

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
P.O. BOX 308  
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**BOARD OF FINANCE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2010  
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM – 7:00 pm**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman, James Persano called the regular meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 7:01 pm. Members George Warner, Thomas Mazzoli, Michael Parker, Steve Krasinski and Marilyn Pronovost were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, Finance Consultant, Linda Savitsky, as well as Bill Boutwell and Tim Potrikus, from the Board of Education.

**II. SELECTMAN UPDATE:**

Ms. Pellegrini opened by stating the Town had hired a new CFO, Kim Marcotte, former Deputy Director, Town of Enfield. Start date is May 18, 2010.

Ms. Pellegrini updated the Board as to the MIRMA continuing issue for the Town. MIRMA (the Town's workers' compensation carrier), had previously assessed a \$248,000 fee due by the end of June 2010. Ms. Pellegrini informed the Board she had attended a recent MIRMA Board of Director's Meeting in an effort to solicit other participants' comments and input as to their experience with MIRMA. She stated that most opinions given were negative of MIRMA.

**III. BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE:**

When called upon, Mr. Boutwell and Mr. Potrikus stated they had nothing to report.

**IV. BUDGET DISCUSSION and REVIEW:**

Ms. Savitsky distributed copies of the 2009-2010 Budget slide presentation to Board members. She informed them, she will follow the same format, simply update with the current year's figures.

Mr. Mazzoli suggested adding a slide for CIP.

Ms. Savitsky informed the Board that as 2010 was a revaluation year, she would be adding language to elaborate on this, and have the Town Assessor available at the Public Meeting to address this issue.

Mr. Krasinski questioned the Town's Tax collection rate. He had spoken with the Tax Collector and is concerned that taxes will not meet the projected revenues needed for expenditures. Mr. Persano responded that cash flow is based on collection plus uncollected back taxes; which should meet the current budget.

Ms. Savitsky stated that collections this year have been solid. The budget revenue projection is at 99%.

**V. CIP DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Pellegrini stated the need for Fire Hoses, approximately \$20,000 per year over 5 years, as not budgeted. It had been thought the Town would receive a State Grant; no longer expected. The Fire Chief inserted that the last purchase of Hose had been in 1996.

Mr. Krasinski re-stated his desire to see the Town departments: Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and the Library to submit individual lists of priority.

**VI. DISCUSSION and POSSIBLE ACTION RE: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR for FY 2010:**

Ms. Savitsky distributed copies of a letter from Scott Trenholm, Partner, CCR, as to this firm's proposed auditing fee of \$40,000.00, which is the same as 2009.

*A motion was made by Mr. Warner to engage the firm of CCR for the fiscal year beginning June 30, 2010, with the fee not to exceed \$40,000; seconded by Mr. Mazzoli, and unanimously voted as approved.*

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**VIII. BILLS, TRANSFERS, and APPROPRIATIONS:**

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**

*The April 26, 2010, Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was adjourned at 8:48 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly E. Dombek, Recording Secretary

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