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TOWN OF CANTERBURY  
BOARD OF FINANCE

1 MUNICIPAL DRIVE  
CANTEBURY, CT 06331

Approved 5-10-2017

MINUTES  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
MEETING  
May, 42017

I. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman L. Pecoraro

II. **Establishment of Quorum** –

Members present: L. Pecoraro, R. Sulich, E. Chalfant, R. Droesch,

Members absent: P. Tracey, R. Tuttle

Alternates present: S. Pelletier, W. Chalfant

Alternates absent:

L. Pecoraro asked S. Pelletier to sit as a voting member for P. Tracey and W. Chalfant to sit as a voting member for R. Tuttle.

III. **Pledge of Allegiance**

IV. **Written Communications - None**

V. **Approval of Minutes** – April 12, 2017- W. Chalfant stated that under adjournment it should be second E. Chalfant and the vote should be 6-0-0. R. Droesch made a motion to approve as amended. Second S. Pelletier. **Approved 6-0-0**

**Vote:** L. Pecoraro/R. Sulich /E. Chalfant/R. Droesch/S. Pelletier/W. Chalfant

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

VI. **Budget Update**- L. Pecoraro stated at this time there are no updated numbers from the legislature. He stated that the Appropriations and Finance committees have missed their deadlines and as of this time the only budget from the state is the Feb 8, 2107 proposed Governors budget. At this time, they are still in negotiations. He stated that the cuts in the Feb budget 1.5 mil to 2.5 Mil in cuts to Canterbury. This leaves us between a rock and a hard place at this time. As of this time we only have proposed budgets from the BOS, BOE, and CIP. The BOF has not adopted any of these budgets at this time.

VII. **Public Hearing** – L. Pecoraro stated that if any member of the public would like to speak on the budgets they may. He reiterated that at this time no budgets have been approved by the BOF. This is a public hearing for the public to comment on the proposed/adopted budgets required by town ordinance.  
First Selectman R. Piper stated that the Annual Town meeting was held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in May be Town Ordinance was voted on 3 weeks prior at a town meeting and changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in May. The Town meeting will be held on May 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.  
J. Kildea asked if the BOF will be holding another budget hearing once the budgets are adopted and the public will be given a time to comment on the budgets. L. Pecoraro said yes. She also asked what the fund balance was. L. Pecoraro stated it was unassigned was

1.5 million and 2.2 million. J. Kildea also asked if the BOF has petitioned our State Representative or to the Governor on how these cuts will affect the town. L. Pecoraro stated that he will take that up at the next BOF regular meeting. Brady Farland stated that at the last BOE meeting the BOE stated they are slated to return 250,000 dollars to the town at the end of the fiscal year. He wanted to know if there is any way that money can be returned to the school. He stated with the proposed 5% and 10% cuts the BOF asked for it will leave the town with no education system. L. Pecoraro stated that the money is returned to the general fund. He understands these cuts are hard for the school. But due to the shortfalls in this fiscal year the state is projecting a 430,000,000-dollar shortfall, so that 250,000 dollars will probably not materialize. R. Sulich stated that the state over projected revenues in the current fiscal year so they will be making cuts to this year's budget. He stated that the town is going to have to make cuts. He said the Education budget is the biggest portion of our town budgets. With the proposed cuts from the state we could cut the entire Town Government Budget and we still will need to make cuts.

J. Kildea stated that she knows the BOE budget is a bottom line budget, but she wanted to know if the BOF or BOE is given a breakdown on how much money is spent or moved from one line item to another. L. Pecoraro said they do not.

R. Kadyszewski asked if the school does let the town know if money is moved from one area of the budget to the other. L. Pecoraro asked if anyone from the School or BOE would like to answer that question. J. Thurlow stated that the BOE gets a detailed summary report on the line items and the overall budget amounts at each meeting. She said they do not move budget line items from one to the other. R. Sulich said that it does not appear that they are giving a breakdown of money being moved from one line item to the other to the BOE. L. Pecoraro said that when the BOE has their budget hearings and workshops that the public can and should go and voice their concerns about these issues. First Selectman R. Piper stated that the BOS like everyone else is waiting for the numbers from the state to see what or if any cuts or more cuts are going to be needed. J. Kildea Asked if the BOF could make arrangements with the Town Clerks office to have the sandwich board put at the roadside to notice the meeting. L. Pecoraro said they would. C. Petruniw just wanted to state that she is concerned about the cuts to the School Budget of 5% and 10% that were asked by the BOE. R. Sulich asked if the town is cut by 2.5 million as suggested in the Governor's budget what was her suggestion of where that Money should come from. R. Droesch stated that if we can't pass a 2 mil increase how are we supposed to pass a 4 mil or higher mil increase.

**VIII. Adjournment** – S. Pelletier made a motion to adjourn. Second W. Chalfant **Approved 6-0-0**

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**Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes**

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Sulich  
Recording Secretary

