



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

PRESENT: William Slifkin, Chairman, J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, James Roden, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Also in attendance were Comptroller Robert Kozlowski and the Board of Selectmen.

Call to order/pledge of allegiance: William Slifkin, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: none

Minutes of February 8, 2011 Regular Meeting: John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Minutes of February 17, 2011 Special Meeting: William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to approve the minutes as presented.

Minutes of February 24, 2011 Special Meeting: J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Presentation of FY 2011-2012 town operating budget and Board of Education 2011-2012 operating budget by the Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Knickerbocker presented the Board of Selectmen recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 budget.

ACCOUNT/DEPARTMENT

FY 2011-2012 REQUEST

RECOMMENDATION

230 Public Works **\$326,868** **\$297,368**

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen reduced this account by \$29,500 which consisted of a reduction to 230-201 Office Expense of \$3,500 for the Scanning of As-built drawings (at \$1,500) and Computer Aided Design Software (at \$2,000) and 230-313 Contracted Services of \$26,000 for the SchoolDude work order software (at \$9,000) and Progeos software (at \$17,000) and moves these items to Account 190 – Data Processing (IT).

240 Highway Department **\$1,220,916** **\$1,157,682**

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen adjusted this account by \$63,234 which consisted of a reduction to 240-106 Negotiated Salaries \$49,234 and \$26,000 Part-time Admin. Assistant and an addition to 240-313 Contracted Services of \$12,000 which is for the costs associated with the annual town wide leaf pick up. This charge has been centered in the Transfer Station account and is not a transfer station expense, it is a Highway expense.

250 Planning & Zoning **\$207,082** **\$207,082**

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

260 Building Maintenance **\$1,009,525** **\$644,025**

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen reduced this account by \$365,500 from 260-405 Capital Construction and recommends they be funded through the 5 year capital plan, the items are as follows:

Municipal Center

HVAC Improvements – Gym/Locker Room	\$120,000
Boiler Room Pump Replacement	\$ 14,500
Energy Management System Upgrade	\$ 15,000
Circuit Panel Replacements	\$ 25,000

South Street Firehouse

Masonry Repair – Exterior Painting	\$ 44,000
HVAC Replacement for Meeting Room	\$ 45,000

Public Works Garage

Roof Improvements	\$ 55,000
New furnace Highway	\$ 12,000
New 4,000 gallon Heating Oil Tank	\$ 35,000

270 Tree Warden \$89,400 \$89,400

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

290 Emergency Management \$26,000 \$26,000

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

300 Fire Marshal \$88,234 \$88,234

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

310 Bethel Fire Department \$197,600 \$161,100

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen made a reduction to 310-403 Capital Equipment of \$36,500 - 2 thermal cameras \$23,000 and 3 Hurst tool hose reels \$13,500 and recommends funding these items from the 5 Year Capital Plan.

320 Stony Hill Fire Department \$143,400 \$120,400

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen made a reduction to 320-403 Capital Equipment of \$23,000 and recommends funding the 2 thermal cameras from the 5 Year Capital Plan.

330 Registrar of Voters \$86,686 \$86,686

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

340 Town Boards & Commissions \$101,517 \$101,517

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

350 Health Department \$267,142 \$276,142

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen increased this account by \$9,000 for Household Hazardous Waste days. This cost had been previously charged to the Transfer Station.

360 Police Department \$3,563,444 \$3,563,444

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

380 Parks and Recreation \$977,126 \$964,670

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen reduced 380-403 Capital Equipment by \$12,456 for the Xmark lawnmower. First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that he had spoken with Eileen Earle, Parks & Recreation Director and she offered that this lawnmower purchase can be held off for another year.

390 Employee Benefits \$5,247,737 \$5,247,737

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

400 Non Government Agency Subsidies \$27,081 \$22,775

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 400 – Non Government Agency Subsidies at \$22,775. This provides funding for the following accounts:

333	WeCAHR	\$2,000	334	Mental Health Center	\$2,000
335	Women's Center	\$2,500	336	Ability Beyond Disability	\$2,500
338	Regional Commission	\$2,000	360	Hospice	\$2,000
362	Veterans' Holding	\$5,000	372	New Opportunities (Meals on Wheels)	\$4,525
377	HVA	\$ 250			

405 Intra Government \$375,463 \$375,463

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

410 Utilities, Charges & Services \$2,444,384 \$2,615,547

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 410 – Utilities, Charges & Services at \$2,615,547. This provides for an increase of \$171,163 for the water hydrant charges.

420 Misc. Charges and Transfers \$458,631 \$439,707

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 420 – Misc. Charges and Transfers at \$439,707. This provides for a reduction to 420-355 Town Hall Expense of \$18,924 for copier/sorter and moves this cost to 190 – Data Processing (IT).

430 Senior Center \$137,632 \$132,932

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 430 – Senior Center at \$132,932. This provides for a reduction to 430-317 Activities of \$2,000 and 430-435 Capital Equipment of \$2,700 (\$1,500 for 50 folding chairs and \$1,500 for computer).

435 Library \$757,051 \$740,934

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 435 – Library at \$740,934. This provides for a reduction of \$16,117 for COLA/raises.

440 Debt Service \$4,308,817 \$4,308,817

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

450 Board of Education \$38,041,050 \$38,041,050

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen is not recommending any adjustments to this account.

460 Board of Education – Maintenance \$555,127 \$458,292

First Selectman Knickerbocker advised that the Board of Selectmen recommends funding Account 460 – Board of Education Maintenance at \$458,292. This provides for a reduction of \$96,835 to 460-406 School Building Repairs and Maintenance, as follows:

HS 300-1	3 non-functioning restrooms	\$40,875 *
HS 300-6	punch list items not included in renovation	\$15,000 *
HS 300-9	sidewalk code compliance modifications	\$ 7,500 *
HS 300-10	retro-fit bleachers with electric pull-out devices	\$ 5,500 *

* To be funded from funds left in the High School Renovation Project Account

JS 400-6	energy management upgrades	\$ 6,975 **
RS 500-9	energy management upgrades	\$ 7,235 **
BS 200-6	energy management upgrades	\$13,750 **

Deliberation of FY 2011-2012 town operating budget and Board of Education operating budget

100 Selectmen's Office	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$192,924
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$192,924
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$192,924

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to fund Account 100 – Selectmen's Office at \$192,924. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

110 Treasurer	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$6,750
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$6,750
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$6,750

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to fund Account 110 – Treasurer at \$6,750. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

120 Finance	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$369,965
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$369,965
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$369,995

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to fund Account 120 – Finance at \$369,995. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

130 Town Clerk	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$211,630
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$211,630
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$211,630

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 130 – Town Clerk at \$211,630. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

140 Assessor	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$194,754
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$173,574
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$172,574

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by James Roden to reduce Account 140 - 201 Office Expense by \$2,000.

J. Philip Gallagher amended the motion which was seconded by John Dietter, to reduce Account 140-201 by \$1,000. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, Gary Regan and William Kingston. Voting against the motion: William Slifkin, James Roden and Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 140 – Assessor at \$172,574. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

150 Tax Collector	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$191,536
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$180,136
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$180,136

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to fund Account 150 – Tax Collector at \$180,136. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

160 Professional Services	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$212,680
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$212,680
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$212,680

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 150 – Professional Services at \$212,680. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

170 Probate	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$5,711
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$5,711
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$5,711

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to fund Account 170 – Probate at \$5,711. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

180 Building Inspection	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$210,465
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$209,265
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$209,265

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to fund Account 180 – Building Inspection at \$209,265. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

190 Data Processing (IT)	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$151,654
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$216,678
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$216,678

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 190 – Data Processing at \$216,678. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

200 Social Services	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$60,667
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$59,917
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$59,917

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 200 – Social Services at \$59,917. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

210 Town Insurance	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$803,992
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$803,292
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$803,292

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 210 – Town Insurance at \$803,292. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

220 Fleet Maintenance	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$368,773
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$347,273
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$347,273

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 220 – Fleet Maintenance at \$347,273. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

230 Public Works	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$326,868
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$297,368
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$297,368

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to fund Account 230 – Public Works at \$297,368. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

240 Highway Department	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$1,220,916
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$1,157,682
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$1,154,602

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was not seconded, to increase 240-404 Road Construction by \$300,000. He reasoned that funding should be left in this account so that road construction, in addition to the recently passed road renewal plan of \$2,000,000 can continue by perhaps doing roads that do not require full reclaiming and that once the funding is gone from this account, it will be hard to replace.

