



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 26, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: William Kingston, Chairman, J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were Comptroller Robert Kozlowski, Assistant Comptroller Brad Heering, Treasurer Thomas O’Leary and Selectman Straiton.

William Kingston called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Deliberation – Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budgets and Capital Plan

100 Selectmen	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$198,175
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$198,175
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$198,175

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, which was then withdrawn, to reduce salary increases in this account.

Discussion began with the intent to reduce salary increases to classified (non union service employees. Comptroller Robert Kozlowski explained that for the classified service employee’s salaries; the salaries shown in each account are what they are paid now (in the current budget). Salary adjustments for non union employees are determined by the First Selectman in July, the funding of which comes from a portion of the funds included in Account 420 – 353 Wage Adjustments. The salaries for all union employees shown in the budget is for what they will make July 1. This is because the contracts have been approved and the salaries are known. Two union groups have contracts that expire June 30th. Funding is included in wage adjustments for potential negotiated increases. Timothy Draper and William Kingston expressed concern in that they felt that this was misleading and confusing. Comptroller Robert Kozlowski pointed out that this is how the salaries have always been presented in the budgets.

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Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to recommend funding Account 100 – Selectmen at \$198,175. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

110 Treasurer	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$7,150.
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$7,150
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$7,150

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston to recommend funding Account 110 – Treasurer at \$7,150. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

120 Finance Dept	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$387,761
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$387,761
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$387,761

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 120 – Finance Department at \$387,761. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

130 Town Clerk	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$216,955
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$216,955
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$217,955

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by J. Phillip Gallagher, to increase Account 130 -101 Town Clerk Salary by \$1,000 and fund the account at \$217,955. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

140 Assessor	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$203,088
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$203,088
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$180,868

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to recommend funding Account 140 – Assessor at \$203,088. Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Voting against the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to increase 140-105 Part-time Clerk by \$400 to fund at \$16,000. (increase to hours) Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

Amongst other comments, William Kingston advised that he is not necessarily in favor of increasing the Part time position to Full time. J. Phillip Gallagher offered that the Assessor is not inspecting new buildings but mainly condos that have the same footprint, Timothy Draper offered that he wouldn't support the increase to full time and Eileen Freebairn claimed that by not funding the increase to full time, we are leaving money on the table by not allowing the Assessor to seek out new revenues.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 140 – Assessor at \$180,868. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

150 Tax Collector	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$190,287
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$190,287
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$190,287

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 150 – Tax Collector at \$190,287. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

160 Prof. Services	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$212,680
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$212,680
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$187,680

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 160-352 Litigation by \$25,000 to fund at \$125,000 and, to have the comptroller split the litigation into two categories to show how much is litigation and how much is attorney fees. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

170 Probate	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$4,374
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Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$4,374
Board of Finance Recommendation	\$4,374

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 170 – Probate at \$4,374. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

180 Building	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$217,960
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$213,461
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$213,461

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend funding Account 180 – Building Department at \$213,461. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

190 Data Processing/IT	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$269,724
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$269,724
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$269,724

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 190 – IT Department at \$269,724. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

200 Social Services	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$64,097
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$64,097
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$63,597

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend funding Account 200 – Social Services at \$64,097. J. Phillip Gallagher amended the motion with a second from Timothy Draper, to reduce 200-305 Emergency Fund by \$500 and recommend funding Account 200 – Social Services at \$63,597. Voting in favor of the amended motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the amended motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Amendment passes.

Members offered that should additional funds be needed, the request can come back to the Board of Finance.

210 Insurance	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$1,204,737
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$1,066,364
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$1,066,364

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 210 – Insurance at \$1,066,364. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

220 Fleet Maintenance	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$359,096
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$359,096
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$359,096

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 220 – Fleet Maintenance at \$359,096. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

230 Public Works	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$316,421
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$328,477
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$313,172

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce Account 230 – 103 Secretary by \$15,305 (keeps position part-time). Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 230 – Public Works at \$313,172. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

240 Highway Dept	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$1,344,982
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$1,148,093
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$1,313,093

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by J. Phillip Gallagher, to increase 240 – 404 Road Construction by \$165,000*. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting

against the motion: Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed. Among other comments, it was felt that road construction is a maintenance item and should be funded from this account.

