



# BOARD OF FINANCE

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 22, 2009  
7:00 p.m.  
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “B”

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**PRESENT:** J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Also in attendance were First Selectman Burke and Town Engineer Andrew Morosky.

**Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance:** J. Philip Gallagher called

**Consideration of recommendation from the Board of Selectmen – funding an amount not to exceed \$19,830 for additional design work associated with the Walnut Hill Road Bridge over Limekiln Brook**

**Consideration of recommendation from the Board of Selectmen – funding an amount not to exceed \$23,100 for additional design work associated with the Plumtrees Road Bridge at Whittlesey Drive and Walnut Hill Road**

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to approve the Board of Selectmen recommendation and fund \$42,930 from the Capital Non-recurring Account for additional design work associated with the Walnut Hill Road Bridge over Limekiln Brook (\$19,820) and (\$23,100) for the additional design work associated with the Plumtrees Road Bridge at Whittlesey Drive and Walnut Hill Road. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

**Update on FY 2008-2009 budget shortfall/budget discussion:** Barry Curina, Comptroller was unable to attend tonight's meeting. J. Philip Gallagher advised that it was his understanding that the current budget shortfall is around \$382,000 but cautioned that final figures were not yet available; there are still a few weeks left in the current fiscal year.

## Discussion - Board of Education transfers/accounts

J. Philip Gallagher advised that the Board of Education Chairman and the Board of Education Director of Fiscal Services were not coming to tonight's meeting.

James Roden offered that the Board of Finance has requested the Board of Education representatives to attend two meetings now and they haven't attended, he would like to have the opportunity to ask them questions about their transfers, budget, etc. J. Philip Gallagher advised that the Board of Education would be meeting on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> to continue discussion on their transfers.

James Roden expressed concern, in particular, regarding the Board of Education intention to fund \$40,000 from the current year budget to pay for an expense in the upcoming FY 2009-2010 budget.

James Roden made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to ask Town Counsel to rule on whether the Board of Education may spend money from the current year budget for an expenditure in the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:37 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary