

January 15, 2014

The Board of Finance held a special meeting on this date at the Wequetequock Fire Department meeting room. Members present were John O'Brien, Chairman; Glenn Frishman, Secretary; Dudley Wheeler; Bryan Bentz and Sandy Grimes. Also present Maryanna Stevens, Director of Finance; First Selectman Ed Haberek; Police Captain Jerry Desmond and Town residents. JUNE STRUNK WAS NOT PRESENT.

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Previous Minutes

Mr. Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Mr. Frishman seconded and voting was unanimous.

Police Dept. – Disposal of old boat

Captain Desmond informed the board that Mrs. Stevens had told him of an upcoming auction, which may be an option. He approached the Police Commission and the Board of Selectmen to discuss options. At the BOS meeting a nonprofit organization (Coastal Environmental Services) asked if the boat could be donated. The next discussion was regarding the value of the boat. Captain Desmond is currently getting it appraised. Mrs. Stevens stated that regardless of how the boat is disposed of, auction or sell, it would need to go to Town meeting, if over \$5000. They are not paying for storage for the old boat. The motor is not very valuable and the trailer has minimal value. Dodson's has offered a welcome for the new boat. The current dock does not offer water or electricity. Captain Desmond wanted to bring the Boards up to speed and inform them of the steps necessary.

State of Connecticut-Public Act No. 13-60

An act concerning the consolidation of noneducational services. Mrs. Stevens provided copies of the act to the members. She added that the Town Charter supercedes this act. The most pertinent section (Section 1 (a) *Each local board of education shall prepare an itemized estimate of the cost of maintenance of public schools for the ensuing year and shall submit such estimate to the board of finance in each town-all noneducational services.*

There is no obligation; Mrs. Stevens felt it necessary to bring to the attention of the members.

Director of Finance – Budget Transfers

Mrs. Stevens informed the members that these 2013-13 budget transfers are because the wage increase for unsettled contracts and nonunion cost of living adjustments had not been accounted for in individual salary lines. She added

that Non-union employees received the same wage increase as the two settled union contracts.

Mrs. Stevens informed them that the 2014-15 budget salary lines include the 2013-14 wage adjustments, which can be deceiving as it two years. Mr. Grimes made a motion to approve the budget transfers as submitted. Mr. Wheeler seconded and voting was unanimous.

Correspondence

Board of Education FY 14-15 CIP – Discuss at the Budget hearings.

Subcommittee reports

Mr. Frishman and Mr. O'Brien made a recommended modification to the Town Vehicle Use policy. They feel the policy is fine with the following added:

This policy applies to non-Police Department employees, **including the First Selectman and members of the Board of Selectmen.**

This will be forwarded to the Director of Administrative Services.

New Business: FY 14-15 Budget hearings

The Board set the schedule for Department hearings for the 2014-2015 budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Grimes made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Frishman seconded the motion and the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Glenn Frishman
Secretary

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