by the BOF they wanted to see restored.

Charlie mentioned cutting Line Item # C.110- Tractor at a cost of \$ 47,450.00 back into labor for Town Highway and Road Maintenance. Some would also go into the Abatement Line Item as well.

Charlie suggested putting \$25,000 back in Road Maintenance and added to the \$150,000. Highway Labor was cut \$40,000. He proposed putting \$32,450 back in some of this done by deducting \$10,000 from EMS project payment.

Shawn Murphy recommended there be a Public Hearing with whatever changes are proposed.

Bob Testa disagreed about making a cut to EMS Payment, and if we were to put \$105,000 into the budget as an add-on, that would cause a .2 Mill increase. Bob Also stated there is enough money in the budget and should be utilized or managed better.

Mustapha said \$10,000 from EMS Payment, \$47,450 from Tractor in the budget, would give a total of \$57,450 to put back the Budget to make for Abatement, Road Maintenance, and Labor.

Carolyn had to dismiss herself at 8:05pm. She appointed Bob Testa to seated for her.

Shawn Murphy brought up Line Item # A.317 on Capital Budget – Steap Grant / Water of Study of \$200,000. It's complete and should be added into Budget. Also to discuss the Steap Grant / Village Waterline.

Motion made to reduce Capital Budget Line Item # 6 on EMS Payment from \$425,000 to \$415,000. Charlie motioned. Bob seconded. Vote – 5-0-1

Yes vote –Tim Pelland, Tim Main, Charlie Steinhart, and Mustapha Ratib.

Abstain- Emile Pavlovics

Shawn mentioned that the Highway Dept. really needs a new mower and would like the BOF to consider possibly replacing at a later date or possibly leasing one and/or with a lease to own option.

Bob Testa commented we should be building our Undesignated Fund to reach the 12% the Auditor suggested we do.

Motion made by Charlie Steinhart to add expenses to Town Road Maintenance from \$ 150,000to \$ 175,000. Line Item # E.27.02. Emile seconded. Vote – 5-1-0.

Yes vote – Tim Pelland, Tim Main, Charlie Steinhart, Emile Pavlovics, and Mustapha Ratib.

No vote – Bob Testa

Motion made by Emile Pavlovics to vote on updated Budget for fiscal year 2017 of \$18,892,161.

- Government Operation: \$4,852,150
- Debt : \$339,470
- Education : \$12,875,068
- Capital : \$825,473

Bob seconded vote. Vote – 6-0-0

Emile motioned the budget the BOF proposed to be sent to a Hearing on Oct. 11, 2016 at 7pm, place to be determined. Charlie seconded. Vote – 6-0-0.

Discussion about the need for a projector for Hearing to be sure one is available.

6. **Annual Report ;**

Charlie was pleased to report (2) people have responded to Town Highway and Emergency Services.

7. **Previous Minutes;**

Will be discussed on October 5th meeting.

8. **Public Comments and Questions;**

Shawn stated that he did not want the slide presentation at the Hearing to say the BOE and the BOS was included in Budget from BOF

9. **Adjournment;**

Tim Main motioned to adjourn.

Charlie Steinhart seconded.

Vote 6-0-0.

Adjourned 9:41pm

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
