



Town of *North Stonington*
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Draft Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday March 30, 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 and Alternate Bob Testa. Absent Alternate Chris Hundt. Mustapha Ratib arrived at 8:56 pm.

2. Pledge to the Flag; Completed

3. Public Comment and/or Questions;

A. First Selectman Shawn Murphy provided backup information as asked for by the BOF.

B. First Selectman Shawn Murphy also wanted to make sure BOF puts on Agenda the upcoming Boom Bridge Road Project appropriation. He is not happy with the new procedure that the BOF has put in place.

4. BOS 2016 / 2017 Budget Presentation

A. Bob Carlson, BOE Chairman, stated that the BOE had requested very small increases in the past few years.

B. Peter Nero, Superintendent, with staff department heads presented a detailed slide with information packets to the BOF.

C. A 1.97% increase is based mostly on Salary, Health Benefits and Electricity.

D. Emile asked, "Is the Maintenance Budget lower because of proposed school project?"

5. Monthly Budget Report Reviews; None to report

6. BOF Future Strategies;

- A. Emily suggested a legal opinion on how the Alternate position works on BOF to meet a quorum and how it would affect an outcome of a vote. Does an Alternate vote count as a regular board members vote in a member's absence?
- B. Charlie asked about the story reported in different social media about a possible debt owed to Stonington for something in the past.
- C. Bob Testa mentioned discussing a Capital number for boards to have when doing their budgets.
- D. Mustapha reported the Appropriation Form by the BOF is in place and ready to use.

7. Previous Minutes;

- A. **Special Meeting- March 16th, 2016** approved with revisions. Charlie motioned to accept, Carolyn seconded, Vote 5-0-1. Emile abstained.
- B. **Regular Meeting - March 16th, 2016** approved with revisions. Tim Main motioned to accept, Carolyn seconded, Vote 6-0-0.
- C. **March 23rd, 2016** approved with revision. Tim Main motioned to accept, Charlie seconded, Vote 6-0-0.

8. Public Comments and Questions;

Joe Gross asked about a box of files from previous BOF meeting. He wanted permission to go through it. Permission granted.

9. Adjournment;

Tim Pelland motioned to adjourn, Charlie Steinhart seconded. Approved 6-0-0. Adjourned 10:20 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
