

**North Stonington Board of Finance
Draft Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, March 6, 2019
New Town Hall @ 700pm
North Stonington, CT**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting called to order @ 700pm by Chairman Dan Spring **Members Present:** Chairman Dan Spring, Paul Simonds, Carolyn Howell, Candis Banks, Mike Anderson(arrived late @ 703pm)(Present from Selectman's office, Selectwoman Nita Kincaid, Selectman Bob Carlson, Administration and Finance Officer Christine Dias) **Absent:** Tim Main, Mustapha Ratib & Alternate Chris Hundt.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Performed.
3. **Public Comments & Questions-** Bob Carlson stated that he had concerns about lowering the line item for the legal line in the budget due to Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation requesting reconsideration for federal recognition.
4. **Budget Preparation:** 2019-2020 Fiscal Year- Reviewed/Discussed.
Discussed and agreed that the Board of Finance would like to be conservative in regards to the new budget, due to what is happening in Hartford, the minimal increase to the Grand List over the past year, capital expenses, among other things. It was communicated to the Selectman/woman present that we would be asking for a zero increase over the prior year's budget for their operating expenses. Dan Spring was to reach out to Christine Wagner on the Board of Education and advise of the same so that the Board of Education would have a chance to meet and discuss their budget to make adjustments.
5. **Previous Minutes-** Reviewed minutes for 2.6.2019 & 2.13.2019. Dan Spring moved to approve the minutes of 2.6.2019 as presented. Mike Anderson 2nd – Approved 5-0-0. Dan Spring moved to approved the minutes of 2.13.2019 and Paul Simmonds 2nd. Approved 4-0-1, Mike Anderson abstained.
6. **Future Strategies-** Plan to keep meeting and working on budget as information becomes available to us from the Town and State for discussion and consideration. Goal is still to have Annual Town/Budget Meeting at the beginning of May.
7. **Adjournment-** Dan Spring moved to adjourn at 925pm. Paul Simonds 2nd. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn A. Howell
Secretary, Board of Finance