

Minutes of the Board of Finance Budget Review Meeting  
April 16, 2012 – Police Station Conference Room – 7 p.m.

Members present: Justin Donnelly, Joseph Sangiovanni, Brian Kost, Ryan Anderson, Chris Childs, Scott Lingenfelter, alts. Peter Boyd, Eric Harrington, and Tracy Eccles  
Also present: First Selectman Ed McAnaney, Selectman Brian Fitzgerald and Selectman Eileen Moncrief, Director of Finance Deborah Cerrato

Chairman Justin Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. He announced that the Boston Neck Bridge is now closed and will have to be repaired.

The Chairman asked for Public Comment:

Tracy McDonagh, 26 Conservation Drive, stated that she felt that some answers given in regard to staffing at past meetings were not realistic. Staff would be hesitant to give an answer at a public meeting.

Doriana Zicedomini, 9 Kingfisher Lane, spoke in favor of the Board of Education budget and the goal to improve the quality of education.

#### Overall Budget Review

Mr. Donnelly noted his personal objective: 1 mill, 3% increase.

Tracy Eccles explained the power point presentation of a proposed budget. She noted she and Deborah Cerrato had worked together and their separate budget worksheets match. She explained the format of her spreadsheet, noting that the numbers in blue were numbers that the BoF could change to estimate the mill rate without making changes to the operating budgets. If these blue numbers change, it reflects the change in the mill rate and the percentage of increase. The Board discussed different numbers for the utilization of fund balance and settling on \$450,000, a transfer of \$500,000 from the Medical Insurance Fund, and transfer of \$100,000 from the Off Duty fund (Police Department) and keeping the transfer of \$900,000 for Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) as proposed. The members felt that the budgets as submitted by the Selectmen and the Board of Education were reasonable and did not want to change them.

There was much discussion; finally Mr. Sangiovanni moved to recommend a budget of \$51,307,041 to the Town at the April 25 Public Hearing on the Proposed budget; Mr. Childs seconded. The Chairman called for a vote: In favor, Sangiovanni, Childs, Donnelly, Lingenfelter. Against: Anderson, Kost. The budget was approved by a 4 to 2 vote. The new tax rate would be 24.84 mills. The mill rate percentage of increase is 2.79%, the mill rate increase is .67 mills.

The proposed budget for 2012-2013 will be presented at the Public Hearing, Wednesday, April 25, 2012 in the High School at 7 p.m.

Mr. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary BF.Minutes.April.16.2012