



Town of *North Stonington*
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday March 8th, 2017

High School Media Center @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order;** Call to order @ 7:32pm

2. **Roll Call:**

a) Members Present;

Chairman Tim Main, Vice-Chairman Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland, Carolyn Howell.

b) Absent; Mustapha Ratib, Emile Pavlovics and Alt. Bob Testa. and Alt. Chris Hundt.

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

4. **Public Comment and/or Questions;** None

5. **Communications;**

The monthly report for tax collections for February 2017 was distributed. Tim Main mentioned Shawn Murphy has sent an email that the BOS had voted on payment for EMS for \$415,000. Tim responded and has not heard anything back from the First Selectman as to what action they want to take.

6. **BOS FY 2017 -2018 Town Revenues;**

Tim Main handed a Revenue Sheet from the BOS to review. Charlie said looking at the numbers given; we went from \$18,536,581 in revenue to a proposed \$17,656,218 for 2017/2018, an approximate difference of 2.51 mills before any increase request. Charlie suggested there are only really two ways to make up the money, more taxes or more cuts.

Carolyn noted that Special Education went up as other parts of education went down. Tim Main suggested that the board look over the sheet and prepare any questions for next upcoming meeting.

7. Center for Emergency Service Project Questions From Auditor About C.N.R

Tim Main said Shawn asked about money for payment on the EMS Project as brought up by the Auditor. Charlie said this seems to be happening more and more on things overlooked by Auditor or missed by them. He also suggested it may be time to start searching for a different Auditor, and whoever it is, make sure they have a copy of our policies. He also stated that other departments seem to be using their services as this falls under the BOF Budget. Tim Main said he was waiting on an email from Shawn or the Auditor for further explanation.

8. BOF Review of Monthly Reports (BOS,BOE ,Tax Collector);

Profit and Loss copies were sent by email, hard copies were not available for review. Monthly Report of the Tax Collection was reviewed as it was available.

9. BOF Future Strategies for Upcoming Meetings ;

Tim Main presented copies of schedule put together by the First Selectman for review of Boards and Commissions that will be coming before the BOF for review and questions. (*See attached copy to minutes)

10. Review of Previous Minutes;

1/11/17 - Not available yet.

Minutes for 2/15/2017

Charlie made a motion to approve 2/15/17 minutes as amended.

Carolyn seconded. Vote 4-0-0

11. Public Comments and Questions;

Resident Amy Foster talked about a Stop sign that was removed at a three-way stop near her home in town. The First Selectman had told her to come to a BOF meeting when she had questioned him about the safety of cutting a third Trooper last year. She also suggested that the town put projects on hold as we are going through some trying times. Charlie also told her he is seeing more Troopers now than he did when there were Resident Troopers, as he is part of the Fire Dept. and responds to many calls. Selectman Mark Donahue asked about the status of the Auditor contract. Tim Main said we haven't decided and asked Mark about the town possibly putting out as RFP. If we do change and we also need to check if there is a deadline on that. Mark also suggested the reason the BOS asked Amy to come to the BOF Meeting was more about communication.

12. Adjournment;

Tim Main motioned to adjourn.

Charlie seconded.

Approved 4-0-0.

Adjourned 8:22 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland

Schedule

March 8th Revenues

March 15 th	Board of Selectmen Probate Court Board of Finance Assessor Board of Assessment Appeals Tax Collector Town Treasurer Town Attorney	Annexation Town Clerk Planning and Zoning Commission Building Department Zoning Board of Appeals Permanent School Building Committee Economic Development Commission Recreation Commission
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March 22 nd	Inland Wetlands Commission Conservation Commission Water Pollution Control Authority Fixed Charges (Partial) Elections and Town Meetings Social Service/Welfare Selectmen's Engineering Services	Information Technology Services Public Safety (excluding NCVFC & NSAA) Hewitt Farm Conservation of Health Senior Citizens Miscellaneous Affordable Housing
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March 29 th	NSVFC NSAA Public Works Redemption of Debt	
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April 5 th	BOE	
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April 12 th	BOF budget deliberations and final recommendation	
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April 17 th	Budget Hearing	
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May 1 st	Annual Town Meeting	
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