

# BOARD OF FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2011

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|         | <u>Regular Members</u>   | <u>Others</u>                         |
| Present | Y Tom Bechtle            | Y Barbara Herbst - BoF Clerk          |
|         | Y Earl Brecher           | Y Gordon M. Ridgway - First Selectman |
|         | Y Ralph Gold CHM.        |                                       |
|         | Y Sally Hart             |                                       |
|         | Y Celia Senzer           |                                       |
|         | Y John LaPorta           |                                       |
|         | <u>Alternate Members</u> |                                       |
|         | Y Jack Preston           |                                       |
|         | N Maureen E. Donahue     |                                       |

Call to Order
#1 - Additions to the Agenda

7:30 p.m.

Ralph Gold announced that "Election of Officers" and appointment of Board Clerk needed to be added to the agenda and would precede #2, *Approval of minutes from October 20th, 2011*.

**Motion**

Ralph Gold	Made a motion to appoint Barbara Herbst as Board Clerk.
Tom Bechtle	Seconded the motion.

Chairman

Asked for any discussion

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion**

Celia Senzer	Made a motion to nominate Ralph Gold for Chairman
Tom Bechtle	Seconded the motion.
John LaPorta	Moved to close nominations for Chairman
Earl Brecher	Seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

**Vote was unanimous to appoint Ralph Gold as Chairman**

**Motion**

John LaPorta	Made a motion to nominate Tom Bechtle for Vice Chairman
Earl Brecher	Seconded the motion.
Tom Bechtle	Declined the nomination

**Motion**

Ralph Gold	Made a motion to nominate Earl Brecher for Vice Chairman
Tom Bechtle	Seconded the motion.
Tom Bechtle	Moved to close nominations for Vice Chairman
John LaPorta	Seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

**Vote was unanimous to appoint Earl Brecher as Vice Chairman**

# 2 - Minutes:
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Minutes for the October 20th meeting were made available to all members with a mailing in November.

**Motion**

<b>Earl Brecher</b>	Made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 20th regular meeting.
<b>Tom Bechtle</b>	Seconded the motion.

Chairman

Asked for any discussion

**Ralph Gold abstained from voting, motion passed unanimously**

# 3 - Reports of Boards and Commissions
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Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Ridgway reported that the construction of the bridge in West Cornwall is complete and ahead of schedule. The Equipment shed behind the town garage is completed and on budget. The BoS are working on the CRRA contract and hoping to negotiate a contractual decrease. The BoS are also researching competitive pricing for electricity. CCS was used as a storm shelter for the very first time during Storm Alfred and the experience was a resounding success. A Storm Shelter Committee has been created to assess performance and create standardized procedures for any subsequent Storm Shelter needs.

Tom Bechtle

Wanted to share with the Board that Mohawk Construction was a pleasure to have in the neighborhood, their professionalism and courtesy during the construction and replacement of the bridge was extraordinary.

Question

A board member asked for an update of Rumsey Hall and the foreclosure action.

First Selectman Ridgway reported that Town Counsel has commenced with the foreclosure

proceedings, there are three parties involved; The Bank, The Owner and The Town. Currently it is unclear whether or not the bank will step in to pay off the lien to protect their own interest. The Town has afforded the owner all due process as well as a reasonable amount of time. It is the understanding of the BoS that Town Counsel is waiting for an assignment date from the court.

#4 Review and approve the *Schedule for Budget Meetings for Winter-Spring 2012*

A draft schedule was mailed to all members as part of their meeting packet.

**Motion**

**John LaPorta** Made a motion to approve the schedule as presented

Chairman

**Earl Brecher** Seconded the motion

Asked for any discussion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

# 5 - Review and approve the proposed budget for FY 2012-13 for the Finance Office

A copy of the proposed budget as prepared by the Finance Director was mailed to all members as part of their meeting packet.

**Motion**

**Celia Senzer** Made a motion to approve the proposed Finance Office budget as presented and to submit it to the BoS for inclusion in the proposed FY 2012-2013 budget document.

Chairman

**Earl Brecher** Seconded the motion.

Asked for any discussion

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion**

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

**Celia Senzer** Seconded the motion

Asked for any discussion.

**Motion passed unanimously**

Adjournment

7:59 PM

Submitted:

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Barbara E. Herbst, Board Clerk