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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

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

William Kingston called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce Account 390-113 Employee Benefits - Hospitalization by \$77,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce Account 310 - 403 Bethel Fire Department - Capital Equipment by \$40,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Bruce Cornwell abstained from voting.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce Account 360-403 Police Department - Capital Equipment by \$9,800. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce 360-107 Police Department - Overtime by \$10,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to reduce 405-365 Transfer Station by \$20,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 390-117 Firemen's Pension by \$50,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Bruce Cornwell abstained.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce account 400 - Non Government Subsidies by \$19,616 to fund at zero.

William Kingston amended the motion, which was seconded by Bruce Cornwell, to reduce the funding of the accounts by half, funding at \$9,808. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

Bruce Cornwell made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce Account 435 - Library by \$8,350. Bruce Cornwell amended the motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce 435 - Library by \$4,175. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion. Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce Account 460 by \$5,400. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Eileen Freebairn made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to reduce account 240-404 Highway Department - Road Construction by \$3,817. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, and William Kingston. Voting against the motion. Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

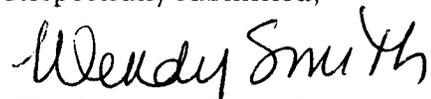
Eileen Freebairn made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend to the reconvened town budget meeting to be held on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel High School Auditorium, a proposed Fiscal Year 2014-2015 town budget of \$26,979,285. Voting in favor of the motion: Bruce Cornwell, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion. Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

Consideration of appointment of auditor

Patricia Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to reappoint the firm of Cohn Reznick as the town auditor. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary