**Board of Finance**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday August 16, 2012**

**Clifford B. Green Memorial Center**

**Present:** Rick Ives, Gene Michael Deary, Maura Bowen, Carla Demers and Melissa Bradley; Secretary

Kim Conroy arrived 7:10pm

**Also Present:** Austin Tanner, Dr. Berry and Bob Rossi

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Ives called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Gene Michael Deary made a motion to include the Board of Education on the agenda. Carla Demers seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

1. **Board of Education:** The board is beginning the process of negotiations with the BEA. The deadline is approximately the end of December. The board asks they have some educational sessions for alternative health insurance and consider all options. The percent of funding can also be negotiated, also if paid upfront or in stages for an HSA.
2. **Approve Previous Minutes:** Maura Bowen made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes as presented. Gene Michael Deary seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Selectman’s Report**
* Riverside Park and the School Wall Project are both in the set time frame and budget.
* The former Recreation building is clear of asbestos.
* The BAN was rolled over for one more year at a rate of .3372.
* The check for the fire truck has been cut and will be mailed tomorrow.
* There is a program called ICE the highway department is looking to take advantage of for a budget truck. 30% of the truck would be funded or 50% if we work with a distressed Town. This would cost the Town approximately $12,000. Discussion held on how the truck would be shared between the two Towns and the difference in price for renting versus owning. Gene Michael Deary suggests pursuing privatizing the garage and looking into the math options.
* TVCCA will be out of the Tiffany Street location by the end of the month. Someone did show interest in the building to run an Autism program. Mr. Tanner will get more information.
* KB ambulance has stated they are a fraction of the cost of the current ambulance company. Mr. Tanner is going to look into the facts and cost.
* Probate will be meeting towards the end of the month. The Town offered $5 a square foot and to split renovation costs, which will be approximately $30,000-$40,000.
1. **Discussion on Town Garage:** Mr. Ives was expecting Mr. Rukstela for this discussion. He is questioning if the heat and AC need to go to bid or if a change order can be done. Discussion at a later date.
2. **Discussion on 2012-2013 Budget:** No report.
3. **Discussion on Board Vacancy:** Maura Bowen has resigned from the board as of August 31, 2012. She is moving out of state. The board accepts her resignation with regret and wishes her well. Mr. Ives states protocol is the respected committee makes a recommendation for a replacement.
4. **Committee/Liaison Reports**
* Recreation: Kim Conroy reports disc golf was not well received by the neighbors of the Davis Property. The commission held a joint meeting with Conservation to discuss the concerns with the residents. The commission received a letter from the First Selectman stating he will not extend the hours of the Recreation Assistant.
1. **Other Business**
* The school submitted a letter stating the short fall for the 2011-2012 budget year was $47,021.51. The board anticipated $37,000.
1. **Adjourn:** Maura Bowen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Carla Demers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted;

Melissa J. Bradley

Recording Secretary