



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, February 21, 2008

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, Kevin Riley, William Slifkin, James Roden and John Dietter. Also in attendance was the Board of Selectmen

J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Departmental Budget Presentations

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250 Planning & Zoning

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Steven Palmer, Zoning Official presented the Planning & Zoning budget request. Mr. Palmer commented that there have been several major development projects approved and many more upcoming projects; the commission and staff have been very busy. He cited minor increases to the budget request. The 2007 Plan of Development was recently adopted; the Route 6 Corridor Study is scheduled for adoption early this year.

310 Bethel Fire Department

Fred Ingram, Chief of the Bethel Fire Department presented the Bethel Fire Department budget request. He remarked that there were not many changes to the budget request; prices have increased on a variety of items and many are OSHA requirements. He explained that they are looking to replace the Chief's vehicle, citing the many benefits that a 4WD vehicle provides. They are looking to find a used vehicle as it would be subject to rigorous use.

320 Stony Hill Fire Department

Ken Parciasepe, Chief of the Stony Hill Fire Department presented the Stony Hill Fire Department budget request. Chief Parciasepe reminded the boards of the age of the fleet, cautioning that replacement of vehicles will become a necessity. Discussion took place regarding the Route 6 development and whether our fleet would be adequate for fire

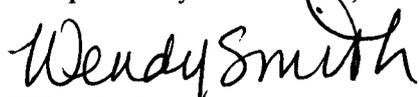
fighting. Chief Parciasepe offered his opinion that the developer of projects should share in the cost of insuring adequate fleet for fire protection services.

435 Library

Vice-Chairman Connie Booth and Librarian Lynn Rosato presented the Library budget request. Among the requested items are 27 additional part-time hours, they anticipate replacing 12 computers as part of their rolling 4 year replacement program, and have included increases to several accounts which are attributed to inflationary costs. They reported that the Library utilizes many volunteers to assist in its operations. It was pointed out that the Library has line item control over their budget; the town provides a bottom line budget amount.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Riley, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary