



North Stonington Board of Finance

Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday January 4th, 2017

New Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order;** Call to order @ 7:31pm

2. **Roll Call:**

a) Chairman Tim Main, Vice Chairman Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland, Carolyn Howell, Mustapha Ratib and Alt. Bob Testa.

b) Absent; Emile Pavlovics and Alt. Chris Hundt.

c) Alternate Seated; Alt. Bob Testa seated for Emile Pavlovics.

3. **Pledge to the Flag;** Completed

4. **Public Comment and/or Questions;**

Mustapha expressed some concern with the email sent by the First Selectman concerning account numbers in the 2016/2017 Budget. Mustapha said that he has been working with Robin and Susan on making sure budget numbers match up with the BOF. He also stated that account numbers shouldn't be switched after the fact. He further said it is everyone's responsibility to the people to do a good job.

5. **Communications;**

Carolyn questioned the email sent by Shawn about the LOCIP Funds for projects funded by the State and with cuts being made to the account, what will this have an effect on? Charlie questioned if the \$300,000 for the EMS Project was lost. Bob Testa wanted to know what our balance is under the LOCID Account. Bob also suggested that this year is already looking worse than last year. Charlie wants to make sure that any Board or Commission that loses money from the State, needs to make up for it in their own budget, and should not be made up by Taxpayers. Question about the Jet Shed that is

under construction at the Town Garage by Bob and Charlie. Bob asked about man hours and material. Also, whether there are building permits and engineering plans for it. Charlie questioned as to where money is coming from as it was denied as a Capital Project by the BOF. Charlie suggested it be on the next BOF agenda for further discussion.

6. BOF Discuss Upcoming Tri-Board Meeting (1/11/17);

Tim Main said the BOE has a scheduled meeting that day for 7pm. So he suggested that if the BOF could schedule it for 6pm at a location to be determined as to not conflict with the BOE meeting. Charlie mentioned that it is very important for the Tax Assessor to be present to discuss Grand List. Also asked to participate are BOS, BOE, Diana Urban and Heather Sommers. Items to be discussed would include; loss of State Funding, what kind of tax base does the future hold, and guidance for upcoming budget. Charlie motioned to have meeting on January 11th, 2017 at 6pm, location to be determined.

Bob seconded. Vote -6-0-0

7. BOF Discuss Current Fiscal Year Expenditures and Monthly Reports;

Charlie had a report done for whomever did not supply any information; a blank page was put in its place. Charlie spoke to Peter Nero about printing (12) hard copies and putting it on the town's website once printed. Mr. Nero will let him know if there will be a cost involved, and if there is to bill it to the BOF and it will be paid out of the BOF budget.

8. Annual Report Update; Printing is done.

9. Review of Previous Minutes; (12/21/2016)

Carolyn made a motion to approve minutes as amended.

Charlie seconded. Vote 4-0-2

Yes= Tim, Charlie, Carolyn and Bob.

Abstained: Tim Main, and Mustapha

10. Public Comments and Questions; Charlie said he would like an update on outstanding Capital Projects, where we stand financially on them as far as cost increases. Also request was made to BOS about the Jet Shed. He suggested an update on School and EMS projects for BOF.

11. Adjournment;

Tim Main motioned to adjourn.

Charlie seconded.

Approved 6-0-0.

Adjourned 10:13 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
