



# BOARD OF FINANCE

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 2015  
7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**PRESENT:** Bruce Cornwell, Chairman, William Kingston, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering.

Bruce Cornwell called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Consideration of comments from Public Hearing- Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budgets / Deliberation- Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budgets:**

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to restore funding to Account 400 – Non Government Subsidies in the amount of \$17,294, which he amended and was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to restore \$17,369. Voting in favor of the motion: William Kingston, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Bruce Cornwell, and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion. Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski provided the Board of Finance with the rationale behind the salary increase for the Assistant Comptroller that had been reduced at a prior meeting.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to restore funding in the amount of \$5,774 to Account 120-102 Finance Administrator. Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Bruce Cornwell and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion. William Kingston and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to fund Account 120 – Finance Department at \$409,382. Voting in favor of the motion: William Kingston, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Bruce Cornwell and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion. Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to reduce 390-113 Hospitalization by \$60,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Due to an anticipated settling of one of the employee contracts, savings to the insurance account is anticipated.

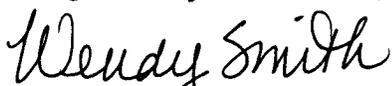
Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to fund Account 390 – Employee Benefits at \$6,589,543. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski advised that approximately \$33,000 in additional revenue will be realized; one of the town's insurance carriers has issued a rebate. He noted that this is additional revenue and will be used to offset the mill rate.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to propose a Fiscal Year 2015-2016 budget of \$70,867,386 which consists of \$27,584,851 (town budget, debt service and Board of Education maintenance) and a Board of Education budget of \$43,282,535. Voting in favor of the motion: William Kingston, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and Bruce Cornwell. Voting against the motion. Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Patricia Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary