



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, Kevin Riley, William Slifkin, James Roden, Gary Regan and John Dietter.

J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Establish Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Mill Rate and/or Consideration of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Proposed Budget:

Board of Finance members concurred that with the recent budget failures, it was necessary to make further reductions. J. Philip Gallagher offered a variety of reductions:

100-101	First Selectman's Salary	reduce by \$3,810
100-105	Selectmen's Salary	reduce by \$500
130-101	Town Clerk's Salary	reduce by \$2,000
240-404	Highway - Road Construction	reduce by \$100,000
340-105	Secretarial Salaries	reduce by \$5,000
340-514	Youth Commission	reduce by \$20,000
360-104	Police – Dispatchers	reduce by \$13,000
360-106	Police – Negotiated Salaries	reduce by \$35,000
360-201	Police – Office Expense	reduce by \$1,000
360-207	Police – Communications	reduce by \$1,000
400	Non Gov't Agency Subsidies	reduce by \$25,052
405-349	Intra Gov't Agency Subsidies – VNA	reduce by \$20,000
430-317	Senior Center – Activities	reduce by \$1,000
435	Library – bottom line	reduce by \$50,000
450	Board of Education–bottom line	reduce by \$415,000

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J. Philip Gallagher pointed out that based on the results of voting on the two budgets, the recommended reductions to the town budget are a proportionally larger percentage than the recommended reduction to the education budget. The recommended reductions provide for a 1.9% increase on the town budget and a 2.1% increase on the education budget for an overall increase of 2.0%.

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the suggested reductions of \$277,362 to the town operating budget. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 town budget of \$23,314,967.

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the suggested reduction of \$415,000 to the Board of Education operating budget. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, William Britt, William Slifkin, James Roden, Gary Regan and John Dietter. Voting against the motion: Kevin Riley. Motion passed. This provides for a proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 education budget of \$36,567,417.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to fund the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Town Budget at \$23,314,967 and the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Education Budget at \$36,567,417. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. The Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to adjourn the special meeting at 7:28 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary