

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2015
7:00 PM
LOWER LEVEL AUDITORIUM**

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Michael Parker.

2. Members Present

In attendance were Chairman Jim Persano, Tom Mazzoli, Michael Parker, Tim Geib, Joe Tolisano and Bill Salka. Also in attendance was CFO Michael Marinaccio.

3. CIP Update and Actions

Michael Marinaccio presented the CIP Committee's recommendations to the Board of Finance. The Board was informed that the CIP Committee has recommended the return of \$23,158 to capital fund balance.

A motion was made by Tom Mazzoli to approve the closing of completed CIP projects and return \$23,158 to capital fund balance, seconded by Tim Geib. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Michael Marinaccio then presented the CIP Committee's recommendation to include discretionary funds for the Town and Board of Education each year in their capital budget in the amount of \$50,000 each to be used for emergency and unanticipated capital purchases.

A motion was made by Joe Tolisano to approve the inclusion of discretionary funds in the capital budget each year, starting in FY2016, in the amount of \$50,000 for both the Town and Board of Education, seconded by Jim Persano. A request was made by Michael Parker that any purchases made by discretionary funds be reported to the CIP Committee and the Board of Finance. A unanimous decision followed.

Michael Marinaccio then presented the capital projects list for FY2016.

Buildings/Discretionary

Connor's Place Sealing	\$7,500
DPW Roof Access	\$12,500
Town Hall Heat Pump	\$7,000
Senior Center Doorway	\$7,000
Senior Center Awning	\$8,500
Town Hall Windows	\$6,000

Town Discretionary Funds	\$50,000
BOE Discretionary Funds	<u>\$50,000</u>
	\$148,500

Heavy Equipment

Dump Truck w/ Plow	<u>\$135,000</u>
	\$135,000

Light Fleet & Small Equipment

Field Groomer	\$20,000
Snow Plows	\$30,000
Police Cruiser	\$37,500
Power Lifter	<u>\$28,700</u>
	\$116,200

A motion was made by Joe Tolisano to approve the use of capital funds to purchase the above listed items during FY2016, seconded by Tom Mazzoli. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Michael Marinaccio requested that the Board of Finance reaffirm the CIP Committee as 2 members of the Board of Finance, a Town representative, and a Board of Education representative. It was also asked that they appoint a 4th member since Steve Krasinski's resignation from the committee.

A motion was made by Tom Mazzoli to reaffirm the CIP Committee as Michael Marinaccio, Town representative, Bill Boutwell, BOE representative, and Michael Parker, member of the Board of Finance, and appoint Joe Tolisano as the second member from the Board of Finance, seconded by Jim Persano. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

4. CFO's Update

Michael Marinaccio informed the Board of Finance that currently the Governor had made \$15 million in cuts to the budget which affected the Town to the sum of \$48,250 being cut from the PILOT payment. Another \$5 million is anticipated at this time, but there is no time frame or expectation for cuts to the Town from this. The Board of Selectman made a motion that was passed to have a delegation meeting with the State Representatives, the Board of Finance, and the Board of Education to discuss these cuts and what they mean to small town government.

Michael Marinaccio informed the Board that the Town had received a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$165,000 to reconstruct the Police Department parking lot. The Board was very receptive and thankful for the grant.

Finally, Michael Marinaccio informed the Board that the Town has hired TaxServ to pursue our delinquent tax listing. This service comes at no cost to the Town. TaxServ makes their money from a percentage that they charge directly to the taxpayer upon collection of delinquent taxes.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made by Joe Tolisano to adjourn at 7:31 pm, seconded by Tom Mazzoli. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Wissinger

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