

Approved 7-13-16

MINUTES
BOARD OF FINANCE
MEETING
May 11, 2016

- I. Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman, L. Pecoraro
- II. Establishment of Quorum** –
Members present: L. Pecoraro, R. Sulich, E. Chalfant, R. Droesch, P. Tracey, H. Tuttle
Members absent: None.
Alternates present: W. Chalfant, S. Pelletier
Alternates absent: C. Christensen
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Corrections and Additions to Agenda** – None
- V. Approval of Minutes** –
Regular Meeting – April 6, 2016 – Approved
Special Meeting – April 13, 2016 – Approved
Special Meeting – April 13, 2016 (public hearing) - Approved
Special Meeting – April 27, 2016 - Approved
- VI. Written Communications / Correspondence** – Update from CCM to be discussed later.

Public Comment –

L. Pecoraro read through the guidelines as stated in the agenda.

J. Kildea voiced her concerns about whether or not the C.I.P. Budget had been approved at the special Meeting of the Board on April 13, 2016. She also stated that she was not happy with the new agenda form limiting time for each item nor with R. Sulich being back on the Board after his recent resignation.

R. Piper stated that the C.I.P. Budget as approved by the Board of Selectmen was presented to the Board of Finance and that was the budget presented at the public hearing.

L. Pecoraro stated that the issue was not for debate at this meeting and Ms. Kildea should have attended meetings over the course of the last six (6) months to provide more input.

J. Kildea said she felt there were procedural issues before the public hearing and that because of that, people left prior to the C.I.P. Presentation.

J. Kildea also had an issue with the appointment of R. Sulich at the special meeting on April 27, 2016 and questioned how he could be elected as vice-chairman without being sworn in.

L. Pecoraro stated that there had been a recess in that meeting for the purpose of R. Sulich being sworn in.

R. Sulich made a motion to move the agenda. Second by H. Tuttle.

Vote: 4-2-0 Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / H. Tuttle / L. Pecoraro / E. Chalfant / R. Droesch / P. Tracey
Yes Yes Yes No No Yes

VIII. Old Business

1. Treasurer's Report – C. Miller was not in attendance.

R. Sulich had questions on the balance sheet and L. Pecoraro said he would contact the Treasurer regarding his concerns.

Tax collection is at 103.6% of the required 98% collection.

The Treasurer had provided a copy of CCM's "adopted" FY 17 figures.

L. Pecoraro stated that, as of this date, nothing was yet published and that figures had gone back and forth.

He also said that there was no plan for the House of Representatives to have a special session.

There was discussion concerning the ordinance requiring the annual town meeting to be held on the 3rd

Friday in May, but not having all the figures for the budgets available. It was felt that the meeting will still be held, but will not be adjourned to a referendum at this point in time. There was also discussion on the process for allowing the Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of passing budgets.

R. Droesch asked if amounts to be returned from the budgets had been discussed previously.

L. Pecoraro said it had.

S. Pelletier felt there should be less money used from fund balance; raise the mill rate; and cut expenditures for the next FY.

There was discussion regarding the MER limits for school funding and budgets versus actual enrollment figures. L. Knapton indicated that enrollment is not going down.

L. Pecoraro indicated that the current legislators are calling for changes in the MER requirements.

H. Tuttle thinks the solar project will save substantial funds.

L. Knapton said the projected start up on the solar is September.

L. Pecoraro said the summary worksheet would not be published at this time.

R. Droesch stated that there can be a motion to reduce items at the town meeting, but no increases could be made.

2. 2016-2017 FY Budget Discussion, Review, and Update – Covered in the previous discussions.

IX. New Business

1. Request for additional appropriation in the amount of \$800.00 for line item #4-0604 – Telephone, by the Board of Selectmen. –

R. Droesch made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$800.00 for line item #4-0604 Telephone. Second by R. Sulich.

R. Piper indicated that Frontier, which is the new phone company, is charging more than previously. The Board of Selectmen are checking into an analysis of the current phone service to find options for lowering charges.

L. Pecoraro asked if \$800.00 would be enough to cover through the end of the fiscal year.

R. Sulich said that there has only been \$8,000.00 in additional appropriations so far this year.

R. Sulich made a motion to amend the previous motion to increase the amount to \$1,000.00. Second by L. Pecoraro.

Vote: 6-0-0 Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / H. Tuttle / L. Pecoraro / E. Chalfant / R. Droesch / P. Tracey
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

R. Sulich made a motion to approve an additional appropriation in the amount of \$1,000.00 for line item #4-0604 Telephone. Second by L. Pecoraro.

Vote: 6-0-0 Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / H. Tuttle / L. Pecoraro / E. Chalfant / R. Droesch / P. Tracey
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

X. Adjournment –

R. Sulich made a motion at 8:07 p.m. To adjourn. Second by H. Tuttle.

Vote: 6-0-0 Passed.

Vote: R. Sulich / H. Tuttle / L. Pecoraro / E. Chalfant / R. Droesch / P. Tracey
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Joy A. Bissonnette, Recording Secretary