



Town of *North Stonington*  
Connecticut



**North Stonington Board of Finance**

**Meeting Minutes of**

**Wednesday June 22nd, 2016**

**Special Meeting**

**New Town Hall @ 7:45pm**

**North Stonington, CT**

**1. Call to Order; @7:50pm**

**2. Roll Call:**

**A. Members Present;** Vice Chair Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland, Carolyn Howell, and Emile Pavlovics.

**B. Alternates Seated;**

Tim Pelland motioned to seat Bob Testa for Tim Main.

Carolyn seconded. Vote 4-0-0

Members Absent; Tim Main, Mustapha Ratib and Alt. Chris Hundt.

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

Mustapha Ratib showed at 7:52pm

**4. Public Comment and/or Questions;**

Mike Urgo suggested the turnout for the budget vote was pretty good. But suggested that here may have been some confusion and better communication next time might help that.

**5. BOF Discussion and Action on 2016 / 2017 Budget;**

**A.** Charlie gave the board past budget numbers to look at for the purpose of showing increased amount over the years. Mustapha questioned if numbers are accurate and suggested things like this should be in an email first. Emile suggested it is allowed for discussion at a meeting.

First Selectman Murphy informed the BOF of \$245,000 shortfall on revenue for a Steap Grant for waterline that won't come in this fiscal year.

Selectman Mullane suggested if the board has a target to make cuts, they should check with the BOS first. Charlie said a couple of meetings ago; he did ask the BOS to make cuts and suggested the BOF will have to make the hard decisions.

Emile asked the board where and what number if anything in the 500 dollars area. Carolyn said it is not efficient to look at smaller numbers. Bob said the board needs to look at everything.

Selectman Murphy said a list was given to the BOF totaling \$6,000. Possible cuts suggested where; Tribal Recognition and EDC Consultant.

**B. Cut List;**

1. Town Hall Expenses (\$2000)

Vote 3-3-0

Tim, Mustapha, Carolyn= No

Bob, Charlie, Emile = Yes

2. Volunteer Fire Company (\$1000)

Vote 5-1-0

Tim, Bob, Charlie, Mustapha, Carolyn=Yes

Emile = No

3. Ambulance Reduction of (\$13,400)

Vote 5-1-0

Tim, Bob, Charlie, Mustapha, Carolyn=Yes

Emile = No

4. Town Road Maintenance Cut of (\$50,000)

Vote 6-0-0

5. Town Worker Labor Wages Cut (\$40,000)  
Vote 5-0-1  
Tim, Bob, Charlie, Mustapha, Carolyn=Yes  
Emile = Abstained

Emile suggested not to touch the Rainy Day Fund

### **C. Capital Reductions;**

1. Plow A Reduction of (\$12,000)  
Vote 6-0-0
2. Civil Preparedness Cut (\$7,755)  
Vote 5-1-0  
Tim, Bob, Charlie, Emile, Carolyn=Yes  
Mustapha = No
3. Dump Truck Refurb.  
Vote - 2-4-0  
Tim, Emile = Yes  
Bob, Charlie, Carolyn, and Mustapha= No
4. Abatement Cut (\$15,000)  
Vote 6-0-0
5. Keep Brush Truck and eliminate Fire Company Car for Fire Dept.  
Vote 4-1-1  
Tim, Bob, Mustapha, Carolyn=Yes  
Emile = No  
Charlie Abstained

**Total Cuts to This Point = \$205,155**

## BOE Cuts

Bob suggested instead of putting in \$115,966 into Undesignated Fund turn it over to BOE. Budget cutting them \$137,000 from their original budget bring that budget to \$12,174,802

Motion made to table Item #5 to figure Mill Rate by Emile.  
Charlie seconded. Vote 6-0-0

### **6. Review of Previous Minutes;**

6/15/16 - Bob motioned to approve with amendments.  
Carolyn seconded. Vote - 6-0-0.

### **7. Public Comments;**

Brian Rathbun talked about 2% increase to Town Workers.

### **8. Adjournment;**

Motioned to adjourn made by Tim Pelland. Carolyn seconded.  
Approved 6-0-0. Adjourned 11:59 pm.

**Submitted By: Tim Pelland**

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