

North Stonington Board of Finance
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, July 12, 2017
North Stonington Sr. Center @ 730pm
North Stonington, CT

1. Call to Order – Call to order @ 753pm
2. Roll Call – Members Present: Chairman Tim Main, Vice Chair, Charles Steinhart, Mustapha Ratib & Carolyn Howell filling in as Secretary for Tim Pelland. Members Absent: Tim Pelland, Emile Pavlovics, Alternate Bob Testa & Alternate Chris Hundt
3. Pledge to the Flag – Completed
4. Public Comments & Questions – None
5. Communications – Request received by Email from Joliette regarding the budget & numbers. Shawn Murphy was present and clarified that she was just looking for numbers to be shuffled.
6. Board of Finance 2017/2018 Budget – Discussed that the budget was approved at the meeting that was held at the school and was to go to a public hearing. Discussed posting a notice for a Public Hearing on Monday, July 31st. Tim Main said he had to get ahold of Robbie to check on the date/location to see if the school is available. Shawn Murphy indicated that there had been people from the public asking him for the budget that was approved to be sent to the meeting and that he had not received a copy of it. Tim forwarded the budget by email to Shawn during the meeting. There was discussion as to how the Board of Finance came up with the increase in the proposed budget to 30 mils. Specifically, 1 mil for the school project(which the town has already committed to), ½ mil for the current year and 1 ½ mil in possible loss to State Revenues. Charles Steinhart discussed thoughts on if the budget was to be approved and if all of the state funds come in. Mustapha talked about giving details to the public as to how we came up with the budget. Charlie talked about putting extra funds into the undesignated fund and Mustapha discussed funding the school project. Shawn Murphy indicated that he felt that the Board of Finance should have waited until the State came up with a budget. Charlie Steinhart asked why. Shawn replied that we depend more on revenue from the State than other towns and then elaborated about the Town of Stonington. Shawn then stated that we had given up flexibility and that we “can’t reduce expenses by statute”. Charlie Steinhart responded that for the 17/18 budget we cannot make changes, but could make adjustments in the 18/19 year budget. Shawn was asked if the Mashantucket Grant money had been received from the State – Shawn indicated that the money was received on the 30th of June.
7. **** To be continued ****

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Howell, Board of Finance
Filling in for Tim Pelland, Secretary