

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, George Peteros, Ronald Fedor, Norman Glidden, G. Brian Vachris,
Rosalyn Dupuis, Alan Wilensky

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

RTM Thomas Dembek

MEDIA Stephen Chupaska, The Day

STAFF Yvette M. Pier, Secretary
Finance Director Ruth Beers was absent

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

ITEM 1 Approval and acceptance of minutes of Regular Meeting on November 12, 2009
MOTION To approve minutes of Regular Meeting on November 12, 2009 as read.
Wilensky, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 2 Public Comment - none

ITEM 3 Selection and appointment of Chairman of Board of Finance
Mr. Vachris nominated Mr. Fedor, seconded by Mr. Wilensky. There were no other
nominations.
Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Fedor thanked the Board and remarked that Mr. Sheehan did an excellent job as Chairman.
He said there is a lot of work ahead and the Board needs to work together.

ITEM 4 Selection and appointment of Clerk of Board of Finance
Mr. Vachris nominated Mr. Wilensky, seconded by Mr. Glidden. There were no other
nominations .
Vote: Unanimous

ITEM 5 Selection of Board of Finance liaisons to Town of Waterford boards and commissions.
Liaison assignments are as follows:
Alan Wilensky, Board of Education
John W. Sheehan, Board of Selectmen
John W. Sheehan, Utility Commission
Rosalyn Dupuis, Police Commission
G. Brian Vachris, Fire Commission
George Peteros, Senior Citizen Commission
Norman Glidden, Recreation and Parks Commission

ITEM 6 Appointment of Board of Finance member to serve on the Information Technology Committee
MOTION To approve Mr. Vachris' appointment to serve on the Information Technology Committee
Sheehan, Glidden Unanimous

ITEM 7 Appointment of Board of Finance member to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to screen Social
Service Grants budget requests
MOTION To approve Mr. Sheehan's appointment to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to screen Social
Service Grants budget requests.
Wilensky, Dupuis Unanimous

ITEM 8 Appointment of Board of Finance member to serve on the Ad-Hoc Building Committee for Jordan
Fire Co. #1
MOTION To approve Mr. Peteros' appointment to serve on the Ad-Hoc Building Committee for Jordan
Fire Co. #1.
Sheehan, Fedor Unanimous

- ITEM 9** Appointment of Board of Finance member to serve on the Retirement Commission from January 1, 2010 to December 30, 2011 (two years)
- MOTION To approve Mr. Peteros' appointment to serve on the Retirement Commission from January 1, 2010 to December 30, 2011 (two years)
Sheehan, Dupuis Unanimous
- ITEM 10** Appointment of two Board of Finance members to the Long Range Financial Planning Committee for a term of two years – December 9, 2009 – December 14, 2011
- MOTION To approve the appointments of Mr. Peteros and Mr. Fedor to serve on the Long Range Financial Planning Committee for a term of two years – December 9, 2009 – December 14, 2011
Vachris, Sheehan Unanimous
- ITEM 11** Appointment of Chairman Board of Finance Representative to the Fleet Management Ad Hoc Committee for a term of one year – December 9, 2009 to December 7, 2010
- MOTION To approve the appointment of Mr. Fedor as Board of Finance Representative to the Fleet Management Ad Hoc Committee for a term of one year – December 9, 2009 – December 14, 2011
Sheehan , Dupuis Unanimous
- ITEM 12** Remove from table request from Board of Police Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$30,000 to LI 10229-53260 Animal Control Supplies
- MOTION To remove from the table request from Board of Police Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$30,000 to LI 10229-53260 Animal Control Supplies
Sheehan, Vachris Unanimous
- ITEM 13** To consider request from Board of Police Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$30,000 to LI 10229-53260 Animal Control Supplies
- MOTION To consider this request.
Wilensky, Peteros

Chief Pendleton was present. He reported that the Dog Fund will have insufficient money to meet liabilities through fiscal year ending June 30, 2010. At the end of August, fund balance was \$18,177. Costs associated with veterinary fees, shelter supplies, telephone, electricity and overtime for the Animal Control Officer average approximately \$5,000 per month.

Discussion was held regarding the joint venture to provide service to the Town of East Lyme.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 to LI 10229-53260 Animal Control Supplies

- ITEM 14** Discussion of Tax Abatement Program for volunteer fire fighters
Fire Administrator Bruce Miller and the Board reviewed the Board of Fire Commissioners Policy Statement #09-1. Lengthy discussion was held regarding eligibility for the incentive program for Volunteer Firefighters/Emergency Medical Technicians, accountability, administration, funding through the Board of Fire Commissioners annual budget request, and volunteer recruitment. Mr. Miller noted that this program is only for fire service activity.
- ITEM 15** New Business
Mr. Sheehan reported on the meeting of the Charter Revision Committee held December 8, 2009. The commission reviewed length of terms of the Board of Selectmen, RTM, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk. They also discussed continued need for the Personnel Review Board as well as expansion of the Board of Selectmen to five members. They plan to invite members of the Board of Finance to the January 19 meeting.

Mr. Sheehan distributed a draft of a Board of Finance Policy regarding Emergency Appropriations by the First Selectman. This item will be on the Board of Finance agenda of January 13.

ITEM 16 Liaison Reports

Mr. Peteros reported on the meeting of the Ad hoc Committee on Fleet Sizing and Utilization. They reviewed a draft version of the consultant’s report and will meet next Thursday at 2pm to discuss the final report with department heads and fire chiefs.

Mr. Wilensky reported that Quaker Hill School punch list is almost finished; Great Neck School is proceeding on schedule.

Mr. Dembek reported that the Miner Lane radio tower has been completed. The goal is to complete the whole system by the end of March.

Mr. Fedor reported that the Fire Commission receives numerous bids for some work in town, but many find that the insurance requirement is too expensive.

ITEM 17 Correspondence

November 30, 2009 Letter from Dr. Randall Collins regarding unplanned overtime due to use of School Facilities

November 20, 2009 Copy of letter from Recreation and Parks Assistant Director Ryan McNamara to Dr. Collins in response to concerns regarding school facility scheduling

ITEM 18 Adjournment

MOTION To adjourn at 8:35 pm.
Sheehan, Dupuis

Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Alan Wilensky, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary