



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, April 22, 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, Asst. Comptroller Brad Heering and First Selectman Knickerbocker

William Kingston called the Special Meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Budgets

Account	450 - Board of Education	
	Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Recommendation	\$40,906,273

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to add \$17,562 to Account 450 - Board of Education to fund at \$40,906,273. Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher. Motion passed.

Account	400 - Non Govt. Agencies Subsidies	
	Fiscal Year 2013-2014	\$17,883

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend funding Account 400 - Non -Government Agencies Subsidies at \$17,883 (funding at the level recommended by the Board of Selectmen).

J. Phillip Gallagher amended the motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 400 - Non-Government Agencies Subsidies at \$7,570 (which would provide funding for Hospice, New Opportunities (Meals on Wheels) and Ability

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Beyond Disability). Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher. Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Amendment fails.

Voting in favor of the original motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion. J. Phillip Gallagher, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to recommend the proposal for funding and disbursing funds for Non-Governmental Organizations currently addressed in Account 400 of the Bethel Town Budget to the Charter Revision Commission for consideration: Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Patricia Smithwick. Motion passed. (Proposal attached)

J. Phillip Gallagher expressed concern that this item may not necessarily be an appropriate agenda item for a special meeting.

Account 435 - Library
Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Recommendation \$806,408

Eileen Freebairn made a motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to add \$12,000 to Account 435 - Library for additional staff.

Patricia Smithwick amended the motion, which was seconded by Claudia Stephan, to add \$6,000 to Account 435 - Library for additional staff. 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. Amendment fails.

Voting in favor of the original motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn and Claudia Stephan. Voting against the motion. J. Phillip Gallagher, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

Account 140 - Assessor
Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Recommendation \$203,088

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to recommend funding Account 140 - Assessor at \$203,088. This would provide for an increase to 140-105 Part-time clerk of \$22,200 (increases position to full-time). Voting in favor of the

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

Account 390 – Employee Benefits
Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Recommendation \$5,776,852

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to increase 390 – Employee Benefits by \$12,500 (390-112 FICA by \$1,500, 390-113 Hospitalization by \$9,000 and 390-115 Employee Pension (defined contribution) by \$2,000.) Voting in favor of the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher, Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion. Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

Account 420 – Misc. Charges and Transfers
Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Recommendation \$423,653

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to increase 420-353 Wage Adjustments by \$30,000. 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.

Account 460 – Board of Education Maintenance \$500,000

Claudia Stephan made a motion, which was seconded by Eileen Freebairn, to increase Account 460 – Board of Education Maintenance by \$30,150. 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 Claudia Stephan, to recommend a total town budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 of \$26,177,508 (consisting of \$21,791,022 town operations, \$3,886,486 debt service and \$500,000 for the Board of Education School Building Maintenance Account). Voting in favor of the motion: Patricia Smithwick, Eileen Freebairn, Claudia Stephan, William Kingston, and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: J. Phillip Gallagher and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to recommend a total education budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 of \$40,906,273. Voting in

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

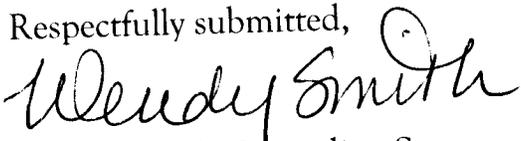
Consideration of appointment of Auditor

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Patricia Smithwick, to appoint the firm of Cohn Reznick as the Town Auditors. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Comptroller Robert Kozlowski noted that Cohn Reznick is the same audit group as in the past; previously they were J.H. Cohn but have since combined with another audit firm.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Patricia Smithwick made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 8:35 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary