

North Stonington Board of Finance
DRAFT Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday May 4, 2016
New Town Hall @ 7:30PM
North Stonington, Connecticut

1. **Call to Order @ 7:34PM:** *In attendance:* Chairman Tim Main, Charlie Steinhart, Mustapha Ratib, and Alternate Bob Testa (seated for Carolyn Howell),
Absent: Emile Pavolovics, Tim Pelland, Carolyn Howell, and Alternate Chris Hundt,

2. **Pledge to the Flag:** Completed

3. **Public Comments:** J Gross discussed: a) Annual budget meetings b) Parliamentary procedures c) Public records access d) definition of "shall" e) municipal buildings

4. **BOF budget 2016/2017 Review and Preparation:** BOF reviewed proposed General Government budget. Revenues are still questionable due to State budget difficulties. After lengthy discussion, the BOF made several changes to proposed expenditures:

B1.06 Selectmen's Expenses reduced by \$1,000

B1.07 Office Expenses reduced by \$1,000

B1.09 Certifications/Seminars reduced by \$250

B3.00 Board of Finance Expenses increased by \$500

B8.00 Town Attorney reduced by \$10,000

B9.01 Tribal Recognition reduced by \$2,000

B11.03 Planning and Zoning Travel Expenses reduced by \$500

B11.04 Planning and Zoning Attorney reduced by \$5,000

B13.00 Expenses: Zoning Board Appeals reduced by \$500

B22.00 Expenses reduced by \$1,250

B27.12 Contract Services - Highway reduced by \$8,500

B27.14 Tree Maintenance reduced by \$7,000

C1.06 Mini Excavator deleted (\$40,000)

C1.10 Diesel Tractor – additional information requested re. type of mover

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Budget review Cont'd.

C1.11 Jet Shed deleted (\$26,000)

Mustapha will reformulate budget with above changes and forward to BOF members

5. **Monthly Budget Report reviews (BOS, BOE, Tax Collector):** Reviewed reports with no comments received

6. **BOF future strategies:** Chairman Main will contact BOE regarding discussion of their budget next week, including potential impacts to loss of State funding.

2016/2017 will need to include payments for Emergency Services Center (2 @ \$210,178.74 each)

7. **Previous Minutes:** Minutes were adopted as amended **Vote:** 4-0-0 Unanimous

8. **Public Comments:** Brian Rathbun questioned whether salary increases include COLA adjustments.

9. **Adjournment:** at 10:45 PM **Vote:** 4-0-0 Unanimous

Submitted By:



C. A Steinhart IV, Vice Chairman