

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN HALL LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
MAY 22, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Jim Persano called the special meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 8:04 PM.

Members: Jim Persano, Michael Parker, Steve Krasinski, Joe Tolisano and Marilyn Pronovost were present and constituted a quorum. Tom Mazzoli joined the meeting at 8:15.

Also present First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Fire Chief Gary Schiessl, Fire Commission Chairman Vinny Navin and Town CFO, Kim Marcotte.

II. SELECTMAN'S UPDATE:

Lisa Pellegrini gave the Selectman's update. The Town has been notified that the Federal reimbursement awarded for the Hurricane Irene Category A application is \$16,598.02. The Town's obligation is \$5,532.57. The Town is awaiting the final notification on the Category B application for Hurricane Irene.

The Town was awarded an \$85,000 STEAP Grant for repairs and resurfacing of the Town Hall parking lot. This project was proposed as a CIP project in the 2013-2014 CIP listing. With the award of the grant the project can be removed from the CIP list.

HB5538 Solar Exemption Bill was turned down in the Senate. No exemption is granted. Lisa worked diligently with Penny Bacchiochi to amend the bill to eliminate loss of tax revenue to the Town. Passage of the Bill could have cost the Town in excess of 1.5 million dollars in lost revenue over a 10 year period. Lisa and Penny will be watching the activities of the legislature in case this issue comes back up during the implementation phase.

III. STORM ALFRED UPDATE:

The Town of Somers has completed the filing with FEMA for Storm Alfred. The applications have passed its initial reviews and are making their way through the balance of the FEMA review process. FEMA will reimburse 75% of the Category A and B applications. The application for Donated Resources will be an offset against the Town's responsibility for 25% of the Storm Alfred costs.

IV. POCD SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENT:

The steering committee for the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) is being formed. Specific Town Boards and Committees are being asked to appoint a member to serve on the POCD steering committee.

Motion was made by Mr. Parker to appoint Tom Mazzoli to the POCD steering committee. Seconded by Mr. Persano and unanimously voted as approved. Mr. Mazzoli accepted the appointment to the POCD steering committee.

V. FIRE APPARATUS

Lisa Pellegrini distributed the letter from the Somers Firefighters Local 4284, IAFF Union outlining their concerns related to the condition of the Town's current fire apparatus. Fire Chief Gary Schiessl expanded on the condition of the equipment, the continuing repairs and down time. Mr. Persano indicated that it was the decision of the BOF that the purchase of new equipment must be addressed through the CIP committee which in turn will report to the Board of

Finance. Discussion ensued on the situation with the fire apparatus, proposals for replacement of the equipment and the CIP process. Ms. Pronovost indicated that prior to the upcoming fiscal year, the BOF has not adequately funded capital projects and the current conditions are indicative of the CIP funding process.

Mr. Mazzoli requested clarification on the directive the Board of Finance is giving Chief Schiessl. Ms. Marcotte indicated that the Board of Finance has directed Chief Schiessl to develop specifications for the fire apparatus and issue a bid. Chief Schiessl will present the results to the CIP committee. The CIP committee will present their recommendations to the Board of Finance who will determine the method for funding the recommendations of the CIP committee. The BOF agreed that this is their directive to Chief Schiessl. There were no further discussions and no vote was taken.

VI. MILL RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013:

Chairman Jim Persano read the referendum question and the results of the vote. Referendum Question 1: Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance to appropriate \$29,241,201 for the total town and school expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013, be approved?

Yes 360

No 240

Based on that vote, Mr. Persano recommended that the Board of Finance approve the 2012-2013 budget with expenditures of \$29,241,201 and projected revenues of \$29,241,201. There were no discussions on increasing the tax rate by 1.00 mill to \$23.12 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Tolisano to increase the mill rate by 1.00 mill and to set the mill rate at \$23.12 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Seconded by Mr. Parker and unanimously voted as approved.

VII. TRANSFERS and APPROPRIATIONS:

Ms. Marcotte presented the following transfers:

Type	Department	To Account	From Account	Amount	Explanation
1. Transfer	Finance	Financial Software Supplies	Technology Serv I/T Supplies-Selectman	415 250	Maintenance fee increase Supply needs
2. Transfer	Recreation	Small Fry camp Summer camp self sup	Summer camp Recreation self sup	8,141 3,561	Balance summer camp expenses
3 Transfer	BOF	Town Report	Contingency	957	Annual report cost
4. Transfer	Selectmen	Registrar of Voters	Temp salaries	2,432	Balance stipend account
5. Transfer	Finance	Various debt service	various debt service	1.38	Balance debt serv interest
6. Transfer	Assessor	Dues & Seminars	Mapping	133	Training for new EE

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7. Transfer	Fire	Building Maintenance	Training-Ambulance	750	Floor and other repairs
			Equip Maint-Ambulance	750	
			Hose	885	
8. Transfer	Fire	Heat	Electricity	2,500	Oil heat costs
			Laundry	350	
		Gas Allowance	Stipend-Ambulance	1,700	Gas allowance for Vol FF
			Ladders	300	
9. Transfer	Highway	Vehicle Maintenance	Road Maintenance	10,000	Repairs to Loader - engine
10. Transfer	Fire	Vehicle Maintenance	Contingency	7,500	Additional Equip repairs
11. Sup Approp	Fire Marshall	Equipment	Other Revenue	480	Grant for camera purch
12. Transfer	BOF	SES Roof Refurbish	Undesignated Misc CIP	4,825	Lease pmt to EOY

A motion was made by Mr. Tolisano to approve the above listed transfers. Seconded by Mr. Mazzoli and unanimously voted as approved.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Persano to adjourn the May 22, 2012 Board of Finance special meeting at 8:40 PM. Seconded by Mr. Parker and unanimously voted as approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Marcotte, CFO

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