



Town of *North Stonington*  
Connecticut



## North Stonington Board of Finance

### Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday June 1st, 2016

New Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order;** Call to order @ 7:34pm

2. **Roll Call:**

a) Members Present; Charlie Steinhart, Emile Pavlovics, Tim Pelland, and Alt. Bob Testa. Absent; Tim Main and Alt. Chris Hundt.

b) Alternates Seated; Motion was made by Charlie to seat Bob Testa in place of Tim Main. Seconded by Emile. Vote - 4-0-0

3. **Pledge to the Flag;** Completed

4. **Public Comment and/or Questions;** None

5. **BOS Transfer Request;**

First Selectman Shawn Murphy asked for a transfer of \$12,000 toward Tribal Recognition for Legal fees. From Line Items B-10.01, B-6.01, B-20.04 (See attached Transfer Request Sheet) for a petition from the Eastern Pequots for a Federal Recognition.

Charlie suggested that the town be brought up to date on where things stand as there are new residents who are not aware of past history with tribal recognition. Selectman Mullane agreed when the timing is right to do that.

Shawn noted other surrounding towns have expressed concern, but have not contributed financially.

## **BOS Transfer Request; (Continued)**

Bob asked if the money they are looking for is already spent. Answer from Shawn was, "Yes". Shawn stated that North Stonington and Kent School are the two primary sources of information for the State, as they are not staffed to do the task.

### **Mustapha arrived to meeting at 8:17pm**

Emile asked about the amount left in the Tribal Recognition Account of \$1,800. Are there any outstanding bills? Answer was; No, but they are expecting more. Emile asked if we could use money from another Attorney fee that is unused. Mustapha commented that he didn't think so. You may need to keep separate accounts for attorneys.

Bob asked do you think that you will spend the amount budgeted by the end of the fiscal year? Bob also asked if the attorney was present during contract negotiations. If so, he suggested looking into a Negotiator instead.

Shawn commented that he is not always happy with progress of attorneys.

Bob made a motion to approve transfer for Tribal recognition.

Mustapha seconded. Vote - 5-1-0. **(See attached document)**

Yes vote; Tim Pelland, Bob, Carolyn, Charlie and Mustapha.

No vote; Emile

Charlie made a motion to add an FOI Request to agenda as line item number (5a).

Bob seconded - Vote - 6-0-0

## **5(a)FOI Request ;**

Emile asked if we need an attorney to look this over. Answer, No. Not all information asked for is available at this time. The proposed budget is listed online for public to look over. Bob agreed to send a copy of financial documents to requester.

## **6. BOF Future Strategies;**

### **a) Short term budget planning, concepts, and goals.**

Charlie made a draft copy of his ideas for BOF members to look over and comment on for the next meeting.

### **b) Long term budget planning concepts and goals.**

Charlie mentioned that we really need to get the Grand List up and we need to have a vision to do this. Draft Copy of ideas Charlie has will be discussed in future meetings.

**7. Review of Previous Minutes;**

5/18/16, 5/23/16, and 5/25/16 were approved with amendments.

5/18/16 - Bob motioned. Mustapha seconded. Vote - 5-0-1.  
Tim Pelland abstained.

5/23/16 - Bob motioned. Carolyn seconded. Vote - 6-0-0

5/25/16 - Emile motioned. Charlie seconded. Vote - 6-0-0

**8. Public Comments and Questions; None**

**9. Adjournment;**

Tim Pelland motioned to adjourn.

Charlie Steinhart seconded.

Approved 6-0-0.

Adjourned 10:12 pm.

**Submitted By: Tim Pelland**

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## Transfer of Fund Request / Approvals

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| 1. Boom Bridge        | Additional Appropriation |
| 2. Denied             | Appropriation            |
| 3. School             | Appropriation            |
| 4. Attorney Cost      | Transfer                 |
| 5. Tribal Recognition | Transfer                 |