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|  | Joint Meeting |  |
| Town of North Stonington |
| Board of Selectmen | Board of Education | Board of Finance |
|  | North Stonington Elementary Library |  |
|  | March 6, 2013 |  |
|  | 7:00 p.m. |  |

A joint meeting of the Boards of Selectmen, Education, and Finance was held on Wednesday, March 6, 2013, at

7:00 p.m. in the North Stonington Elementary School Library. Present were Mr. Testa, Mr. McCord, Mr. Karpinski, Mr. Hundt, Dr. Robert, Mr. Mathwich, and Mrs. Dame from the Board of Education; Mr. Spring, Mr. Pavlovics, Mr. Urgo, Mr. Woodward and Mr. Ratib from the Board of Finance; and Mr. Mullane , Mr. Donahue, and Mr. Murphy from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Mullane called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming. He said he invited Senator Maynard and Representative Urban but they were unavailable to be here because the Legislature is in session in Hartford.

Status of the State Budget; including Town Aids and Grants –Mr. Mullane explained that mixed signals were coming from Hartford on State Aid to cities and towns. It is difficult to predict the outcome.

Board of Selectmen – Mr. Mullane said the grand taxable list actually went down by over $44,000.

1. Current Year Revenues Estimates vs. Actual – Income is basically as Projected– Mr. Mullane explained there have been some additional revenues but the net balance is negative $55,000.

2. Projected Revenues Fiscal Year 2013-2014 – Mr. Mullane said there is a loss between revenues and expenses. There was $1,451,802 as a balance in undesignated fund balance. He noted that $397,061, was used to balance the budget leaving $1,054,071 in undesignated funds at the end of the year. He spoke of the Governor’s budget, Mr. Mullane said the bottom line total is plus $11,000 overall which means the revenue is flat. He said he had spoken to our representatives but the State Aid to municipalities is unpredictable. If the car tax cut goes into effect, the Town would lose over 1 million dollars which would be equivalent to 2 mils.

3. Budget Projections Fiscal Year 2013-2014 – Mr. Mullane spoke of upcoming highway labor negotiations and that a new union wants to form at Town Hall. He explained they are covered under

the Steel Workers health insurance and no estimates for next year’s renewal rates The general government budget had nothing new added.

Board of Education

1. Current Year Performance to Budget – Mr. Testa said we are in the third year of level funded budgets and commended the administrators and staff for doing what they do with the budgets. He said we are running an approximate $42,000 deficit. Mr. Testa said the Board always tried to let the budget play out but there is the boiler issue going on right now and the Board will be looking at an additional appropriation for that because we cannot absorb the cost. Mr. Nero explained when he started in July he had to cut $380,000. When the budget finally passed there was only an additional $14,000. He said the items that he cut were not put in next year’s budget.

2. Grant Revenues and Outlook – Mr. Nero said not much was going to change from this year unless sequestration happens and then special education could get impacted.

3. Budget Projections Fiscal Year 2013-2014 – Mr. Nero explained where the budget started and what they started to reduce. It went down from 7.4% to 6.93% to 6.41% to 5.81

Board of Finance

Mr. Spring thanked members of the Boards and community members for being in attendance. He said the Board of Finance is the steward of the Town and he elaborated. He spoke of the grand list not increasing and the drop in the grand list the previous year. Mr. Spring commented on the uncollected tax revenues climbing as part of the economic conditions.

Mr. Joe Gross, citizen, had comment on community input and spoke of the many surveys that have been done over the years and elaborated, and he asked to give the public direction. He had further comment. Mrs. Kerri Perez, citizen, asked about the budget and when the Board of Finance decides on that. Mr. Spring answered her question. He said he believes in budgeting priorities and defending those priorities. Mrs. Lisa Mazzella, citizen, said she didn’t see a debate with the Board of Education’s budget with the items they need in the budget. She elaborated and had further comment. She spoke of trying to engage the

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.