

**North Stonington Board of Finance
Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 29, 2019
North Stonington Town Hall @ 700pm
North Stonington, CT**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call** – Meeting was called to order @ 700 pm by Chairman Dan Spring. **Members Present:** Chairman Dan Spring, Paul Simonds, Carolyn Howell, Candis Banks, Mike Anderson, Tim Main(arrived late @ 720pm). Absent: Mustapha Ratib & Alternate Chris Hundt. **– The Full Board of Selectment was present – Mike Urgo, Nita Kincaid & Bob Carlson. Also present Christine Dias.**
- 2. Public Comments- Brett Mastroianni** spoke about the elimination of Robin's position. Brett feels that Mike Urgo does not have the authority on his own to eliminate the position. Brett referenced a Connecticut Supreme Court Case. Shawn Murphy spoke about Robin Roohr's position being eliminated without authority or input. Joe Gross asks that budgets be split when going to the referendum for vote.
- 3. Post Referendum: Re-address BOS Budget** – Mike Urgo stated that the cost of the referendum was \$5,000. Mike reviewed changes that were made to the Selectmen's Budget and gave reasoning for changes made and where monies reduced and where other monies were reallocated. There was discussion. The Selectmen's Budget is 2.29% of the entire budget as presented.
- 4. Post Referendum: Re-address BOE Budget:** Christine Wagner presented. Christine stated during her presentation that due to a staff change that they were able to reallocate funds and put money into line items for education materials which is what she said was asked for by multiple people in attendance at the Town

Meeting/Hearing and that although they had reallocated funds, their Budget ask was the same, as they felt that they had already cut everything that they could without eliminating positions and/or programs. There was discussion.

5. **Future Strategies-** Discussed Capital items in the budget & items related to Robin Roohr's position – To table the budget until all of the facts have been reviewed/discussed by the Board of Selectmen and/or legal counsel.
6. **Previous Minutes** –Reviewed Draft Minutes of May 2, 2019 – Dan Spring moved to approve, Paul Simonds 2nd. Approved 3-0-3 Paul, Tim & Carolyn abstained. Reviewed Draft Minutes of May 22, 2019. Dan Spring moved to approve as amended, Paul Simonds 2nd. Approved 4-0-2 (Carolyn & Tim abstained)
7. **Adjournment** – Dan Spring made a motion to adjourn. Candis Banks seconded. Approved 6-0-0 Meeting adjourned at 949pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn A. Howell, Secretary
Board of Finance