*\$165,000 was removed from Road Construction included in the Capital items.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 240 – Highway Department at \$1,313,093. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

250 Planning & Zoning	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$221,658
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$221,658
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$221,658

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 250 – Planning & Zoning Department at \$221,658. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

260 Building Maintenance	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$674,830
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$666,413
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$666,413

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 260 – Building Maintenance at \$666,413. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

270 Tree Warden	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$94,400
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$94,400
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$94,400

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by J. Phillip Gallagher, to recommend funding Account 270 – Tree Warden at \$94,400. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

290 Emergency Mgmt.	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$27,200
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$27,200

330 Registrar of Voters	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$96,486
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$96,486
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$96,486

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by J. Phillip Gallagher, to recommend funding Account 330 – Registrar of Voters at \$96,486. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

340 Town Boards	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$128,350
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$123,350
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$120,850

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 340 – 509 Charter Revision by \$2,500. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 340 – Town Boards & Commissions at \$120,850. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

350 Health Department	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$284,096
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$279,096
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$279,096

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by J. Phillip Gallagher, to recommend funding Account 350 – Health Department at \$279,096. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

360 Police Dept.	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$3,984,515
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$3,881,115
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$3,907,815

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to increase 360-403 Capital Equipment by \$26,700 (funds 4 cars). Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip

Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 360 – Police Department at \$3,907,815. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

380 Parks & Recreation	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$936,873
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$929,582
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$922,782

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 380 – Parks & Recreation at \$929,582. J. Phillip Gallagher amended the motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 380 -315 Park Maintenance and Repairs by \$6,800 (tree, brush maintenance). Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick and Claudia Stephan. Eileen Freebairn and Gary Regan recused themselves from the vote. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding 380 – Parks & Recreation at \$922,782. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick and Claudia Stephan. Eileen Freebairn and Gary Regan recused themselves from the vote. Motion passed.

390 Employee Benefits	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$5,897,230
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$5,764,352
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$5,764,352

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to recommend funding Account 390 – Employee Benefits at \$5,764,352. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

400 Non Govt. Subsidies	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$26,752
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$17,883
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$ -0-

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend funding Account 400 – Non Government Agency Subsidies at \$17,883. Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Voting against the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 400 – Non Governmental Agency Subsidies at \$6,570 Hospice at \$2,500, New Opportunities at \$1,070 and Women’s Center at \$3,000. Voting in favor of the motion: William Kingston. Voting against the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 400 – Non Governmental Agency Subsidies at \$6,570 (Hospice at \$2,500, New Opportunities at \$1,070, Birthright at \$1,500 and Women’s Center at \$1,500.) Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 400 – Non Governmental Agency Subsidies at -0-. Voting in favor of the motion: William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. J. Phillip Gallagher originally abstained but withdrew his abstention and changed to voting in favor of the motion to fund at -0-. Motion passed.

405 Intra Govt. Agencies	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$401,742
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$381,742
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$381,742

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to recommend funding Account 405 – Intra Government Agency Subsidies at \$381,742. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

410 Utilities	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$2,492,510
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Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$2,492,510
Board of Finance Recommendation	\$2,492,510

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 410 – Utilities at \$2,492,510. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

420 Charges & Trans.	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$443,205
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$456,153
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$423,653

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 420 – 353 Wage Adjustments by \$30,000. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed. It was pointed out that this account also contains funding for a portion of the Economic Development Commission Director as well as salary adjustments for non union, and the two union contracts that expire in June.

J. Phillip Gallagher pointed out that the Classified Service Employee group has had several pay freezes when other groups did not.

