

September 25, 2012

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington High School Commons. BOF Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; Dudley Wheeler; John O'Brien; June Strunk and Sandy Grimes; BOS Members present were First Selectman Ed Haberek and Selectwoman Glee McAnanly. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; Town Hall and Stonington Public Schools staff and residents.

Mr. Frishman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Previous minutes

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 5 meeting as printed and presented. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

New Business

Appropriation and Bond authorization for \$3,500,000 for road improvements. Public Works Director Joe Bragaw informed the members that a Public informational meeting was held the night before and there were 30 to 40 residents in attendance. There was no negative feedback. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve and forward to the Board of Selectmen the resolution appropriating Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) for road improvements and authorizing the issue of \$3,500,000 bonds and notes to finance the appropriation. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Appropriation and Bond authorization for \$2,700,000 for athletic field facilities improvements Mr. Wheeler stated that he believed the Memorandum of Understanding for the Maintenance the Athletic fields would be complete and signed by all parties prior to approval of the bond authorization. Mr. Bragaw stated that a few changes have been suggested since the Final draft. Mrs. Strunk asked about the Mystic Middle School field-why isn't the party responsible for watering the field the same as the party mowing the field. Highway Supervisor Lou DiCesare stated that the Highway Department has mown the field for many years. MMS is not on a well as the other fields so it is more cost effective to have the BOE irrigate the field. The fields are staying under their original realm. Mr. Grimes asked about the baseball field at the HS and Mr. Haberek stated that a partial repair is planned. A discussion ensued following several questions posed by Paul Smotas, Interim Superintendent of Schools as to new equipment purchases, lining of the fields, scheduling, and weather cancellations. Mr. Bragaw stated that this is new to Public Works and all parties plan to work together. Mr. Haberek stated with agreement by all present that the


MOU is a great start. The Board of Finance members agreed to table approval of the Athletic Fields facilities improvements for an edited, signed final copy of the Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Haberek stated that the MOU is invalid if the residents do not approve the Bond authorization. Mr. Wheeler disagreed because the fields truly need a proper maintenance policy yet as Mr. O'Brien pointed out, if the funding isn't there then the procedures outlined in the MOU would be impossible to address.

Director Finance

Mrs. Stevens and Mr. Bragaw informed the members that the Groton Town Engineer had contacted them regarding an overage of \$26,000 for the repairs to North Stonington Bridge. Both Towns agreed to a 50/50 split for necessary repairs therefore the Town is responsible for \$13,000. Funding is available in CIP and a budget transfer is necessary in January. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the additional cost and transfer funds in January.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John O'Brien
Secretary

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