

BOARD OF FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Sept 15, 2011

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

Call to Order

7:30 p.m.

Chairman

Asked Jack Preston to sit for Tom Bechtle

Additions to the Agenda

None

Minutes:

Minutes for the July 21, 2011 meeting were mailed to all members with their packets. All reported reading the minutes.

Clerk

Reported that the minutes as presented are incorrect. Under "Town Meeting", a correction needs to be made to the second paragraph to read that initial funding will be used to facilitate the Project from Great Hollow Road up to College Street and that will remain being called Phase I. Phase II of the project is from College Street to the Goshen Town line and will be completed subsequent to Phase I. All other information regarding the funding of Phase I and Phase II was reported correctly.

Motion

Earl Brecher Made a motion to approve the minutes amended.
Jack Preston Seconded the motion.

Chairman

Asked for any discussion

Motion passed unanimously

Chairman

Chairman tabled "reports of Boards and Commissions:" to be resumed when First Selectman Ridgway arrived and a BoE representative arrived.

**Budget Transfer #1
FY 2011 - 2012**

From: Capital Undesignated
To: Capital Town Buildings
Amount \$15,000

Reason: Facilitate completion of HWY shed with door and floors - leaving funds available for other scheduled upgrades to other Town Buildings

Motion

Earl Brecher Made a motion to approve Budget Transfer #1 as presented.
Jack Preston Seconded the motion.

Chairman

Asked for any discussion

Motion passed unanimously

**Reports of
Boards and
Commissions**

Board of Education

No representative from the Board of Education reported to the meeting.

Board of Selectmen

Hurricane Irene: The most severe damage was the destruction of a bridge on Lower River Road. The road is currently closed and the state of emergency has not been lifted within the Town of Cornwall because four homes remain cut off from emergency services. Roger Kane and our Highway Foreman have been out to inspect the damage. Lenard Engineering has been called to assess the viability of the remaining structure and to make recommendations on repair. We are looking at three options; one is a temporary replacement, two would be a patch and three would be to replace the entire bridge. FEMA has been out to visit the site and we have been told we are on the top of the list. FEMA will reimburse us for 75% of the cost to repair the bridge to pre disaster condition. Additionally, we may qualify for reimbursements to improve the structure to prevent a subsequent reoccurrence.

Great Hill Road Project: We have received preliminary permission from the state to accept the one bid that we received. The project is tentatively scheduled to commence in the spring because of temperature issues.

HWY Shed: Demolition has begun on the remaining structure. A contract has been signed with Patrick Redmond Builders for a total of \$91,942. This sum includes floors and doors and a credit of \$3,122 for the demolition and removal of old building.

Transfer Station - new hire: Fred Bate has retired after 10 years of service. Ted Larson has been hired to replace him in the capacity of Assistant to the Transfer Station Manager.

Solar Panels on Municipal Buildings: By utilizing a grant offered by DCS Energy The Town of Cornwall can install more solar panels. The roof of CCS and the roof of the Highway Garage are being considered as locations to install these panels.

F.O.I decision: The Town of Cornwall has received the final decision rendered by the F.O.I Commission. The F.O.I Commission upheld the recommendation of the F.O.I hearing officer to dismiss the charges against the Town of Cornwall as brought by Richard Stone. Sometime after November, the town will host a seminar where a representative of the F.O.I. Commission will present the latest F.O.I information regarding electronic communications and standard F.O.I procedures.

Chairman: Reported that he will be participating in an EMT course that will meet from 6-10 on Tuesday and Thursday nights for the months of December, January, February and March. The schedule of meetings for 2011 will be on the October agenda and may reflect changes in meeting days to accomodate this committment.

Motion

Sally Hart Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Earl Brecher Secoded the motion

Asked for any discussion.

Motion passed unanimously

Adjournment

8:21 PM

Submitted:

Barbara E. Herbst, Board Clerk