

January 18, 2012

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Andrew Rines, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; John O'Brien; Bryan Bentz and Sandy Grimes. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; First Selectman Edward Haberek; Town attorney Thomas Londregan; Attorney Michael Satti and Town residents.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **Comments from Public – None**

#### **Previous minutes**

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 7 & 20 meetings. Mr. Rines seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

#### **Executive Session**

At this time, Chairman Glenn Frishman made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss litigation against the Town and First Selectman. A discussion ensued as to whether the Board should enter into Executive Session. Mr. O'Brien stated that he would like to discuss the matter openly; he does not feel this qualifies for an Executive Session. Attorney Londregan stated there is an FOI Exemption under Pending litigation. Attorney Satti read from the Verizon subpoena. Mr. Haberek stated why he showed the subpoena to Mr. Satti, it was Town equipment. The original claim was suit against Verizon to get information. Attorney Londregan stated that he believes an Executive session is premature. He added that he is prepared to send anyone requesting information to Verizon. After questioned by Mr. Wheeler he said he does not know if this will lessen the severity of the suit. Mr. Frishman asked Mr. Londregan if he as Town Attorney thinks the Town should be removed from the suit and Mr. Londregan replied yes, providing the records seemed appropriate to extricate the Town from the suit. The Town is currently awaiting the decision from CIRMA. The return date is February. Mr. Rines asked if the Board of Selectmen would need to act in the future. Mr. Londregan replied yes. Mr. Rines also asked if the Board of Finance would need to be involved. Mr. Londregan replied if funds are not available in the budget yes. Mr. Satti explained the subpoena that brought up Towns culpability. At this time, Mr. Frishman withdrew the motion to enter Executive Session.

#### **Budget Transfers**

Mrs. Stevens provided for the members budget transfers for FY 2011-2012. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to accept the Budget transfers. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Bid Waiver**

IT Department – Roger Kizer, IT Manager requested a bid waiver to proceed with the proposed fiber optic cable lease with Thames Valley Communications, as they are the only vendor available to offer the service. Mr. Bentz made a motion to approve the bid waiver for Thames Valley Communication. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Public Works Department – Joe Bragaw, Public Works Director requested a bid waiver for Toce Brothers, Inc. to replace all four tires on one of the loaders. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the bid waiver request. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

**Director of Finance**

Mrs. Stevens stated that costs at the Campbell Grain building in Pawcatuck are currently at \$78,500. There is a lien against the property owner. Mr. Haberek stated that he is set to meet with the owner in two weeks and will state that the property must be fixed or demolished.

**Budget Hearing Schedule**

The Board set the schedule for Department hearings for the 2012-2013 budget.

**Correspondence**

None

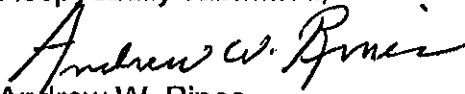
**Subcommittee reports**

Mr. Rines reported that the Board of Selectmen has made their decision with regard to the CIP budget.

Mr. Grimes and Mr. Rines wished to clarify the Board subcommittee member for the Town fields committee. After a brief discussion, it was determined that Mr. Frishman as Chairman of the Board of Finance appointed Andy Rines as the liaison and Ed Haberek, First Selectman appointed Sandy Grimes. Both BOF members will serve on the Town fields subcommittee.

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 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Andrew W. Rines  
Secretary

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