

Approved 5-11-16

**BOARD OF FINANCE
Minutes (Public Hearing)
April 13, 2016**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman R. Sulich.
Members present: R. Sulich, E. Chalfant, R. Droesch, L. Pecoraro*, P. Tracey, H. Tuttle*
Members absent: None
Alternates present: W. Chalfant, S. Pelletier*, C. Christensen
Alternates absent: None

*L. Pecoraro left the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and asked that C. Christensen sit in as a voting member in his place.

*S. Pelletier left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

*H. Tuttle left the meeting at 9:40 p.m. and asked that W. Chalfant sit in as a voting member in his place.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED GENERAL GOVERNMENT, EDUCATION AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN BUDGETS

R. Sulich provided a spreadsheet on a screen showing the latest ECS changes from the State. He explained the effect of the revaluation on the budget process and for determining the mill rate to cover planned expenses. The chart showing the effect of the reval times the mill rate equals a mill rate of 23.7 to keep spending at the same amount as last year, i.e. an increase of 2.05 mills to stay the same. The current proposed budgets require a mill rate of 23.75 to cover the increase in spending.

General Government Budget: R. Piper presented the General Government budget by sections. (See minutes from 3-09-16 BOF meeting [BOS presentation]).

J. Kildea and K. Kelly offered comments, suggestions, and posed numerous questions regarding most line items, which were answered by R. Piper and various BOF members.

The Fire Department was represented to explain the significant increase request to its budget. There was discussion about using CIP funds from completed project to cover the Fire Department's needs.

Board of Education: Superintendent L. Knapton gave a short presentation. (See minutes from 3-08-16 BOF special meeting [joint with BOE]). J. Kildea had numerous comments and questions on line items, which were answered by Dr. Knapton and J. Thurlow. Following a lengthy question and answer period, Chairman R. Sulich interrupted and called order. J. Kildea asked if she could call a point of order. R. Sulich said no, and stated that the meeting needed to proceed along.

C.I.P. Budget: Selectman C. Lippke gave a short presentation of the CIP budget. The PRE funds in the amount of \$35,000.00 are being deleted from CIP because these funds are not revenue from taxes. Approximately \$65,000.00 in completed projects has been made available in the CIP budget.

J. Kildea had a number of questions on line items and asked if, procedurally, the CIP budget could be approved and sent to the Town meeting by May 19, 2016. She also wanted to make clear that she felt it was inappropriate for the chairman to have cut her off when questioning the budgets.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by R. Sulich at 10:10 p.m. to adjourn. Second by W. Chalfant.

Vote: 6-0-0

Vote: R. Sulich / E. Chalfant / C. Christensen / P. Tracey / W. Chalfant
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Joy A. Bissonnette
Recording Secretary