

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, George Peteros, Kenneth Brown, Alan Wilensky,
Rosalyn Dupuis

ABSENT Ronald Fedor, Cheryl Larder

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

ALSO Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer

STAFF Ruth Beers, Finance Director; Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

Chairman Sheehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ITEM 1 Public Comment - none

ITEM 2 Approval and acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting on September 9, 2009
MOTION To approve minutes of Regular Meeting on September 9, 2009 as read.
Wilensky, Peteros Yes: Wilensky, Peteros, Sheehan
Abstain: Brown, Dupuis

ITEM 3 Request from Board of Fire Commissioners for an additional appropriation of
MOTION \$16,950 for the purpose of replacing three existing hydraulic rescue cutters.
To consider this request.
Brown, Dupuis

Mr. Brown offered a friendly amendment and Ms. Dupuis offered a friendly second to reduce the amount requested to \$15,650.

MOTION To consider this request in the amount of \$15,650.
Brown, Dupuis

Discussion: This amount takes trade-in value into consideration. Fire Chief Timothy Hennessey explained that existing hydraulic rescue cutters are not capable of cutting new construction materials that are being used in the auto industry, such as High Strength Steel and Boron Steel. He noted that with the advent of the Cash for Clunkers program, there is a large influx of new vehicles. He noted that the current hydraulic rescue cutters in use today in the Town aren't capable of cutting through the new materials, causing longer extrication times.
Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 in the amount of \$15,650 to LI 10223-54208, Rescue Equipment, Cohanzie.

ITEM 4 Discussion of Board of Finance FY 2010/11 budget guidelines
MOTION To table this item until the November 12, 2009 meeting.

ITEM 5 Review and approval of Board of Finance budget hearing schedule for 2010/11
MOTION The Board made a few changes in the schedule and a copy is attached.
To approve the budget hearing schedule for FY 2010/11 as amended.
Dupuis, Wilensky Unanimous

ITEM 6 Request from Board of Selectmen for out-of-series transfer of \$197 from LI 10104-51210 Clerical
MOTION Salaries to LI 10104-52030 Professional Fees in the Assessor budget.
To approve the request for transfer as stated in the amount of \$197.
Dupuis, Wilensky Unanimous

ITEM 7 Discussion of proposed lock box services of Webster Bank for tax, sewer, and/or water payments.
Tax Collector Mark Burnham addressed the Board and explained the possibility of contracting with Webster Bank for lockbox services. He noted that an annual cost of \$4,000 would result in modest cost savings as opposed to continuing to hire two part-time workers to process mail during the July collections. He is soliciting quotes for this service. Another benefit would be that funds would be available sooner to the Treasurer for investment purposes.

He informed the Board that tax collections are on track. As of September 30 – 68.96% last year , and 68.89% this year.

MOTION That the Board endorse the Tax Collector efforts to pursue lock box method for processing tax payments to include full comparison on pricing.
Peteros, Brown Unanimous

ITEM 8 Appoint one elector of the Town to serve on the School Building Committee for the period ending June 30, 2010

Mr. Peteros nominated Alan Wilensky to serve on the School Building Committee for the period ending June 30, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Brown. Vote was unanimous

ITEM 9 New Business
Mr. Peteros attended the Long Range Fiscal Planning Committee on September 17 and he gave an update of FY11-FY15 projecting taxing impacts. As a basis for Long Range Planning, based on approved FY10 budget, Town @ 2%, Capital @ 3% less \$1M for School Projects; Board of Education @ 3% and Actual/Projected Debt Service with No Fund Balance Applied.

ITEM 10 Liaison Reports
Mr. Wilensky reported on the grand opening at Oswegatchie School, fire at Great Neck School that caused some delays but the project is catching up, and Quaker Hill is in the final stages.

Ms. Dupuis reported that Howard Stillman has been appointed as a police commissioner. Ford is making smaller police vehicles, and Chevrolet will also be making smaller police vehicles.

Mr. Wilensky reported that Community Use of Schools is still an open issue with Recreation and Parks. It is in RTM Sub-committee.

ITEM 11 Correspondence - none

ITEM 12 Adjournment
MOTION To adjourn at 7:55 pm.
Brown, Dupuis Unanimous

Prepared and submitted by,

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary

