

April 16, 2013

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Police Department meeting room. Members present were Glenn Frishman, Chairman; John O'Brien, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; John O'Brien, Bryan Bentz; Sandy Grimes and June Strunk. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; Police Commissioners and 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 April 3 meeting. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Bid Waiver/Allocation request

- Police Boat – After research, Mrs. Strunk stated that she is 100% in support of the Boat having had her questions and concerns addressed. As mentioned by Town of Groton Police Captain Sinagra at the 4/3/2013 meeting, Mrs. Strunk stressed the importance that Stonington is not stand alone, they are part of a port from Old Lyme to Norwich committed to work together. Four important components for grant writing are sustainability, training, communication and platform. Because it is a Department of Homeland Security grant the Head of the Coast Guard has to recommend approval, then it goes to Washington. She had a concern regarding fuel costs but having gone out on the Groton boat she does not see this costing the Town as fuel consumption was extremely low and the boat handled beautifully. This was not a luxurious vessel. It is a workboat.

At this time, Mr. Frishman asked if there were any other questions or concerns. Mr. Grimes stated that he had major questions regarding cost for maintenance, what is going to happen three years down the line if the grants run out and if this boat is necessary within the Town. He stated that Captain Desmond answered all his questions and he is happy.

Mr. Grimes added he would vote yes to approve the bid waiver with an asterisk by his name noting his concerns. He spoke with Captain Desmond confirming if something should happen after three years it would be addressed again and discussed. There being no further questions, Mr. Bentz made a motion to approve the bid waiver to purchase a new police boat in accordance with the Port Security Federal Grant from FEMA. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous, (Mr. Grimes vote noted as stated above).

FEMA. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion and voting was unanimous, (Mr. Grimes vote noted as stated above).

Chief Stewart took a moment to recognize Captain Desmond and Finance Director Maryanna Stevens as they have worked a long time with extensive diligence on this grant. Captain Desmond worked closely with Federal agencies, the Coast Guard and other police departments. He felt it important to acknowledge their efforts to secure this \$300,000 plus grant that will ultimately be a savings to the Town.

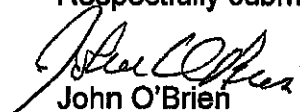
- School Safety Pilot Program- Mr. Frishman referenced March 15, 2013 letter from the Board of Education. At the last meeting, he and Secretary John O'Brien asked the Director of Finance to identify Schedule C funds that could be used to fund this pilot program. He added that Mr. O'Brien has manufactured and piloted a number of plants and processes. They believe it is a long-term savings for the Town. Mrs. Stevens has identified funds to enable the Board to enact the pilot program as discussed with the Police Chief, Chairman of BOE and Superintendent. Chairman Bates had quoted at an earlier meeting that funds available to the state from the State bonding commission would be \$15 million for the entire state with Stonington not likely to see much. Mr. Frishman added he feels this is a very worthwhile project. Mrs. Strunk had questions adding she is all for safety of any kind. However, State bill may have specific requirements and if these do not match pilot program strategies, the \$48,000 would be wasted. She stated that she would like to table the item until the Town knows what they must do. She is pleased that funds were found to cover the project yet would prefer to wait. SPS Business Manager Bill stated that he has not heard of any recommendations and suggested approval of the pilot program with the caveat that it would not start until they received recommendations from the state. Mr. Wheeler stated that the paper says that the State will have recommendations but they will follow what the Towns set up. Mr. Bentz replied that it is a local good idea, what State says has nothing to do with whether this is a good idea or not, he thinks they should go ahead. Mr. O'Brien added that the pilot is for one school. Everybody knows that they have to do all the schools; this will be a critical learning experience. Mr. Grimes believes they should wait to put together the best plan possible, thoroughly researched with input from everyone, as well as meet with other Towns. He does not think this is something they should jump into. Mr. O'Brien stated that he disagrees, this requires a response and a pilot program is how you learn. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the transfer of \$48,000 from Capital Improvement lines identified by Mrs. Stevens to fund the School Safety Pilot program. Mr. Bentz seconded.

Mrs. Strunk asked if this was the only money available or just enough to make sure to cover pilot program. Mrs. Stevens explained that these were the only funds identified at this time. They are projects completed and money is still available. Mrs. Strunk asked where this money would go otherwise at the end of the year. Mrs. Stevens replied that this is the Capital Improvement, which is a multi year revolving fund. Mr. Grimes was opposed and Mrs. Strunk abstained from the vote.

Director of Finance – Nothing to report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wheeler seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:21p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John O'Brien
Secretary

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TOWN OF STONINGTON
 CAPITAL PROJECTS COMPLETE
 UPDATED 04/08/2013

ACCT NUMBER	ACCT DESCRIPTION	REMAINING BALANCE	PREVIOUS TRANSFERS OUT	APPROVED AT	REMAINING BALANCE AFTER TRANSFERS	COMMENTS
4022005-88024	OLD HIGHWAY GARAGE	47,696.00	(29,945.00)	APPROVED AT 07/12/12 BOF MEETING	17,751.00	MOVED TO MYSTIC MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD DRAINAGE PROJECT TO COVER OVERAGE ON PROJECT
4022008-88137	SFLA - ADA COMPLIANCE	4,268.00			4,268.00	
4022008-88052	FLEET MAINTENANCE SOFTWARE	1,311.00			1,311.00	
4022008-88076	REPLACE 12,500 GYW DUMP TRUCK	4,732.00		APPROVED AT	4,732.00	
4022011-88094	REPAVE HUMAN SERVICES LOT	18,000.00	(10,000.00)	APRIL 3, 2013 BOF MEETING	8,000.00	MOVED TO PCCD - 04/3/2013
4022012-88135	LOADER	9,315.00			9,315.00	
4022009-88016	REBUILD/REPAIR PAVILLION	2,936.00			2,936.00	
	FUNDS REMAINING	88,258.00	(39,945.00)		48,313.00	