

**Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
7:00pm Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

Present: Gene Michael Deary, Jeff Otto, Sandra Brodeur, Ken Dykstra, Kim Conroy and Melissa Bradley;
Recording Secretary

Also Present: Rick Ives, Sherry Holmes, Aimee Genna and WINY radio

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Deary called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.
2. **Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Jeff Otto made a motion to accept the previous minutes as presented. Kim Conroy seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Finance Director Report:** Ms. Holmes provided the board with revenue and expense reports and recreation bills report. Sandra Brodeur reiterates it was requested to have a better description with the bills.

Sandra Brodeur believes the Eversource payment under Resource Recovery may not be theirs and belongs under a different account.

Sandra Brodeur states the spread sheet provided for the excess cost for special education seems to give a better understanding and is working well.

Ms. Holmes reports the auditors have filed for an extension and they did so in Pomfret as well. There will be no added cost to the Town for the extension. The school audit is completed.

5. **Selectman's Report:** Mr. Ives reports because of all the issues with DMV, this may cause a delay in the grand list. Reval is complete and real estate is down 7.2% and personal property is up 99.8%. The Eversource project that came through Town helped tremendously.

The money has been granted for the sidewalks from the bridge to WalMart. We are waiting on the State, they average about 4 ½ years for such project.

The Selectman will be holding a special meeting on February 2nd to discuss Resource Recovery Commission. More details will follow.

6. 2016-17 Budget Discussion: Budget presentations will be as follows:

- February 17 – Recreation
- March 16 – Board of Fire Commissioners & General Government
- April 20 – Board of Education

The board discusses holding special meetings to ensure the budget process is timely. Drew Dionne made a motion to hold special meetings on March 30th, April 13th, and April 27th at 7pm, in the Clifford B. Green building, if available. Ken Dykstra seconded the motion. The Board of Education is required to have their budget completed by April 1st and the board agrees to move their presentation up to April 13. Motion passed 6-0.

7. Liaison and Leadership Roles: Liaison roles will be as follows:

- Resource Recovery – Sandra Brodeur
- Housing Authority – Ken Dykstra
- Facilities Assessment – Ken Dykstra
- Capital Committee – Drew Dionne
- Recreation – Kim Conroy
- Board of Education – Jeff Otto
- Board of Fire Commissioners – Jeff Otto
- Board of Selectman – Gene Michael Deary

Drew Dionne nominated Gene Michael Deary for chairman. Jeff Otto made a motion to close nominations. Sandra Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. All in favor to nominate Gene Michael Deary; 6-0.

Drew Dionne nominated Jeff Otto for vice chairman. Gene Michael Deary made a motion to close nominations. Sandra Brodeur seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. All in favor to nominate Jeff Otto; 6-0.

8. Liaison Reports

Board of Education – Budget and capital discussion will begin at their meeting on February 2nd. The board's transportation subcommittee will be preparing a bid request and will be out for the end of January.

Board of Fire Commissioners – They will be discussing a new truck schedule. Their budget will be ready to be submitted next month. They are planning on attending the February meeting for Board of Finance to discuss quarterly reports. Mr. Ives will re-extend the invitation.

Recreation – Subcommittee is currently preparing the budget. The recreation truck has been fixed and running well. The teen center is looking into a summer camp for 7th and 8th graders. Discussion held on increasing fees. Gene Michael Deary suggests the center not charge between now and the new budget to see if enrollment would increase. Sandra Brodeur states the center should not be taking field trips if the school does not. The school has cut them from their budget and it is not fair the students who don't attend the center. The teen center and school budget are two different budgets and the board cannot regulate how the school spends their budget.

Capital – Has not met but will when more requests come in.

Housing Authority – Project costs are short about 1 million after bids were in. The cost is approximately 4.5 million for rehab. They are looking into CHFA and Small Cities funding.

9. Other Business: None

10. Public Comment: None

11. Adjourn: Sandra Brodeur made a motion to adjourn. Drew Dionne seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley
Recording Secretary