



Town of **North Stonington**
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday March 23, 2016

New Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. Call to Order;

In attendance; Chairman Tim Main, Vice Chairman Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland, Carolyn Howell, Emile Pavolovics, Alternate Chris Hundt and Alternate Bob Testa. Mustapha Ratib arrived at 8:37 pm.

2. Pledge to the Flag; Completed

3. Public Comment and/or Questions; None

4. BOS 2016 / 2017 Budget Presentation

A. First Selectman Shawn Murphy and Selectman Nick Mulane were on hand to go over line items presented in the BOS 2016 / 2017 Budget.

B. Item numbers 3.24, 3.25, 3.26, 3.27, 3.28 and 3.29 under Revenue Source Intergovernmental Revenues were listed as separate line items as the Auditor has requested they be listed. Also numbers came from the State Police as some grants are paid by percentage.

C. Question from Emily, "Does grant money count against posted budget figures" Answer given; No grant goes toward salary for Troopers.

D. Emile requested certain line items with the figure of "1" be changed to "0".

E. Total revenue was given at an increase of 1%.

F. Expenses;

1. A 2% increase in wages across the board for non-union employees.
2. Charlie asked about seeing contracts from some non-union employees that was asked for at previous meeting. Contracts were amended by First Selectman in July of 2015. Contract is a 3-year contract.

1) Action Point*

3. **Shawn will be checking on Planning and Zoning Budget due to a 47.4% increase on Attorney Budget.**
4. Emile suggested putting a "1" in budget column on AdHoc Committee line rather than a "0".
5. EDC Consultant is a sub-contractor and is issued a 1099 Tax Form so as they are responsible for their own taxes and insurance.

2) Action Point*

6. **Emile requested a breakdown of the \$34,725 from the EDC Consultant. Also a new line item to be added for reimbursement for mileage amount paid.**

3) Action Point*

7. **Shawn will look into the Conservation Commission to see if they have a revenue line item.**
8. Water Pollution Control line items to be "0".

4) Action Point*

9. **BOF to look at Ambulance Insurance. Is insurance for fair market value or for equipment replacement.**
10. "North Stonington Quarterly" is a new line item on budget.

5) Action Point*

11. **Local Capital Expenditure numbers should be the same as revenue numbers in budget as the number. \$48,062 was listed as \$ 49,000. Also \$240,033 to change from \$239,743. Local Capital numbers should be same as 27.00 on budget.**

12. Line item number 27.02- Charlie asked, "Does this include Private Road"? Under Town Road maintenance, Yes.
13. Line item number 27.14 -Tree Maintenance; Charlie asked if this goes out to bid to and should try to get (3) estimates.

6) Action Point*

14. **Shawn will supply original contracts for Town Foreman (Highway) and the Selectman's Secretary.**
15. Line item number 27.22 - SCRRA labeled Recycling Fee rather than Membership Fee. Membership Fee to be removed.
16. Budget Increase of 1.3%
Budget Presentation Ended due to time restraint. Will continue on April 6, 2016. Ended at Redemption of Debt items 5-8.

To be continued at next BOF meeting 4-30-2016;

5. **Monthly Budget Report Reviews; (BOS, BOE, and Tax Collector)**
6. **BOF Future Strategies;**
7. **Previous Minutes;**
8. **Public Comments and Questions;**
9. **Adjournment;**
Chris Hundt motioned to adjourn, Charlie Steinhart seconded.
Approved 6-0-0. Adjourned 11:53 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
