

North Stonington Board of Finance Meeting

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, June 16, 2021

Hybrid North Stonington Education Center/Zoom Meeting @7:00pm

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1. **Call to Order:** 7:01pm, Board of Finance members present: Chairman Dan Spring, Vice-Chair Paul Simonds, Dan Smith, Carolyn Howell, Anne Akin Alternate Brett Mastroianni Absent: Mike Anderson and Sarah Nelson
2. **Public Comments*:** None
3. **Correspondence:** None
4. **BoS Appropriation Request:**
 - a) BoS is requesting a \$96,752 appropriation to cover the maintenance and utilities for 298 Norwich Westerly Road through March 31 of FY 2020/202W. Expenses for the remainder of the year (approx. \$30K) should be covered by American Rescue Plan funds (ARPF). Discussion covered:
 - Concern that the ARPF may not be approved for this use
 - Changing appropriation request to cover entire \$126K.
 - Confusion on how approval process for use of ARPF will work
 - Transferring money from another line item to cover \$30K if ARPF can't be used

Motion by Dan Spring to approve the BoS request for an appropriation of \$96,752 to cover the expenses of 298 NW Rd, through 31 March 2021. 2nd Paul Simonds.

Discussion followed

Vote: 5/0/0

Motion passes

5. **Previous Minutes:** None

6. **Future Strategies:**

- BoS set the mil rate at 28.6. Tax bills are being prepared and will be sent out at the end of the month. Hopefully the budget passes and no refunds or supplemental tax bills will be required.
- New tax collector, Donna Spellman, is quickly learning the position and has already sent out her first quarterly report.
- Town had a quick meeting with the auditor this week, Sept 27 will be the start of the virtual audit. It will take 2-3 weeks to complete.
- Chairman Dan Spring will get the reports out to the BoF members as quickly as possible for our review, including a report on the use of the BoE non lapsing fund.

7. **Public Comment:** Brett Mastroianni, as head of EDC, sent an email to the BoF advising us that the EDC voted to return unused budget funds to the undesignated fund as opposed to having them transferred to another line item.

8. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 8:05 by Dan Spring, 2nd Dan Smith. Approved 5/0/0.

***All Public comments are the opinions of the commenter**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Akin

BoF Secretary