

April 13, 2011

The Board of Finance held a special meeting immediately following the Public Hearing on the budget at the Stonington High School auditorium. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Andrew Rines, Secretary; John O'Brien; Dudley Wheeler and Sandy Grimes. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance, First Selectman Haberek, Town and BOE staff and residents.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

Previous Minutes

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes submitted for the March 9, 16 and 23, 2011 meetings. Mr. Rines seconded and voting was unanimous.

Bid Waivers

Mr. Joseph Bragaw, Director of Public Works requested a bid waiver to take advantage of State Department of Administrative Services and Capital Region Council of Governments contracts on various services.

Contract	Description	Vendor
10-PSX-0296	Bituminous In-Place Paving	Wescon* (1)
10-PSX-0273	Milling & Full Depth Restoration	Garrity Asphalt Reclaiming (2)
COG Bid 537	Catch Basin Cleaning	Pye Inc (3)
COG Bid 555	Traffic Guidelines	Safety Markings Inc (4)
09-PSX0036	Guide Rails	PGP Group/Total Fence (5)

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the bid waiver to piggyback off the above-mentioned contracts. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Mr. Larry Sullivan, Town Engineer requested a bid waiver for the mechanical closet rehabilitation work at Edythe K. Richmond. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the bid waiver to Aiello Building Co. for the door replacement. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Budget Deliberations

Mr. Frishman asked the members for their input:

Mr. Grimes stated that he is in support of restoring \$10,000 in funding to each of the ambulance companies.

Mr. Rines asked about the department assets. Stonington is \$217,000 plus and Westerly is \$500-600,000. Westerly Ambulance answers about 6000 calls a year and there are 12 FT paid employees.

John O'Brien – a little increase
Dudley Wheeler – no increase, leave as is
Andrew Rines - no increase, leave as is
Glenn Frishman - no increase, leave as is
With 2 for and 3 opposed – no change was made.

Mr. Grimes asked for clarification for these cuts. Mr. Frishman replied that with the uncertainty from the State he feels it best to be safe.
Mr. Grimes stated that there is money available in the budget to avoid these cuts to Outside Agencies.

With regard to the Libraries Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Grimes were in support of restoring some funding, Messrs. Rines, Wheeler and Frishman were opposed.
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Mr. Grimes was also in support of restoring the ZEO position to full time based on the public support. All other 4 members present were opposed. **No change was made.** Mr. Haberek stated that he as well as the whole P&Z department are comfortable with the decision.

Motion made by Mr. Andrew Rines to set the mill rate at 15.63 with expenditures totaling \$55,276,098 and to forward to the Board of Selectmen to set the call for the Annual Town Meeting for the 2011-2012 budget. Seconded by Mr. Wheeler. The motion passed with Mr. Grimes opposed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Grimes seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Andrew W. Rines
Secretary