

North Stonington, CT
Board of Finance
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 3, 2007
North Stonington Town Hall

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman N. Gumprecht called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM; Vice Chairman L. Southwick, Secretary B. Woodward members B. Borden, E. Pavlovics and C. Marsh were present.
2. **Public Comments and Questions:** S. Briscoe, 21 Pinecrest Road, asked two questions about the December 6, 2006 meeting minutes. The first was in regard to the \$800,000 inconsistency in the Town's financial accountability noted in paragraph 4. N. Mullane, First Selectman, explained that the problem had not yet been resolved but he would need to take corrective action soon because of the impact on the audit process. He hoped to be able to make a decision by Friday January 5, 2007. The second question, also about paragraph 4, was the status of the software upgrade of \$27,750. It was explained that in the December 20, 2006 meeting the Board had approved a motion allowing the expenditure of \$27,750 for the upgrade.
3. **Previous Minutes:** B. Borden made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 20, 2006 as amended. The motion was seconded by L. Southwick and carried 4-0-2. C. Marsh and E. Pavlovics abstained.
4. **BOS:**

Review of Financial Statements: Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget: Tabled

DUI Grant: A motion was made by B. Borden to approve an additional appropriation of \$87,975 for line item BB 26.04, State Troopers. The motion was seconded by L. Southwick and carried 6-0-0.

B. Borden asked about the monetary procedure of off duty policemen. N. Mullane agreed to investigate the subject.

Attorney Accounts: In a letter dated January 3, 2007 the Board of Selectmen requested an additional appropriation of \$40,000 for Town attorney services. The need for the appropriation resulted from the Route 2 interchange litigation, which has resulted in a balance of only \$4,256 in the account. The issue is whether or not to pursue the effort and incur additional expense. Second Selectman W. Hescocock was not in agreement with pursuing the matter and noted that adjacent towns did not support the Town's position. The letter also noted that there is \$19,761 of outstanding debt for attorney fees. A concern for understanding at a Town meeting of what was being asked was also expressed.

A motion was made by B. Borden to approve an additional appropriation of \$40,000 for line item BB 8, Town Attorney, subject to a Town meeting. The motion was seconded by L. Southwick and was disapproved 3-3-0. B. Woodward, C. Marsh and E. Pavlovics disapproved.

A motion was made by B. Woodward to approve an additional appropriation of \$20,000 for line item BB 8, Town Attorney, to pay an invoice from Day, Berry and Howard for \$11,563, an invoice from O'Brien Shaftner for \$8,198 and to pay other anticipated expenses. The motion also approved an additional appropriation of \$20,001 for line item BB 8, Town Attorney, for Route 2 Foxwood interchange litigation expenses subject to a Town meeting. The motion was seconded by E. Pavlovics and carried 5-1-0. C. Marsh disapproved.

5. BOE:

Review of Financial Statements: Actual vs. Budget: Tabled

Comments to September 30, 2006 Statement: Answers to questions on the September 2006 statement were submitted to the Board in a memo dated November 14, 2006 from the BOE business manager.

Capitalization Policy: Tabled

- 6. **NS Ambulance association:** L. Southwick noted that the Town financial report showed year to date expenses of \$62,481.98 but the amount billed to the Town was \$106,232 as shown in the December 19, 2006 ambulance report. No other comments or questions were raised.
- 7. **Tax Collector Report:** L. Southwick reported \$182,212 of delinquent taxes have been paid which exceeds the \$180,000 budgeted amount. Uncollected taxes are running higher than a year ago.
- 8. **Town Report: Status:** To date, 13 of the 24 submittals are missing. They are needed by the end of the calendar year.
- 9. **Outstanding Action Items:** Action items were reviewed and updated.
- 10. **Correspondence:** None
- 11. **Review of Upcoming Agenda Items:** None noted.
- 12. **Action Items:**

Description of Action	Action By	Estimated Completion Date	Actual Completion Date
Receipt of audit	Marien + Co	1/31/07	
Evaluate insurance stipend payments	BOF	8/06	
Request format changes of BOS financial profit and loss statement	N. Mullane	9/6/06	Working
Add stipend/chain of communication discussion to Tripartite meeting Agenda	E. Pavlovics	12/06	1/3/07

Off duty police payment policy	N. Mullane	1/17/07	
Update status of Town's financial statement	N. Mullane	12/20/06	
Provide payment history of Route 2 interchange litigation charges	N. Mullane	12/20/06	

13. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by L. Southwick and seconded by C. Marsh. The motion carried 6-0-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brent B. Woodward

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 Secretary
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Approved *Brent B. Woodward* 1/17/07