

April 3, 2013

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; John O'Brien, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; Sandy Grimes; June Strunk and Bryan Bentz. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; First Selectman Edward Haberek; Town staff and residents.

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

Previous minutes-

Mr. Wheeler addressed an omission in the March 20 minutes. June Strunk recused herself from voting with regard to the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center. Mr. Grimes made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Bid Waivers/Allocation request

- **Police Boat** - At this time Mr. Frishman acknowledged Town of Groton Police Chief Michael Crowley who was present to share information regarding the Police Boat. Mrs. Strunk stated that she still had questions and believed this item was tabled at the March 13, 2013 meeting until after deliberations. She stated that there are many factors involved in the cost after the purchase of the boat. Members agreed to hear from Chief Crowley as Groton has the same boat Stonington is interested in, a 27 ft. all aluminum safe boat. He stated that they have been fully reimbursed and to date have paid zero. They just received complete training which is included in the grant. The insurance increase will be about \$1000. Sustainability and equipment is also included. To his knowledge there are no hidden costs. This has been an asset to the community as Homeland Security wants to get neighboring towns to work collaboratively to protect the coastal waters. Groton Police Captain Steve Sinagra was also present. Captain Sinagra sits on the New London Port Security group with Captain Desmond. He added that 3 to 4 years ago the regional marine group was formed and the boat is a regional asset. FEMA is keeping a 2-year grant for sustainability and an 8 to 10 year refurbishment grant. Chairman Bates of the Police Commission added that he met with United States Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano regarding the benefits of this asset to the community. Mr. Grimes added that he would like the time to read and review the grant. After a discussion it was determined that a special meeting would be held Tuesday, April 16, 2013 to address the Police Boat bid waiver.

- **Highway-Cold In Place Recycling-** Director of Public Works Joe Bragaw was present to discuss the plan to perform a cold in place recycle paving project on Lantern Hill Rd and the section of Taugwonk Rd just north of I-95. Gorman Group was used two years ago for the same treatment and was successful. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the bid waiver to use Gorman Group for cold in place recycling this summer for \$5.50/SY. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.
- **Highway-Charles St. Drainage work-** DPW Joe Bragaw stated that the flooding issue in Lords Point on Charles Street has been getting much worse since Hurricane Sandy. He stated that damage to the existing drainage system should be 75% reimbursable from FEMA; there are other improvements that need to be done to do the job properly. The Public Works Department has submitted a CIP line to *Repair drainage at Charles St. in Lords Point* in the proposed 2013-14 budget for \$60,000. He has received two bids from local contractors and as the proposal is much less than believed he would like to proceed now and pay costs not reimbursable by FEMA out of the FY 12-13 Town Aid road and Drainage CIP accounts. By moving forward the proposed FY 13-14 \$60,000 CIP line could be removed. Mr. Bentz made a motion to approve the bid waiver for Mad River Construction for the Charles St drainage work. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.
- **Reallocation of Highway CIP Funds –** DPW Joe Bragaw stated that the body of one of the F350 trucks is heavily corroded. They are looking into getting a used body that would extend the life expectancy of the truck. The new foreman truck purchased from the FY12-13 CIP cost less than anticipated so he would like to use the balance in the CIP line to get a new or used body for the T25 truck. Mr. O'Brien made a motion to approve the reallocation of Highway CIP funds to restore the F350 truck (T25 w/utility body). Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.
- **School Safety –** Mrs. Strunk stated that she thought after the February 27 meeting all parties were going to meet to discuss these issues. Chief Stewart and Captain Desmond stated that they have met with all the schools to assess current procedures as well as discuss future safety measures. At this time the First Selectman stated that it might be best to wait and see if the gun bill passed as there would be funding to reimburse schools for safety. Members agreed.

Director of Finance – Budget Transfers – \$17,367 To Irrigation-Football/Baseball From Pavement Crack Sealing/Coating \$10,000 To Plan of Conservation & Development From Human Services Paving

Subcommittee Reports – Athletic Fields - RAD Sports of Rockland, Ma. was the low bidder. Shaw Legion turf has been chosen.

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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John O'Brien
Secretary

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