



Town of **North Stonington**
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday March 2, 2016

New Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. Call to Order;

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. In attendance were Charlie Steinhart, Carolyn Howell, Emile Pavolovics and Tim Pelland. Absent; Tim Main, Chris Hundt and Mustapha Ratib. Mustapha Ratib later arrived at 8:35 pm.

2. Pledge to the Flag;

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

3. Public Comment and Questions;

A. Brad Borden asked a question- Does the BOF intend to have a statement on taxes for Monday 3/7/16 Town Hall Meeting, for the EMS Project. Additional question was asked about accepting a grant. Do you have to take the lowest bid?

B. Joe Gross asked about a box of BOF records and if it was located? Joe Gross suggested that the public that have questions should get to the proper Board Meetings to get the correct answers, and as board members should do the same. Joe also said that no progress has been made since 2014.

4. BOS; Update on Projects and Town Meeting Schedules

First Selectman Murphy provided Town Meeting Schedules to BOF;

A. Supplied timeline schedule for School Modernization Project.

B. Water study contractor recommends additional testing as there were flawed results on (2) properties 6 month EFT given. This was paid for by a \$200,000 steep grant.

C. Sewer study for Economic Development Zone, to determine flow rate and also have to talk to Stonington about possible hook-up.

- D. Water Line Project- Have to respond to the Dept. Of Health by summer. Should be done in a month or so.
- E. Hewitt Dam punch list items; when Selectman Murphy was asked if we were within budget with this project his answer was, we should be right on budget.
- F. Boom Bridge Project- An additional appropriation will be coming to BOF for Engineering study to be reimbursed by State. \$118,000 is the figure for Engineering which is stalled. CT D.O.T has paid bill so far.
- G. Town Meeting for EMS Project is scheduled for March 7th and a Referendum is scheduled for March 14th from 6am-8pm.
- H. AdHoc tentative schedule presented for moving forward with project.
- I. State Trooper update for short fall in budget. Selectman Murphy suggested a transfer from the Medical Line of approximately \$20,000 could come from there.
- J. Selectman Murphy also reported a meeting coming up with the Mashantucket's to discuss uses of Tribe owned land.

5. BOF discuss upcoming 2016 /2017 Budget goals and schedules.

- A. Charlie Steinhart mentioned BOF should talk to EDC Coordinator to see possible needs for meeting of March 9th, 2016.
- B. Charlie Steinhart brought up how BOS said they are looking for direction from BOF for budget concerns.
- C. Bob Testa suggested a letter to BOE and BOF about concerns and increases in upcoming budgets'.
- D. Emily Pavolovics suggested Charlie Steinhart write a letter. Tim Pelland made a mention to approve. Mustapha Ratib seconded. Vote 5-0-0. Approved.

6. Future Strategies for the BOF;

- A) Charlie Steinhart presented the BOF policy 2016-001 Appropriation for requests. Transfers to be effective March 8th, 2016. Motion made by Emily Pavolovics to accept. Charlie Steinhart seconded. Vote approved 5-0-0.

7. Previous Minutes;

January 20th, 2016. Approved 3-0-2.
 Tim Pelland and Mustapha Ratib abstained.
 February 17th, 2016 - Approved 5-0-0

8. Public Comments and Questions;

Resident Joe Gross reiterated that his vote has been violated.

He supports Tri-Board but, said BOF gets direction from the State.

9. Motion to Adjourn -

Motioned to adjourn by Tim Pelland. Seconded by Charlie Steinhart.

Approved 5-0-0. Adjourned 9:49 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