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to reduce 240-207 Maintenance and Repairs by \$3,080 (fund at current level). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to fund Account 240 – Highway Department at \$1,154,602. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

250 Planning & Zoning	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$207,082
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$207,082
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$207,082

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 250 – Planning & Zoning at \$207,082. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

260 Building Maintenance	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$1,009,525
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$ 644,025
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$ 644,025

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to fund Account 260 – Building Maintenance at \$644,025. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

270 Tree Warden	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$89,400
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$89,400
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$89,400

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 270 – Tree Warden at \$89,400. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

290 Emergency Mgmt.	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$26,000
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$26,000
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$26,000

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 290 – Emergency Management at \$26,000. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

300 Fire Marshal	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$88,234
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$88,234
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$88,234

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 300 – Fire Marshal at \$88,234. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

310 Bethel Fire Dept.	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$197,600
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$161,100
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$161,100

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 310 – Bethel Fire Department at \$161,100. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

320 Stony Hill Fire Dept.	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$143,400
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Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$120,400
Board of Finance recommendation	\$120,400

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 320 – Stony Hill Fire Department at \$120,400. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

330 Registrar of Voters	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$86,686
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$86,686
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$86,686

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to fund Account 330 – Registrar of Voters at \$86,686. Voting against the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, WD, William Slifkin, James Roden and Gary Regan. Voting against the motion: Timothy Draper. Motion passed.

340 Town Boards & Comm.	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$101,517
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$101,517
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$101,517

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 340 – Town Boards & Commissions. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

350 Health Department	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$267,142
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$276,142
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$276,142

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 350 – Health Department at \$276,142. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

360 Police Department	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$3,563,444
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$3,563,444
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$3,553,444

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to reduce 360-107 Overtime by \$10,000. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, Gary Regan, James Roden and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: John Dietter, William Kingston and William Slifkin. Motion passed.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to fund Account 360 – Police Department at \$3,553,444. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

380 Parks & Recreation	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$977,126
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$964,670
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$957,262

Timothy Draper made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce 380-206 Maintenance & Supplies by \$7,408 to fund at current level. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Gary Regan recused himself from this vote as he is a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

James Roden made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 380 – Parks & Recreation at \$957,262. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Gary Regan recused himself from this vote as he is a member of the Parks & Recreation Commission.

390 Employee Benefits	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$5,247,737
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$5,247,737
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$5,247,737

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to fund Account 390 – Employee Benefits at \$5,247,737. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

400 Non Gov't Agency Sub.	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$27,081
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$22,775
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$ - 0 -

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to fund 400-362 Veterans' Holding at \$5,000, 400-360 Hospice at \$2,000, 400-336 Ability Beyond Disabilities and 400-372 New Opportunities (Meals on Wheels) at \$4,525. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher and John Dietter. Voting against the motion: William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Slifkin, to fund 400-334 Mental Health Center at \$ 2000. Voting in favor of the motion: John Dietter and William Slifkin. Voting against the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, William Kingston, James Roden, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

405 Intra Gov't Subsidies	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$375,463
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$375,463
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$375,463

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 405 – Intra Government Agency Subsidies at \$375,463. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

410 Utilities, Chrgs. & Utilities	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$2,444,384
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$2,615,547
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$2,615,547

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 410 – Utilities, Charges & Utilities at \$2,615,547. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, James Roden, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: William Slifkin. Motion passed.

William Slifkin expressed concern that the town has not locked in fuel oil costs. Comptroller Robert Kozlowski advised that they are monitoring it daily.

420 Misc. Chrgs & Transfers	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$458,631
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$439,707
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$439,707

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to add \$275,000 to 420-370 Transfer to Capital Account. Motion and second were withdrawn.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to fund Account 420 – Misc. Charges and Transfers at \$439,707. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

430 Senior Center	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$137,632
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$132,932
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$132,932

Gary Regan made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 430 – Senior Center at \$132,932. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

435 Library	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$757,051
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$740,934
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$735,444

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to reduce 435-212 by \$1,990 (to fund at current level). Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by Timothy Draper, to further reduce the account by \$3,500. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Kingston, James Roden and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Gary Regan. Motion passed. This reduction reflects the funds the Board of Finance believed should have been returned to the town general fund but instead was approved for spending by the Library Board of Directors from the last FY budget.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to fund Account 435 – Library at \$735,444. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: Gary Regan. Motion passed.

William Slifkin advised that the true cost of operating the Library is valued at over \$1,000,000 when utilities, employee benefits, etc. are added in.

440 Debt Service	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$4,308,817
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$4,308,817
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$4,308,817

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to fund Account 440 – Debt Service at \$4,308,817. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

450 Board of Education	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$38,041,050
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$38,041,050
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$37,991,050

Discussion took place regarding the Board of Education “actual increase”. J. Philip Gallagher said the only fair way to show the Board of Education budget number is to include the \$476,994 and that their actual increase is 2.70% not 1.43%.

Mrs. Yonsky offered that the Federal government awarded \$476,994 in Educational Jobs Funding directly to the Bethel Board of Education which can only be spent on educational salaries. Therefore the accounting for these funds places them in the Federal and State accounts and not in intergovernmental revenues. So, the Board of Education is reducing its budget by this amount and accounting for \$476,994 of salaries in the Federal and State accounts.

It was understood that this reduction of \$476,994 is for this year only and that next budget year, that savings goes away.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by J. Philip Gallagher, to reduce Account 450 – Board of Education by \$50,000. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, William Kingston, William Slifkin, James Roden and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: John Dietter and Gary Regan. Motion passed.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by James Roden, to fund Account 450 – Board of Education at \$37,991,050. Voting in favor of the motion:

460 BOE Maintenance	FY 2011-2012 Request	\$555,127
	Board of Selectmen recommendation	\$458,292
	Board of Finance recommendation	\$452,017

William Slifkin made a motion, which was seconded by James Roden, to fund Account 460 – Board of Education Maintenance at \$333,335 (current level). Voting in favor of the motion: William Slifkin and James Roden. Voting against the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Motion fails.

J. Philip Gallagher made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to reduce 460 – 406 School Building Repairs and Maintenance by \$6,275. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. This removes HS 300-2 Handicap Door Opener \$4,625 and HS 300-7 Corridor Drinking Fountains at \$1,650 and funding them from funds left in the High School Renovation Project Account.

William Kingston made a motion, which was seconded by John Dietter, to fund Account 460 – Board of Education Maintenance at \$452,017. Voting in favor of the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, John Dietter, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: William Slifkin and James Roden. Motion passed.

John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by William Kingston, to approve the:

FY 2011-2012 Town Operating budget	\$20,299,587
FY 2011-2012 Board of Education Operating budget	\$37,991,050
FY 2011-2012 Board of Education – Maintenance budget	\$452,017
FY 2011-2012 Debt Service	\$4,308,817
Fiscal Year Proposed Budget 2011-2012	\$63,051,471

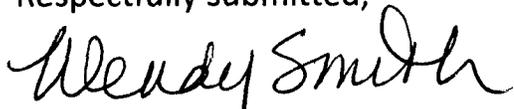
Voting in favor of the motion: John Dietter, William Kingston, Gary Regan and Timothy Draper. Voting against the motion: J. Philip Gallagher, William Slifkin and James Roden.

Motion passed. J. Philip Gallagher noted that he was voting against the budget because funding of the capital items was not resolved.

Due to the lateness of the evening, discussion of the capital items was not discussed. Board of Finance members may look to meet next week to discuss the capital items.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, John Dietter made a motion, which was seconded by Gary Regan, to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 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