



**Town of North Stonington
Board of Finance Meeting
North Stonington Education Center & Zoom Meeting
January 17, 2024
7:00 PM**

Minutes

1. Call to Order: (7:01pm) Mike Anderson, Chairman; Dan Smith, Vice-Chairman; Gary Annino, Carl Johnston, Lou Gingerella, Amy Friend, and Winona Berdine (online), seated for Sarah Nelson; Sarah Nelson was present online at 7:18pm; Seated at 7:26pm.

2. Public Comments: None

3. Correspondence:

A. Board of Education financials have been received.

B. Town of North Stonington Audit received.

4. FY 2022/2023 Audit Presentation: Completed audit for FY ending June 30, 2023 with presentation conducted by King, King & Associates, P.C. represented by Sean O'Grady. Overall, clean opinion and no significant deficiencies or findings deeming the town's process for internal controls effective and compliant according to Government Auditing Standards. Audit included Federal Single Audit, State Single Audit, Board of Education, and Annual Financial Statements. Highlights included :

-Annual Financial Report: Net position increase of \$2,442,773.

-(16.67%) of annual surplus in General Funds, which is 21% greater than GOF recommends. The 3 Yr General Fund balance has trended upwards.

-Review of Funds and Financial Statements; Comparison of General Fund balances.

-Major Funds lists review.

-Reconciliation of budget and GAAP basis.

-Long-Term Liabilities review, including General Obligation Bonds and payoff.

-Retirement Benefits, including that of Connecticut State Teacher's Retirement System liabilities (OPEB)

-Aggregated Funds

-Supplemental Schedules of Revenues Expenditures, Balance Sheets, and Budget Actuals.

-State Single Audits

-Federal Single Audits that included Federal Awards/Grants ie ARPA.

-Prior Year Management letter findings on policies and procedures were remediated.

Overall Findings cont.'d: Declaration of a clean audit with no material issues. Filed on time in conjunction with 33% of the state. Shawn Murphy, Town Treasurer questions and requests:

Requests statement of whether the Board of Education fulfilled obligation to submit policy and procedures manual, of which Sean O'Grady of King, King, & Associates needed to confirm that receipt and get back to us on as the record was not accessible at time of presentation. Shawn

Murphy also asked to what degree School Activity Funds were audited and finally; Where audit recognizes the Certificate(s) of Deposit on pg 28 as less than 12 month and it is technically a 12 month, not less than, but O'Grady confirmed that it was technically less than 1 year to maturity when audited. Discussion and questions by the Board of Finance. Dan Smith motioned to accept the audit as presented and written, with Gary Annino in to second that motion. The Board of Finance voted to accept into the record the audit report as presented and written 5-0-1 with Sarah Nelson abstaining herself due to time.

5. Tax Assessor Grand List Report: Darryl DelGrasso, Town Assessor, presented the Grand List Report to the board. The used motor vehicle increase seen in previous years went down 3.79%, however, the total increase was 2.7% or about \$482,113 in additional tax dollars.

6. Selectmen Presentation of the 20-year Capital Plan: First Selectman Bob Carlson presented options for a 20-Year capital plan. This comprehensive overview detailed the two options of using bonding or not. Including in these options are the procedures of financing, saving, and doing nothing. Plan reviews were all part of the discussion, as well as, the processes for bond procedures vs. not using bonds at all.

7. Review of Minutes: Gary Annino motions to simultaneously accept the minutes from 12/6/23 and 11/15/23, with Dan Smith in to second that motion for a vote of 5-0-1, with Lou Gingerella abstaining as his BOF term had not yet commenced at the time of these meetings.

8. Public Comments: Heard

9. Next Meeting – February 7, 2024

10. Adjournment: 8:50 pm; Motion by Gary Annino to adjourn, with Carl Johnston in to second the motion; Board of Finance votes 6-0-0 to adjourn at 8:50pm.

The Town of North Stonington YouTube Channel is: https://youtube.com/@nostopublicmeetingchannel458?si=baL6B0lf_Ofougf-

Meeting was streamed live and is posted on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/live/ndgcz-r2Ocw?si=1Cpgsi6d1ZzJU-Jj>

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Friend