



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, March 27, 2008

6:45 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, Kevin Riley, William Slifkin and James Roden.

J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

Consideration of Comments from Public Hearing and/or deliberation on proposed Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget:

Account 435 – Library

Board of Finance members clarified their intention on the reduction of funding for Account 435 – Library. The Board of Selectmen had reduced the account by \$17,000 and the Board of Finance further reduced the account by \$4,287. The minutes from that meeting (3/3/08) reflect the Board of Finance intention to reduce the proposed salary increase from 4% to 3%. Board of Finance members concurred that this was their intended reduction. The Board of Finance also reiterated that the Library Board has line item control of their budget and the Board of Finance addresses the bottom line of the account.

Account 330 - Registrar of Voters

Discussion took place regarding a salary increase as requested by the two registrars. Board of Finance members stated that based on the information provided, it appears as though the hourly salary is around \$30/hour. Kevin Riley made a motion, which was not seconded to increase the salary account by 4%. The motion failed to receive a second and no further motions were put forth.

Account 400 – Non Government Agency Subsidies

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to increase account 400 – Non Government Agency Subsidies by \$7,000 which represented a \$2,000 increase to line item 333 - WECHAR and a \$5,000 increase to line item 372 - New Opportunities. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business conducted at the Special Meeting, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by Kevin Riley, to adjourn tonight's meeting at 7:12 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wendy Smith".

Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary