

**BOARD OF FINANCE
Minutes
September 9, 2015**

- I. Call to Order** - Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Chairman R. Sulich
Members present: R. Sulich, D. Norell, R. Droesch, H. Tuttle, E. Chalfant
Members absent: P. Tracey
Alternates present: L. Pecoraro
Alternates absent: A. Fritzsche, S. Pelletier
- II. Establishment of Quorum** – Chairman R. Sulich asked that L. Pecoraro sit in as a voting member for P. Tracey.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Approval of Minutes** –
Regular Meeting – August 12, 2015 – Approved w/correction
- V. Written Communications / Correspondence** –
R. Sulich received a letter from the Board of Selectmen to be discussed under New Business.
- VI. Public Comment** None.

**R. Sulich made a motion to move items #3 and #4 under New Business to items #1 and #2.
Second by R. Droesch.**

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote:

L. Pecoraro / R. Droesch / R. Sulich / D. Norell / L. Pecoraro / H. Tuttle
Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

VII. Old Business –

1. Treasurer's Report – P. Faries stated that the auditor would be here on September 21, 2015 to work on the audit.

R. Droesch asked if the 4th of July Parade expenses were paid out of the entertainment line item. R. Piper said that it had previously been a separate line item, but now it all comes out of the entertainment line.

VIII. New Business

1. (formerly #4) Request to create line item in 2014-2015 budget and apply \$52,509.39 for security grant.

R. Sulich made a motion to create line item #3-4008 School Security Grant and to fund it with \$52,509.39. Second by H. Tuttle.

Motion withdrawn by R. Sulich. Second withdrawn by H. Tuttle.

R. Sulich made a motion to create line item #3-4008 School Security Grant and to fund it with \$82,669.99 from the State grant. Second by R. Droesch.

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote:

<u>L. Pecoraro</u>	<u>R. Droesch</u>	<u>R. Sulich</u>	<u>D. Norell</u>	<u>L. Pecoraro</u>	<u>H. Tuttle</u>
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Superintendent, L. Knapton and J. Thurlow were in the audience to explain their request. J. Thurlow handed out information to the members concerning the Security Grant and the funds spent to date. She indicated that the auditors suggested the funds go into C.I.P. and then have the school request it at a later date. R. Droesch felt an intergovernmental line item would be easier.

2. (formerly #5) Request to move security grant funds to C.I.P. if necessary in the amount of \$52,509.39. (Requires Town meeting via Selectmen)
This item was covered in the previous motion.

3. (formerly #1) Request to create line item for Historic Preservation Grant.
R. Sulich made a motion to create line item #4-0507 Historic Preservation Grant. Second by H. Tuttle.

Motion withdrawn by R. Sulich. Second withdrawn by H. Tuttle.

R. Sulich made a motion to create line item #3-4010 Historic Preservation Grant and fund it with \$3,000.00 from the State grant. Second by E. Chalfant.

Vote: 6-0-0

Vote:

<u>L. Pecoraro</u>	<u>R. Droesch</u>	<u>R. Sulich</u>	<u>D. Norell</u>	<u>L. Pecoraro</u>	<u>H. Tuttle</u>
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Town Clerk, N. Cordes was present and explained that there is a need for more space to maintain and store vital records in the vault. She has gone through the grant process and was awarded \$3,000.00 for a new cabinet. The Treasurer needs a line to bring the money in and expend it.

4. (formerly #2) Request for an additional appropriation in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Historic Preservation Grant by the Board of Selectmen.
R. Sulich made a motion to create line item #4-0507 expense line for the Historic Preservation

Grant. Second by L. Pecoraro.

Vote: 6-0-0

Vote:

L. Pecoraro / R. Droesch / R. Sulich / D. Norell / L. Pecoraro / H. Tuttle

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

R. Sulich made a motion to approve an additional appropriation from line #4-0507 in the amount of \$3,000.00 for Historic Preservation. Second by D. Norell.

Vote: 6-0-0

Vote:

L. Pecoraro / R. Droesch / R. Sulich / D. Norell / L. Pecoraro / H. Tuttle

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes

5. Presentation by Canterbury Fire Company.

Alfred Lavoie from the Canterbury Volunteer Fire Co. gave a power point presentation concerning two (2) of the current department trucks that need repair. They have obtained estimates for having the vehicles refurbished and updated. For the ET-193, replacement would cost \$449,000.00. The estimate for refurbishment is \$58,091.50 and will take 120 days to complete. For the E-193, replacement would cost \$668,000.00, and the estimate for refurbishment is \$95,210.44. This will also take 120 days to complete. The Fire Company brought both vehicles for the members to look at out in the parking lot, following the meeting.

R. Sulich suggested the Town examine the possibility of bonds; perhaps making it a package deal with other projects, such as the library.

Chairman, R. Sulich noted that alternate member, L. Pecoraro left the meeting at 7:51 pm.

First Selectman, R. Piper stated that \$26,373.00 had been received from FEMA for the snow storm last winter.

R. Piper also said there is a committee being formed for the Baldwin School roof replacement. He said the Town will be looking into grants and any capital equipment should be depreciated.

E. Chalfant suggested there be an informational meeting for the Town on the large expense issues, e.g. fire trucks, fire house, library, etc.

R. Droesch asked how long the proposed estimates are valid. A. Lavoie said 60 days as of the date they were received.

IX. ADJOURNMENT -

H. Tuttle made a motion at 8:15 pm to adjourn. Second by E. Chalfant.

Vote: 6-0-0. Passed.

Vote:

<u>L. Pecoraro</u>	<u>R. Droesch</u>	<u>R. Sulich</u>	<u>D. Norell</u>	<u>L. Pecoraro</u>	<u>H. Tuttle</u>
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Joy A. Bissonnette
Recording Secretary