

May 7, 2014

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were John O'Brien, Chairman; Glenn Frishman, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; Sandy Grimes and June Strunk. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance. Mr. Bentz was absent.

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Previous Minutes-** March 19,2014 - April 1,2014 – April 10,2014 - April 14, 2014  
There were some questions with regard to the April 14, 2014 draft minutes, these were tabled for review.

Mr. Frishman made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 19, April 1 and April 10,2014 meetings as submitted. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Set Mil Rate**

Voters approved the \$58,520,662 million budget with a .55 mil tax increase by a 1722 to 731 vote. Mr. Grimes made a motion to set the mil rate at 20.43.

Mrs. Strunk seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Comments from the Public - None**

**2013 Net Grand List-Board of Assessment Appeals adjustments-** Town Assessor provided adjustments showing a .288% decrease over the 2012 Grand List. Members discussed the impact.

**Appointment of Auditors**

Mrs. Stevens recommended continuing with the current auditor one more year and discussed with the members an RFP for next year.

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to reappoint Cohn Reznick as auditors to the Town of Stonington. Mr. Frishman seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Director of Finance –** Mr. Frishman asked if there was an update regarding the Groton's' litigation with the State over the Commercial Trash collection sales tax issue. Mrs. Stevens stated that the TOS is waiting for the outcome after Groton lost at the State level; they are now appealing. Groton and Stonington are the only towns in the State that have mandatory trash collection.

### **Correspondence**

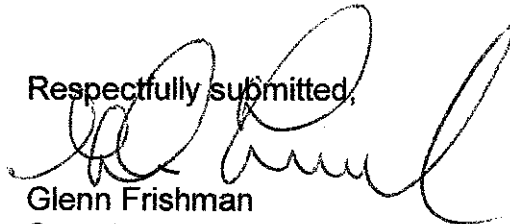
Mr. O'Brien provided for the members answers to questions asked at the Public Hearing. Members agreed to take the time to expand on the answers. They discussed-Mrs. Strunk suggested that the answers be more thorough and accurate as possible and reference and attach minutes when applicable. All agreed that pertinent information was lost and/or not provided through the news. Mrs. Stevens replied that she and the Clerk would make necessary corrections and additions and send back to members for a final review.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

Mr. Grimes reported on the Athletic Fields. The committee is trying to wrap up but funding is pretty much gone. No word yet on a fee schedule but the Task force plans to have something ready for the fall season. They discussed the Bond wording which was such as to not limit which fields could be fixed, with hopes to include the Baseball field. RAD Sports performed a perk test at the bottom of the softball field and found junk, mattresses, refrigerators, etc. This was an unforeseen cost.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Frishman seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn Frishman  
Secretary

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