

January 6, 2010

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Andrew Rines, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler and Sandy Grimes. Bryan Bentz and John O'Brien were absent. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; Leslie Packer, Clerk and Town of Stonington staff and residents.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Comments from the public

- Jennifer Herbst-spoke to support the school budget with minimal cuts to maintain standard of education
- Kevin Detwiler-spoke to support school budget
- Rob Marseglia-in support of letting voters vote. Asked for explanation of fund balance policy
- Anne Navin-asked what is required amount for bond rating.
- Erin Campbell-asked about other Towns budgets
- Kristin Oar-school budget
- Lisa Sabbadini-school budget
- Susan Fornara-school budget
- Mark Gentilella-school budget
- Sandy Grimes at this time stated that he was not happy with the way the Board of Finance treated the ambulance personnel at the last meeting. He felt some BOF members were rude and disrespectful, much different from the way residents were treated tonight. Mr. Frishman stated that he disagreed as they (Ambulance Company) had been asked to bring information yet were unprepared. The discussion became heated as Mr. Rines and Mr. Wheeler also disagreed with Mr. Grimes' comments. Mr. Frishman declared Mr. Grimes out of order.

Previous minutes

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes of the November meeting.
Mr. Rines seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Bid Waiver

Police Dept-Video/Audio recording system – Chief Stewart stated that the Town received a \$30,000 grant from the State. These funds will be used to purchase a Video/Audio Recording system as well as two in-car video systems. Captain Desmond explained the systems. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve

the bid waiver for the purchase of Video/Audio recording systems for the Police department. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Director of Finance

Mrs. Stevens informed the members of the following: the Town Aid road line used for Salt is on the Bond Commission agenda, the Boat tax of \$85,164 may be cut up to 50%, as of 12/31/2009 revenue collection is meeting expenditures, the budget is on target.

New Business

Joe Bragaw, Director of Public Works provided for the members a breakdown of snow removal for FY09-10.

Additional appropriation

North Main Street Tree removal - Memo from First Selectman requesting an additional appropriation of \$17,609 into the Highway Tree removal account #10151-80225. Mr. Bragaw and Mr. DiCesare provided detailed information supporting this request. Mr. Rines made a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$17,609.00 into account#10151-80225 for North Main Street tree removal. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Correspondence

- Copy of Memo from Karen Weiss, Sanitarian detailing the November 2009 activities. Mr. Wheeler commented on the notation that not all mandated inspections are being completed due to workload.
- Letter from George Sylvestre, Director of Administrative Services with a report from the Retirement Board and their review of the Pension Fund performance along with the Town's Actuarial Consultant. The consensus of the Board was to recommend a minimum funding level of 80% as a goal for the fund with 2 strategies to achieve this goal, either a one-time supplemental contribution or to amortize the amount needed to fill this gap over a three or five year period. Mr. Sylvestre stated that personally he would prefer a 3-year amortization. Mr. Frishman agreed.
- Stonington Board of Education and The Stonington School Administrators' and Supervisors' Association contract. Stonington Board of Education and Stonington Education Association contract.
- Board of Education transfers
- First Selectman Ed Haberek spoke about his decision to move the combined Part time clerical position in the Planning office to Full time. This position currently works half time in the Assessor's office and half time in the Planning Office. He stated that he would submit a formal request at the February meeting.
- Memo from Chief Stewart informing the members that the regular overtime budget will be over expended.

Budget Hearing Schedule

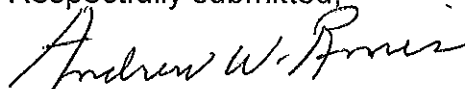
The Board of Finance set the schedule for Department hearings for the 2010-2011 budget.

Subcommittee reports

Mr. Grimes reported that he has met with the Police Chief and Director of Finance.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rines seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew W. Rines

Secretary

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