

# BOARD OF FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 16th, 2010

- |         | Regular Members   | Others  |
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| Present | X Tom Bechtle<br>X Earl Brecher<br>Ralph Gold CHM.<br>X Sally Hart<br>X Anne Ingvertsen<br>John LaPorta | Barbara Herbst - Clerk<br>Gordon M. Ridgway - First Selectman |
|         | Alternate Members   |   |
|         | X Jack Preston<br>X Celia Senzer  |   |

Call to Order

7:26 p.m.

**Motion**

**Anne Ingvertsen** made a motion to elect Tom Bechtle as Chairman Pro Tempore  
**Sally Hart** Seconded the motion  
**Motion passed unanimously**

Chairman Pro Tempore

Asked Celia Senzer to sit for John LaPorta  
 Asked Jack Preston to Sit for Ralph Gold

Additions to the Agenda

Approval of minutes from the June 17, 2010 meeting.

Minutes:

Minutes for the May20th, May 21st and June 17th 2010 meetings were mailed to all members with their packet for this meeting. All members reported reading the minutes.

**Motion**

**Anne Ingvertsen** Made a motion to approve all sets of minutes as presented  
**Jack Preston** Seconded the motion

Chairman Pro Tempore

Asked for any discussion  
 Sally Hart pointed out a typographical error, her name on the Adjournment motion of the 5/21 minutes was spelled Hard and should be Hart.  
**Motion passed unanimously**

Chairman Pro Tempore

Modified the order of the agenda to accommodate the arrival of the First Selectman

Budget Transfer #6 for FY 2009-2010

**Motion**

**Earl Brecher** Made a motion to approve Budget Transfer #6 presented  
**Celia Senzer** Seconded the motion

Chairman Pro Tempore

Asked for any discussion

One member queried the clerk about the purpose of this budget transfer. The clerk replied that it is a formality to move available balances Intra Budget and bring any lines to zero that were above. Many departments were able to cover their own shortfalls from within their own department. Total amount from contingency to other lines is \$18,176.14 leaving \$2,712.39 in contingency. (a copy of the complete budget transfer is annexed hereto)

**Motion passed unanimously**

Budget Transfer #1 for FY 2010-2011

From:	Contingency	# 01-10000
Amount	\$5,000	
To:	Tax Refunds	# 01-70585

A large refund request in the amount of \$3,391.34 was processed by the Tax Collector, this refund is a result of over taxation due to a clerical error in the Assessor's office that was created and perpetuated by the assessor prior to Barbara Bigos.

**Motion**

**Earl Brecher** Made a motion to approve Budget Transfer #1 as presented  
**Anne Ingvertsen** Seconded the motion

Chairman Pro Tempore

Asked for any discussion and asked the clerk to elaborate on the circumstances associated with this transfer.

The clerk with the assistance of First Selectman Ridgway explained the clerical error.

**Motion passed unanimously**

Reports of Boards  
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The Highway Department has had a busy summer, the majority of the road work for oiling and paving has been completed in the north west corner of West Cornwall. The Great Hill ARRA grant is on hold at the moment. The EECBG Grant is proceeding and installation of the solar panels for the Town Offices will begin soon. The Facade Improvement Grant has wrapped up with 18 businesses receiving over \$145,000 in improvement grants. The Rumsey Hall building has been condemned by the Building Inspector, the property owner does not have the funding to demolition the building therefore the Town of Cornwall is on the hook for the expense. There is a provision that the Town can place a lien on the property to reclaim the costs of the demolition, this particular lien is similar to a tax lien. The estimated cost of the demolition is unknown, the elimination or inclusion of lead and asbestos contamination will determine the final costs. The Board of Selectmen will review bids at their Regular Meeting being held on September 21st 2010. The Board of Finance is being asked to hold a special meeting on September 22, 2010 to hear the results of the bids, hear the BOS proposal for funding the demolition and to act on that proposal and set a recommendation for a Town Meeting to be held on October 1st 2010.

**Motion**

**Earl Brecher** Made a motion to set a special Meeting of the Board of Finance on on September 22, 2010 to transact the aforementioned business.

Chairman Pro Tempore

**Anne Ingvertsen** Seconded the motion

Asked for any discussion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion**

**Sally Hart** Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Pro Tempore

**Celia Senzer** Seconded the motion

Asked for any discussion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

Adjournment

8:14 p.m.