



Town of *North Stonington*
Connecticut



North Stonington Board of Finance

Meeting Minutes of

Wednesday October 19th, 2016

New Town Hall @ 7:30pm

North Stonington, CT

1. **Call to Order;** Call to order @ 7:31pm
2. **Roll Call:**
 - a) Chairman Tim Main, Vice Chairman Charlie Steinhart, Secretary Tim Pelland, Emile Pavlovics and Carolyn Howell.
 - b) Absent; Mustapha Ratib, Alt. Bob Testa and Alt. Chris Hundt.
A motion was made to table Item # 2B, as no alternate was present by Emile.
Tim Main seconded - Vote - 5-0-0
3. **Pledge to the Flag;** Completed
4. **Public Comment and/or Questions;**
Resident Brent Woodward commented about the new EMS building, if the BOF had been updated on its progress? Emile mentioned that he had attended a few of the meetings. Charlie mentioned the BOF was getting updates, but has not been updated on anything as of late. Also the Selectman should be communicating with the BOF about the progress.
5. **Communications;** Nothing in mailbox in Town Hall. Nothing to discuss.
6. **Fire Company Request for Release of Capital Funding for Turnout Gear Replacement;**
Charlie mentioned that the gear is expired, but without a budget in place, they are asking for the amount of \$ 7,600 for gear. Their monthly budget from 2015 / 2016 was \$16,000 and is requesting \$ 13,600.
Emile made a motion to Authorize for Expenditures as agenda Item # 6B.
Tim Main seconded. Vote - 5-0-0

6b) Emile motioned to Authorize for Expenditures Line Item C.3.07 from 2015 /2016 Budget to spend \$13,600. Charlie seconded. Vote - 5-0-0

7. **BOF Forward FY 2016/ 2017 Budget to B.O.S**

Charlie mad a motion to pass the Budget approved by the BOF to the BOS for Fiscal Year 2016/2017 for a Town Meeting.

Numbers Listed;

Operation - \$4,852,150

Debt - \$339,470

Education - \$12,875,068

Capital - \$825,473

Totaling = \$18,892,161 Carolyn seconded. Vote - 5-0-0

Charlie presented a draft letter to present to BOS.

Carolyn seconded. Vote - 5-0-0

8. **BOF Discussion on FY 2015/ 2016 Budget Closeout ;**

Charlie asked about overspent accounts. First Selectman wasn't present to answer any questions that the BOF had.

Discussion ensued about over expenditure and should legal advice be sought for advice?

Charlie stated cost is money you can't spend because you don't have it. Also that this item should be a future agenda item.

9. **BOF Preliminary Discussion on FY 2017/ 2018 Budget;**

Charlie mentioned that there were some groups asked not to come before the BOF last year for Budget discussions. Also that the BOF was slow getting or giving direction for a budget number.

Also suggested was sending an email to all Boards and Commissions striving to a 0% increase on spending levels. Emile suggested 0% or minimal. Also suggested giving the BOS a target number for the next budget.

Charlie will talk with the Tax Assessor for the purpose of any possible increases in revenues.

10. **Annual Report Update ;**

Emile said that it is essential to have a draft Audit Report before the final report by the 16th of November.

Charlie suggested giving all those involved in the budget until January to bring in reports and said participation has been very good to date. Charlie also suggested informing Boards and Commissions by November 2nd, to start scheduling interviews for their Budgets. Also suggested he would like to see this listed as an agenda item each meeting to discuss progress.

11. Review of Previous Minutes;

(10/5/2016 and 10/11/2016)

No minutes for 10/5/16 as Alt. Bob Testa was not present and could not review.

Will review next meeting on November 2nd, 2016

10/11/2016 - Motion made by Charlie to accept as amended.

Carolyn seconded. Vote - 5-0-0

12. Public Comments and Questions;

None

13. Adjournment;

Tim Main motioned to adjourn.

Charlie seconded.

Approved 5-0-0.

Adjourned 9:06 pm.

Submitted By: Tim Pelland