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, but then withdrew it, to reduce 420-355 Town Hall Expense by \$2,000. Comptroller Robert Kozlowski pointed out that this account was increased due to the cost of legal notices. J. Phillip Gallagher requested that other means of advertising legal notices be explored.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce 420-403 Capital Equipment by \$2,500. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 420 – Misc. Charges and Transfers at \$423,653. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

430 Senior Center	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$151,715
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$142,515
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$141,015

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to reduce 430 – 301 Dues and Education by \$1,500. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 420 – Senior Center at \$141,015. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

435 Library	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$841,675
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$818,408
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$806,408

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend funding Account 435 – Library at \$818,408. J. Phillip Gallagher amended the motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 435-105 Part-time Clerks, Pages by \$12,000. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Amendment passes.

Among other comments, Eileen Freebairn offered that the Library budget has been reduced over the years; and with the completion of the library, they need staff to man the second story. It was pointed out that the Library, like the Board of Education, has bottom line control over their account.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 435 – Library at \$806,408. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

440 Debt Service	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$3,886,486
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$3,886,486
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$3,886,486

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to recommend funding Account 440 – Debt Service at \$3,886,486. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

450 Board of Education	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$40,946,273
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$40,946,273
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$40,888,711

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to reduce 450 – Board of Education by \$40,000. Voting in favor of the motion: William Kingston and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, and Timothy Draper. Motion fails. Among other comments, William Kingston offered that he would not like to add to head count when enrollment is not going up.

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 450 – Board of Education at \$40,946,273. Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Voting against the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper.

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 450 – Board of Education at \$40,839,969 (superintendent’s recommended budget). Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails. Among other comments, J. Phillip Gallagher offered that the economy has not improved and unemployment is still over 8%.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend funding Account 450 – Board of Education at \$40,888,711 (splitting the increase request). Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed. Among other comments, Timothy Draper offered that he would like to see the ROTC instructor funded.

It was pointed out that the Board of Education does have bottom line control over their accounts.

450 BOE Maintenance	Requested Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$549,392
	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	\$530,150
	Board of Finance Recommendation	\$500,000

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 460 – Board of Education Maintenance by \$130,150 and recommend funding at \$500,000. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend a Fiscal Year 2013-2014 town budget of \$26,124,905 (which consists of \$21,738,419 operating budget, \$500,000 Board of Education Maintenance and \$3,886,486 – Debt Service). Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend a Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Education Budget of \$40,888,711. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Motion passed.

Capital Items:

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce road construction by \$165,000 (moved into Account 240 – Road Construction). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to recommend funding \$1,949,342 in capital items (shown below) via short term notes. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Assessor	\$50,000	Revaluation
Public Works	\$22,000	Large format copier/scanner
Highway Department	\$152,000	42,000 lb GVW Truck
Highway Department	\$1,289,118	Road construction
Board of Education Maintenance	\$15,000	CCTV – Middle School and Berry School
Board of Education Maintenance	\$35,225	ADA improvements to fields, dugouts, bleachers
Board of Education Maintenance	\$93,000	Install emergency generator – High School

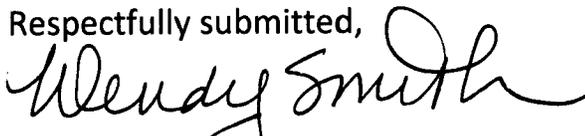
Board of Education Maintenance	\$25,000	Install emergency generator – Middle School
Building Maintenance	\$125,000	Municipal Center – Accessibility Improvements
Building Maintenance	\$25,000	Plumtrees Schoolhouse Improvements
Building Maintenance	\$50,000	towards GP A/C Project
Building Maintenance	\$400,000(*)	Install A/C & Heating Gym & GP Room
(*) Must be shown as part of the capital plan and is to be funded by energy conservation project		
Bethel Fire Department	\$30,000	Epoxy Floor Coating
Parks & Recreation	\$25,000	Irrigation at Berry School fields
Parks & Recreation	\$13,000	Over Seeder

Establish date for Public Hearing on Fiscal Year 2013-2014 recommended Budgets

J. Phillip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to set the Public Hearing date for Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethel High School Auditorium. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight’s agenda, Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to adjourn the special meeting at 9:40 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary