**Board of Finance**

**Special Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday May 24, 2012**

**7pm Brooklyn Town Hall**

**Present:** Rick Ives, Gene Michael Deary, Kim Conroy, Carla Demers, David Fuss and Melissa Bradley; Recording Secretary

**Absent Member:** Maura Bowen

**Also Present:** Austin Tanner, Bob Kelleher, Jim Warren, Sebrina Heroux, Sherri Soucy and Tim Brown

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.
2. **Public Comment:** Sebrina Heroux questions the fire truck in the capital budget, the increase in the Recreation payroll and the two new programs through Recreation. She feels the office can be run without increasing the hours. Ms. Heroux also suggests removing a resident trooper to fund the finance director position.
3. **2012-2013 Budget Discussion:** The board discusses the comments from the public hearing. Discussion held primarily around two items, the finance director and fire apparatus study. After a lengthy, detailed discussion, the board decides to remove the two items. Gene Michael Deary made a motion to remove $75,000 out of the Board of Selectmen’s Budget for the Finance Director budget. Kim Conroy seconded the motion. Mr. Deary encourages the Selectmen and Board of Education to meet soon for discussion. Discussion held on funding if the position goes forward and a Town meeting would be the option. Motion passed 5-0. Gene Michael Deary made a motion to remove the fire apparatus study from the capital budget in the amount of $15,000. Carla Demers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. This will decrease the mill rate increase to .8073.The reserve account is held at 7.84%.
4. **Adjourn:** Gene Michael Deary made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm. David Fuss seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley

Recording Secretary