



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 14, 2010

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Timothy Draper was absent but participated via cell phone.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: J. Philip Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to add to tonight’s agenda, Report from School Comptroller. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Public Comments: none

Correspondence:

- Letter from Town Counsel Martin J. Lawlor regarding participation at a board meeting via electronic media.
- Letter from Jane Bickford, Chairman of the Library Board of Directors answering questions posed at a previous meeting.

Minutes of November 9, 2010 Regular Meeting: William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to accept the minutes with the inclusion that *“J. Philip Gallagher advised that after a canvass of the Board of Finance members the only consensus he could find was that there was no support at this time for an \$8,500,000 bond issue for road construction or for any other project costing that amount.”* Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of November 18, 2010 Special Meeting: William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to accept the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. J. Philip Gallagher did comment that at the Special Town Meeting, a speaker criticized that there was no Public Comment on the agenda of that meeting.

Report from School Comptroller: Teri Yonsky, Director of Fiscal Services for the Board of Education and Lawrence Craybas, Chairman of the Board of Education were present at the meeting. Ms. Yonsky presented copies of Board of Education approved transfers and reviewed them with the Board of Finance. Discussion took place on the future of state funding of Education Cost Sharing (ECS) and Special Education.

Comptroller's Report: Comptroller Robert Kozlowski presented the following transfers for consideration:

<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
110-201	Treasurer	7.64
130-305	Town Clerk	12,403.34
140-104	Assessor	12,845.20
150-201	Tax Collector	9,954.35
180-301	Building & Inspection	3,598.14
200-301	Social Services	1,409.00
210-331	Town Insurance	18,765.55
230-201	Public Works	8,701.84
240-207	Highway Department	7,455.75
250-123	Planning and Zoning	4,403.40
270-313	Tree Warden	2,405.08
290-101	Emergency Management	15,326.06
300-313	Fire Marshall	4,597.63
310-301	Bethel Fire Department	3,178.75
320-403	Stony Hill Fire Department	19,329.15
330-201	Registrar of Voters	6,210.68
340-507	Town Boards & Commissions	16,372.54
350-313	Health Department	11,087.85
360-313	Police Department	18,620.90
390-115	Employee Benefits	150,300.23
400-362	Non-Gov't Agency Subsidies	7,499.90
410-321	Utilities, Charges, Service	106,346.53

420-403	Misc Charges & Transfers	12,708.33	
430-105	Senior Center	5,123.81	
435-104	Library	606.78	
450-701	Board of Education	98,459.55	
	Contingency		581,568.30
TOTALS		581,568.30	581,568.30

<u>ACCOUNT</u>		<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
420-350	Contingency	277,262.60	
100-201	Selectmen		1,874.80
160-352	Professional Services		79,879.82
170-201	Probate Court		2,982.10
220-208	Fleet Maintenance		11,619.84
260-207	Building Maintenance		18,543.51
380-26	Parks & Recreation		11,558.31
440-641	Debt Service		80,191.17
460-207	Education Maintenance		55,869.42
Totals		277,262.60	277,262.60

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to approve the transfers as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Chairman's Report:

J. Philip Gallagher noted that another town purchases their asphalt for road projects outright thus saving sales tax and when they bid, they just bid out the work, not the materials. Comptroller Robert Kozlowski will discuss this with Public Works.

J. Philip Gallagher distributed a statement which outlined the funding levels in the road construction account for several budget years; noting that the funding levels have been relatively consistent.

Consideration and/or discussion of 2010-2011 – budget information and procedure

J. Philip Gallagher noted that he has requested the usual items from the town and Board of Education, i.e. 1099 list, W-2 salary lists, etc.

Election of Officers

1.) Chairman

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by James Roden, to nominate William Slifkin as Chairman.

Timothy Draper, via cell phone on speaker, made a motion, which was not seconded to nominate William Kingston as Chairman.

Voting in favor of William Slifkin as Chairman: Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved, including Timothy Draper via cell phone on speaker.

2.) Vice-Chairman

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to nominate James Roden as Vice Chairman.

Timothy Draper, via cell phone on speaker, made a motion, which was not seconded to nominate William Kingston as Vice Chairman.

Voting in favor of James Roden as Chairman: Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved, including Timothy Draper via cell phone on speaker.

3.) Secretary

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to nominate Gary Regan as Secretary. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved, including Timothy Draper via cell phone on speaker.

Timothy Draper ended his cell phone communication participation with the board.

Establish 2011 Regular Meeting schedule:

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to hold the Board of Finance regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless there is a holiday, if so, meeting to be held the next day. Schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 11, 2011 (previously scheduled)
Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary