

BOARD OF FINANCE

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

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

Call to Order

7:30 p.m.

Additions to the Agenda

N/A

Minutes:

Minutes for the November 17th meeting were mailed to all members with their packet for this meeting. All members reported reading the minutes.

Motion

John LaPorta Made a motion to approve the November 17 minutes as presented.
Sally Hart Seconded the motion.

Chairman

Asked for any discussion

Motion passed unanimously

Approval of proposed Finance Office Budget FY 2011-2012

A copy of the proposed FY 2011-212 Budget for the Finance Office was mailed to all members with their packet.

Motion

Earl Brecher Made a motion to approve the proposed 2011-2012 Finance Office Budget as presented and endorse it for submission to the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman

Tom Bechtle Seconded the motion

Asked for any discussion

Motion passed unanimously

Reports of Boards and Commissions

Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Ridgway reported that Roger Kane and he attended a meeting in Newington regarding the ARRA Grant for the Great Hill Road paving project. Currently the original grant is back on track and additionally a phase II of the grant is being explored. The entire cost of the project will be in the neighborhood of four or five hundred thousand dollars and the financial responsibility of the town will be in the neighborhood of fifty to sixty thousand dollars total. When the time is appropriate and the final figures are calculated a Town Meeting will need to be held to authorize the acceptance of both ARRA grants and the expenditure of town funds.

Approval and acceptance of the Phase II for the Façade Improvement Program and Traffic Calming STEAP Grant will need to be included in that Town Meeting as well.

First Selectman Ridgway recently spoke to Senator Andrew Roraback regarding the Hughes Memorial Library STEAP Grant Project and Senator Roraback will help mediate the cost of the necessary easement between the Town and CL&P.

The Rumsey Hall Demolition is complete and Town Counsel had proceeded with the filing of the lien to recover our costs.

The current budget vs. actual figures reveal that the Town Counsel line has gone over budget. There have been unanticipated legal costs associated with long-term tax delinquencies, the Gates Bequest, cell tower issues, abandon road issues and employment issues. The Highway

Department has had unexpected repairs to the septic system and the heating system, truck repairs and maintenance have been extensive. The Board of Selectmen have negotiated the purchase of 1500 yards of sand from DOT for 1.50 per yard, previously we were paying 19 dollars per yard. the 1500 yards of sand will be a full year supply.

Question

Do we have a new town employee?

Answer

Currently Jim Vanicky has been appointed temporary highway foreman and Buddy Hurlburt has been hired as a temporary full time employee. In January 2011 both positions will be noticed and the candidate selection will take place. The Highway Foreman position will be filled first thereby nullifying the need to notice a road crew position if Jim Vanicky does not apply or has not been chosen as Highway Foreman. Brian Hutchins and Ted Larson have both been hired as snow removal extras for the season.

Question

Do you anticipate additional legal costs associated with employment issues?

Answer

The Board of Selectmen do not anticipate additional legal costs and as always, will keep the Board of Finance informed.

Motion

Sally Hart

Made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Earl Brecher

Seconded the motion

Asked for any discussion.

Motion passed unanimously

Adjournment

7:48 PM

Submitted:

Barbara E. Herbst, Board Clerk