

North Stonington Board of Finance
Minutes
Of
Wednesday, April 24, 2013
New Town Hall
North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Dan Spring called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Mike Urgo, Peter Nimirowski and Brent Woodward were present. Mustapha Ratib and Emile Pavolvics were absent.
2. **Public Comments and Questions:** Lisa Mazella informed the Board that “The Informed Citizens of North Stonington” would be distributing flyers, at various times and locations within the Town, that address the budget process with dates and preliminary figures. The Board provided numerous comments on the flyer.
3. **BOS: Proposed Budget Review; Appropriations:** First Selectmen Nick Mullane provided the Board with a revised FY 2014 Town budget proposed by the Connecticut Conferences of Municipalities which shows a reduction in budget from the current year of \$57,568. Nick Mullane also submitted to the Board an updated list of capital projects and numerous loan schedules for borrowing money to pay them down. These projects and debt redemption are shown below in the table.

Item	Cost (\$)
Village Green Bridge	259,665
Town Hall Parking Lot Walls	280,000
Hewitt Dam	350,000
Middle School Boiler	150,000
2013/2014 Debt Redemption	328,444
2014/2015 Debt Redemption	342,134
VFC Refurb of Engine #2	112,500
Sewer Study	160,000
Total	1,982,743

New England Infrastructure, Inc. has been selected as the contractor to repair the Village Green bridge that was damaged during the spring flood of 2010. The bridge has been made passable with temporary steel plates reducing the load on the age-old rock support structure. A summer work period is preferable due to reduced rainfall and associated reduced water flow through the passage.

Dan Spring moved to recommend that an additional appropriation of \$260,000 for "Rehabilitation of the West Village Green Bridge", to be placed in capital nonrecurring, be brought to a Town meeting. The motion was seconded by Peter Nimirowski and passed 4-0-0.

An additional appropriation for the new NS Fire/EMS facility was also received from the BOS but action by the Board was not taken because of numerous outstanding comments/questions generated by the Board.

4. **Proposed Town Budget 2013-2014 Review:** A draft copy of the FY 2013-2014 budget was reviewed by the Board. The format/content continues to be amended in preparation of the budget hearing scheduled for May 6, 2013. Realizing the limited time for finalizing the proposed budget, a BOF workshop focusing on the budget was scheduled for April 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM at a location to be announced.
5. **Budget Format Review:** See paragraph 4. above for discussion.
6. **Future Strategies:** No discussion.
7. **Previous Minutes:** Dan Spring moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by Peter Nimirowski and passed 4-0-0.
8. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Dan Spring to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Peter Nimirowski and passed 4-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brent B. Woodward

Secretary, Board of Finance