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**Town of Seymour
Board of Finance**

Minutes

**Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 7:00pm
Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall**

Members Present: Robert Koskelowski, Bill Paecht, Kristen Harmeling, Peter Jezierny, Jay Hatfield and Michelle Walsh

Others Present: Paul Roy, Doug Thomas, Tony Caserta, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Marrianna Mascolo, Rick Belden, Allison Brett, Ingrid Conlan and James Garofolo

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order

The Chairman, Robert Koskelowski, called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Item #3 – Appointment of Alternates if needed

John Stelma not available to sit for Bill Sawicki

Item #4 – Public Comment

Paul Roy, First Selectman: The original BOE proposal was for \$1,125,000.00 plus the one time grant of \$513,000.00. He suggests the BOF to allocate \$612,000.00 above the 2010/2011 budget. The original budget proposal included 2 know retiree's and currently there will be 4 retiree's. Also, the BOE may be able to find savings in legal fees by hiring local attorneys at a lower cost. Savings found in these line items do not affect the children. Maryanne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools asked Paul Roy if he had consulted with the BOE members regarding his proposal. Mr. Roy replied no, he saw the savings by doing the math.

Maryanne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools: Education has received two zero's in a row. They are at the point where teachers must be replaced and they need the new jobs proposed. She respectfully disagrees with the First Selectman and feels any cuts will hurt the kids.

Allison Brett, 11 Stanley Drive: Send the education budget to vote as is. We may see a change, it only failed by 84 votes.

Ingrid Conlan, 73 Brookfield Road: Education vote failed by 3.9% margin and 303 more votes were cast than previous budget vote. There is more support in town and the true reflection of the town is not in the vote. The margin does not warrant any further cuts. Education needs to be supported and not cut.

Maryanne Mascolo, Superintendent of Schools: \$400,000 has already been cut from the proposed education budget. Staff is at the point where retired teachers must be replaced. Using the Edjobs grant money to fill holes will only create a bigger hole next year.

Allison Brett, 11 Stanley Drive: Has 2 children at Bungay School. The 4th grade class is at the state max of 22-23. We do not want to see a class size of 40 kids. Want to see a good education. Bring the budget vote back to the people because all cuts affect the kids.

James Garofolo, 163 Bungay Road: (BOE Member) When the BOF puts forward a budget all the people see is a dollar amount. If you truly support the budget, why doesn't the BOF put forth a public endorsement? The BOF needs to make a statement and emphatically support it.

Item #5 – Board of Finance to Act on Final 2011/12 Annual Budget

Motion to put forth to vote the BOE total budget of \$29,819,803 for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Kristen Harmeling Second: Peter Jezierny
Yes: 2 (Kristen Harmeling and Peter Jezierny) No: 4 0: Abstain
Motion Failed

Motion to put forth to vote the BOE total budget of \$29,809,803 for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Kristen Harmeling Second: Peter Jezierny
Yes: 2 (Kristen Harmeling and Peter Jezierny) No: 4 0: Abstain
Motion Failed

Motion to put forth to vote the BOE total budget of \$29,799,803 for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Kristen Harmeling Second: Peter Jezierny
Yes: 2 (Kristen Harmeling and Peter Jezierny) No: 4 0: Abstain
Motion Failed

Motion to put forth to vote the BOE total budget of \$29,729,491 for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Michelle Walsh Second: Bill Paecht
Yes: 2 (Michelle Walsh and Bob Koskelowski) No: 4 0: Abstain
Motion Failed

Motion to put forth to vote the BOE total budget of \$29,789,803 for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Kristen Harmeling Second: Jay Hatfield
Yes: 2 (Kristen Harmeling and Jay Hatfield) No: 4 0: Abstain
Motion Failed

Motion to put forth to vote the BOE total budget of \$29,774,803 for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second:
No Second to motion

Motion to put forth to vote the BOE total budget of \$29,794,803 for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Kristen Harmeling Second: Jay Hatfield
Yes: 4 No: 2 (Michelle Walsh and Bob Koskelowski) 0: Abstain

Item #6 – Turn budget over for Town meeting vote

Motion to put forth the BOE total budget of \$29,794,803 to vote for the 2011/12 annual budget.

Motion: Bill Paecht Second: Peter Jezierny
Yes: 4 No: 2 (Michelle Walsh and Bob Koskelowski) 0: Abstain
Motion Failed

The new mill rate would be 27.62 if budget passes.

Item #7 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Motion: Bill Paecht

Second: Jay Hatfield

Yes: 6

No: 0

0: Abstain

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle Walsh
Board of Finance