

MINUTES
Special Board of Finance
Wednesday, May 5, 2010 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Mark Thompson, Bill Paecht, Bill Sawicki, Peter Jezierny, Len Greene, Kristen Harmeling, and Alternate Michelle Walsh.

Not present: Nancy Onofrio.

Others present: Doug Thomas, Tony Caserta, Frank Loda, Rick Belden, Maryanne Mascolo, Cindy Dion, Jeanne Loda, Bob Koskelowski, Edward Strumello, Mary Sue Feige, Ingrid Conlan, Mary Lavoie, James Stuart, Dawn Valeski, Howard Simpson, and W. Kurt Miller.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:07PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to seat Alternate Michelle Walsh due to Nancy Onofrio's absence.

Motion: Len Greene

Second: Bill Sawicki

Vote: 7-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Public Comment.

Bob Koskelowski, Pearl Street: Makes several recommendations of cuts that should be made including only increasing the Board of Education's budget \$200,000 from last year. He does not want the capital fund reimbursement to be used. He suggests that work hours be reduced.

Cindy Dion, 18 Parrish Drive: Read's a letter she wrote about her disappointment on how the Board of Finance handled the budget cuts so far. Does not want to see any full time people lose their jobs and recommends cutting some of the recreation programs and part-time employees instead of full time if people have to be let go.

Kristen Bruno, 10 MacConnie Court: Would like the Board to consider the people's opinions and not cut jobs or services.

Maryanne Mascolo, Superintendent: Would like the Board to consider not cutting anymore from the budget and let the voters decide. Feels that a \$200,000 increase would devastate the Board of Education. She also states that cutting positions would be the last resort and has 151 residents that are employed by the school system and does not want anyone to lose their jobs.

Paul Roy, First Selectman: Reads 2 letters from residents stating how badly the Town needs the Blight Officers and how much they have done.

Ed Strumello, 88 Mountain Road: Echo's Maryanne Mascolo in saying that the Board of Education has not had increases and there are many more unfunded mandates from

the State and they are seeking many grants very diligently and he asks that other departments do the same.

ITEM # 4 - Discussion of 2010/2011 Budget.

Mark Thompson, Chairman Board of Finance: Took the day off and worked on the budget with the First Selectman and the Finance Department all day. This is a very hard job. They have decided on a plan that has a 1.75 mill increase from last year. It is the following:

- \$2,000 out of Town Buildings Repairs and Maintenance
- \$40,000 out of the Police Department
- \$5,000 out of Public Works Repairs and Maintenance
- \$3,000 out of Parks Repairs and Maintenance
- \$5,000 out of Parks General Supplies
- \$18,000.00 out of Blight Officer's budget
- \$1,000.00 out of Culture & Arts rental line item
- \$2,000.00 out of Library books line item
- \$1,000.00 out of Parks supplies
- \$1,000.00 out of Parks repairs
- \$5,000.00 out of Contingency
- \$2,000.00 out of Tax Collector supplies
- \$5,000.00 out of Highway Maintenance
- \$5,000.00 out of Waste Commercial
- \$5,000.00 out of Waste Residential

\$200,000.00 into Capital Project Reimbursement Fund

\$109,000.00 savings from Board of Education health insurance

\$170,000.00 additional taken out of the Board of Education Budget.

ITEM # 5 - Take any necessary action on the 2010/2011 budget.

Motion from last meeting:

Motion to rescind the previous motion to reduce the Finance Department salary line item by \$35,000.00 due to not knowing the impact on the department and laying people off.

Motion: Kristen Harmeling

Second: Peter Jezierny

Vote: 6-Yes (Mark Thompson, Bill Paecht, Bill Sawicki, Kristen Harmeling, Peter Jezierny, Michelle Walsh) 1-No (Len Greene) 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Motion to pass/act on the proposed plan above for a reduction in the proposed budget of \$579,318.00, which consists of an increase on the municipal side of \$749,000.00 and an increase on the Board of Education side of \$690,000.00, to go to the public for a vote on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 from 6am to 8pm at the Seymour Community Center.

