

November 6, 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; Dudley Wheeler; Bryan Bentz; June Strunk and Sandy Grimes. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance and Stonington Public Schools and Board of Education members and Police Department officers along with residents of the Town.

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

Previous Minutes -

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

Election of Officers-

Mr. Frishman opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Frishman nominated John O'Brien as Chairman. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous. Mr. O'Brien nominated Mr. Frishman as Secretary to the Board. He nominated Mr. Frishman. Mr. Grimes seconded the motion and voting was unanimous.

K-12 Building Committee – Vote on Additional Appropriation –

Mrs. Strunk stated that there is no additional information. The item had been tabled to provide the Board more time to digest the information previously provided. Mr. O'Brien stated that with the current debt, he would prefer to put this through as a Capital Improvement item for next year's budget process. Mr. Wheeler made a motion to submit the \$50,000 for a Design Consultant/Architect – Elementary Schools through the Capital Projects. Mr. Frishman seconded the motion. Mrs. Strunk asked how this would be protected through the budget process. Mr. Wheeler replied that it is never protected. Even if the Board of Finance approved the appropriation at this time, voters would have to approve to move forward. All members approved the motion. Mrs. Strunk was opposed. Motion carried 5 to 1.

BOE-Special Account for Revenues MOU -

Superintendent Riley commented on the memo from the Director of Finance responding to his MOU. He asked that the Board postpone any action. Mrs. Stevens stated that she felt the need to send a memo as she had not received a copy of the Superintendents MOU-Revenue and typically she would have had time to discuss and prepare. Mr. Riley stated that the intent was to generate new revenue, not interfere with current budget. He asked that the BOE subcommittee

members of the Board of Finance meet with him to review the request in more detail. Mr. Grimes made a motion to table this item. Mr. Frishman and Mr. Grimes will meet with the Superintendent. All members were in favor.

Director of Finance – Memo re: BOE MOU-

This item was tabled.

At this time, Mr. O'Brien welcomed Captain Desmond who was present to update the members on the status of the new Police boat. He stated that the boat is built and will be here in March 2014 adding that two of the reimbursements have already been received. He also stated that they wanted to express their gratitude to Mrs. Stevens, who has worked very closely with the department to make this happen, it would not have been possible without her knowledge, time and expertise. He presented the Director of Finance with a photo collage of the boat signed by the Captain, Chief and several Commission members. They also presented the Board with photos of the boat in thanks for their support. The Chief and Commission members also voiced their gratitude to both Mrs. Stevens and the Board. Captain Desmond stated that the current boat is secured for the winter and future plans are open to discussion.

Director of Planning and Zoning discussion

Mr. O'Brien stated that since funds for this position are available after January 2014 this item is concluded.

Policy for use of Town owned vehicles

Mr. Frishman and Mr. O'Brien are on the subcommittee. This item was tabled so that they could meet with the Director of Administrative Services. Mr. O'Brien asked that they be provided with a copy of the current policy for Town owned vehicles.

Correspondence

Nothing to report

Subcommittee reports – Establishment of Usage fees for Athletic Fields

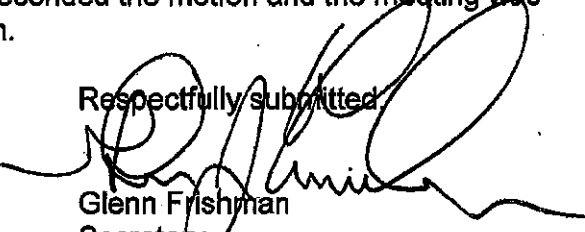
Mr. Grimes reported that the fields are in great shape. RAD is gone but there are some problems with the Baseball field. Mr. Frishman asked if this was included in the original package. Mr. Grimes replied that no it is not but he thinks there may be monies leftover. He added that they would now work to develop guidelines for the establishment of usage fees for funding of maintenance of the athletic fields. Mrs. Stevens asked Mr. Grimes whom the contact person would be to oversee fields spending with the departure of DPW Joe Bragaw. Mr. Grimes was unsure whom the First Selectman planned to take over.

New Business

Mrs. Strunk asked that the Board, at its next meeting discuss guidelines for budget increases. She stated that there is hard information out there that the Board should consider as guidelines. Mrs. Stevens agreed that this would be beneficial to the departments when submitting their budgets. Members discussed possible pitfalls and benefits. It will be included on the next agenda.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Wheeler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Frishman seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Glenn Frishman
Secretary

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