



Town of **North Stonington**
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Draft Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday June 21st, 2017

New Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. Call to Order; Call to order @ 7:36pm

2. Roll Call:

a) Members Present;

Vice-Chairman Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland,
Alt. Bob Testa and Carolyn Howell

b) Absent: Chairman Tim Main, Mustapha Ratib and Emile Pavlovics
and Alt. Chris Hundt

c) Alternate(s) seated if any;

Alt. Bob Testa seated for Tim Main

3. Pledge to the Flag; Completed

4. Public Comment and/or Questions;

None. No public in attendance.

5. Communications;

Mustapha had reported he had received something related to surfacing the playground a new type of safety surface. Also someone left a cartoon in the BOF mailbox related to next year's Municipal -Aid numbers.

6. Monthly Reports;

No reports were in the mailbox for review. Charlie did mention that all the reports had been submitted by the June time frame. Bob noted that the letter approved by the BOF about end of year spending did not go out for two-weeks after approval.

7. BOF Work on 2017 / 2018 Approved Budget Presentation;

Charlie noted that the General Government Budget went up for the addition of a Finance Person. Bob noted that there were no layoffs in budget as a good thing. Bob noted that the opportunity was missed to combine the Financial Position with the School Financial Position. Charlie mentioned the BOF schedule to set the mill-rate was on June 14th, 2017, and the selectman did it on the 13th. Bob noted that trying to put together a presentation without Mustapha present to put together a PowerPoint is not a good idea. Bob mentioned we need to educate the public on the proposed mill rate by being honest and direct with them. Bob mentioned you have to include the School Project even though some may not want too. Charlie mentioned that the board determined a 3-mill increase based on if the Governor's Budget was realistic and if it gets voted down we would have to look at cuts.

****Mustapha Ratib showed at 7:57pm**

Carolyn noted that we as a board asked the BOE and the BOS to bring their perspective budgets down and they did honor that request.

Mustapha started to work on power-point presentation with his computer. Mustapha suggested that board members' email him through the town's email with ideas for the presentation. Resident Brent Woodward asked if the presentation would show the Financial Position as a separate line or slide. Charlie said the BOS are using the same amount of money from previous budget so that position could be filled. Bob said the BOE and the BOS need to talk about the impact if the budget fails at the hearing. Tim Pelland mentioned showing the Rainy Day Fund as a part of the presentation showing the chart we received from the Auditor. The board discussed the importance in setting a budget as we can adjust it down but not up. Charlie suggested to be ready to vote on presentation next meeting and move forward with it.

There will be no meeting on the 28th or the 5th. But vote on presentation for the 12th, so get ideas to Mustapha before then.

8. Review of Previous Minutes; (6/14/17)

Motion made by Carolyn to approve minutes as presented.

Bob seconded. Vote 3-0-2. Mustapha and Charlie abstained.

9. Public Comments and Questions; None

10. Adjournment;

Carolyn motioned to adjourn.

Bob seconded

Vote 5-0-0.

Adjourned 9:02pm

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
