

**North Stonington Board of Finance  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 16, 2009  
NEW TOWN HALL  
40 Main Street, North Stonington, CT**

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman M. Donahue called the meeting to order at 7:38 PM. Vice Chairman L. Southwick, G. Herbert, and E. Pavlovics were present. E. Bresette and Secretary T. Oswald were not present.
2. **Public Comments and Questions:** None.
3. **Board of Selectmen:** N. Mullane, First Selectman reported that the end of year reconciliation of the Town and BOE accounts are complete. The Town Meeting to consider the deferral of the scheduled property Revaluation is scheduled for September 28. Liquidation of the surplus fire truck resulted in \$40,000 of revenue – versus the budgeted revenue of \$57,500. A new walking floor trailer for the Transfer Station was procured for \$51,092 – versus a budgeted expenditure of \$70,000. Mr. Mullane provided an update of the pending consolidation of Probate Courts in Connecticut, specifically relating to North Stonington. Repairs to Town Hall have been completed within budget. The conduct of an Emergency Drill last month highlighted an operational weakness of the Town's Emergency Center because it does not have a supporting power generator. The annual financial audit is scheduled to begin September 21.
4. **Board of Education – Financial Report**
  - a. The 2008/9 Final Report was reviewed.
  - b. The August 2009 Monthly Report was reviewed.
5. **Management Reports/Board of Finance as Audit Committee/GASB 45 OPEB.**
  - a. Auditor Fraud Questionnaire – postponed.
  - b. OPEB Valuation July 2009 – a copy of the bi-annual actuarial study was distributed.
6. **2009/10 Budget/Budget Spreadsheet**
  - a. PA 09-1, June 19 Special Session—HB 6901 Act Concerning Educator Certification and Professional Development and Other Education Issues – additional discussion of the possible impact to the Town budget for 2009/10 was discussed.
7. **Board of Finance Strategy**
  - a. Review of Guidelines for Board of Finance – postponed.
  - b. Broad Objectives/Capital Non-Recurring – postponed.
  - c. Results Based Accountability – postponed.
8. **Town Report for June 30, 2009:** No responses have been received yet.
9. **Previous Minutes:** Postponed.

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**10. Correspondence:**

- a. Letter, First Selectman Mullane to Sen. Maynard/Rep. Urban, Mandate Reform, dated 9-16-09.
- b. Letter, North Stonington Selectmen to Sen. Maynard/Rep. Urban, Legislative Agenda, dated 7-1-09.
- c. Letter, North Stonington Selectmen to Sen. Maynard/Rep. Urban, Legislative Agenda, dated 4-27-09.
- d. Letter, First Selectman Mullane to Sen. Maynard/Rep. Urban, Real Estate/Personal Property Taxes, dated 2-8-09.
- e. Letter, G. Usdin (Command Fire Apparatus) to Board of Selectmen, Offer to Purchase Surplus Pumper Tanker, dated 9-9-09.
- f. Notice of Special Town Meeting on 9-28-09 for Postponement of Revaluation of Real Property.
- g. Purchase Quotation #0609574, Spector Manufacturing Inc., Aluminum Moving Floor, dated 6-15-09.

**11. Future Agenda Items Identification:**

- a. Assessor Performance Appraisal and Appointment
- b. Better Understanding of BOE Budget

**12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by L. Southwick and seconded by G. Herbert. The motion carried 4-0-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Donahue  
Chairman

Approved: 10-7-09