



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Friday, May 23, 2008
4:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: J. Philip Gallagher, Chairman, William Britt, William Slifkin, James Roden, Gary Regan and John Dietter. Also in attendance was Comptroller Barry Curina.

J. Philip Gallagher called the Special Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. noting that this was the only time available to hold a meeting with a quorum of Board of Finance members that would accommodate the Tuesday, May 27th continued town meeting.

Consideration of Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget

A general discussion took place regarding the recent failure of both the town and education budgets. Members agreed that it was clear that the voters have asked for a reduction; and that the cuts need to be more than token reductions.

Review of the various accounts took place with discussion over the impact of reductions to the various departments. After careful consideration and deliberation, J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to reduce the following accounts:

Account 240 – Highway Department

240 – 106	Negotiated Salaries	reduction of additional personnel	\$50,000
240 – 404	Road Construction	general reduction	\$90,000

Account 270 – Tree Warden

270 – 313	Contracted Services	general reduction	\$10,000
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Account 360 – Police Department

360 – 107	Overtime	general reduction	\$30,000
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Account 380 – Parks & Recreation

380 – 405 *Capital Construction general reduction* \$10,000

Account 435 - Library

435 *Reduction to overall account – Library has control over line items* \$10,000

Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This provides for a reduction to the town side of \$200,000.

Account 450 – Board of Education

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to reduce Account 450 – Board of Education by \$318,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

It was pointed out that the both sides of the budget received the same percentage of reduction.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to fund the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Town Budget at \$23,592,329. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Britt, to fund the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Education Budget at \$36,982,417. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on today's agenda, William Britt made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to adjourn the Special Meeting at 4:40 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary