

PRESENT Chairman John W. Sheehan, Ronald Fedor, Kenneth Brown, George Peteros,
Cheryl Larder, Rosalyn Dupuis

ABSENT Alan Wilensky

OFFICIALS First Selectman Daniel Steward

ALSO Barbara Aube, Director of Human Resources

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

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

ITEM 1 Approval and acceptance of minutes of:
Regular Meeting on January 14, 2009

MOTION To approve minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 14, 2009 with the following corrections: ITEM 3 to read "To approve the request from the First Selectman to appropriate \$3,500 from funds designated in Capital and Non-recurring Expenditure LI 20523-57703 Window Replacement – Goshen Fire Company, consistent with the Capital Improvement Plan and to recommend to the RTM"; ITEM 9 to read "Chairman Sheehan reported on the Utility Commission Public Hearing and the Commission's proposal to the RTM for a flat rate of \$385 per year"; ITEM 11 Correspondence of December 12 regarding Utility Commission to read "----Waterford Code of Ordinance 13.12.010".

Fedor, Dupuis

Yes: Sheehan, Fedor, Peteros, Dupuis

Abstain: Brown, Larder

ITEM 2 Public Comment - none

ITEM 3 Report from Tax Collector on the Collection Rate to date compared to previous years

Tax Collector Mark Burnham was present. Discussion was held regarding delinquent accounts and what his office is doing to make them current. He noted that there are 520 delinquent tax payers.

ITEM 4 Request from Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation of \$23,576 to LI 10109-51110 Administration in the Town Clerk's budget

MOTION To consider this request.

Brown, Fedor

Funds are being requested to pay outstanding sick and vacation time to a retiring employee. During discussion, Mr. Peteros requested that the First Selectman consider controls on the notification and amount of payouts in contract negotiations with the Town's Union Bargaining Units.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as stated as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 in the amount of \$23,576.

ITEM 5 Request from Board of Selectmen for an additional appropriation of \$30,000 to LI 10101-52030 Professional Fees in the Selectman's office

MOTION To consider this request.

Fedor, Dupuis

Ms. Aube was present. The Board reviewed a document of expenditures to date as well as expected labor costs for the balance of the current year.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as stated as a transfer from Contingency LI 10121-59010 in the amount of \$30,000.

ITEM 6 Request from Board of Selectmen for an appropriation of \$240,130 from LI 20509-57090 Designated and Non-recurring Expenditure Fund, Sidewalks and Trails, for the replacement of Boston Post Road Sidewalk from Fog Plain to Tiffany Avenue.

MOTION To consider this request.
Brown, Fedor

Public Works Director Ronald Cusano was present to explain the project and answer questions from the Board. He also answered questions regarding the Town's Sidewalk Plan.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as stated in the amount of \$240,130 and recommend to the RTM.

ITEM 7 Request from Board of Selectmen for an appropriation of \$412,632 from LI 20530-57696 Designated Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund, Municipal Complex Clean-up

MOTION To consider this request.
Brown, Fedor

Mr. Cusano explained the scope of the project and answered questions regarding the extent of the contamination. Mr. Cusano noted that the Town has hired a qualified environmental engineer and he doubts any further intervention from the DEP.

Vote: Unanimous to approve the request as stated in the amount of \$412,632 and recommend to the RTM.

ITEM 8 Review of quarterly status reports from the fire companies and the fire commission
The Board reviewed updates of the expenses of the Fire Commission and Fire companies, with the exception of Quaker Hill Fire Company. Jordan Fire Company and Goshen Fire Company may have a problem with fuel charges and are monitoring the situation; however, they informed the Board that they may have to request extra funding. Discussion was also held regarding the Ambulance Association.

ITEM 9 Review of the FY2008 Audit Report
Ms. Beers explained one comment of the auditors regarding late billing of receivables by the Utility Commission. Mr. Sheehan conducted a detailed review of the audit.

ITEM 10 New Business
Mr. Peteros repeated his hope that, in view of the current economic climate, upcoming negotiations for GGA contracts not include increases.

ITEM 11 Liaison Reports - none

ITEM 12 Correspondence

Previously distributed:

January 12, 2009 Periodic Financial Statements from Town Accountant

January 22, 2009 Status of Contingency from Town Accountant

January 20, 2009 Five Year Capital Improvement Plan Recommendations – FY 2010-2014
from First Selectman

Correspondence enclosed:

January 30, 2009 Treasurer's Status Report – December 31, 2008

January 22, 2009 Copy of letter to RTM informing of Board of Finance Actions on January 14, 2009

January 21, 2009 Copy of letter to RTM regarding Window Replacement at Goshen Fire Dept.

January 20, 2009 Copy of e-mail from Finance Director replying to Fleet Management question asked at the Board of Finance meeting on January 14, 2009

January 21, 2009 Agenda for Economic Development meeting

December 17, 2008 Minutes of Economic Development meeting

December 2, 2008 Minutes of Goshen Fire Department

January 6, 2009 Minutes of Goshen Fire Department

January 20, 2009 Letter from First Selectman announcing appointment of Kathleen A. Nunes as Executive Secretary, effective January 26, 2009

Mr. Peteros inquired as to the savings realized from this appointment and Mr. Steward said it saved the Town \$10,000.

- January 26, 2009 Minutes of Special Meeting of School Building Committee
 - January 29, 2009 Notice of cancellation of Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen on February 3
 - January 30, 2009 Letter from Dr. Collins, Superintendent of Schools, regarding FY 2009 projection
 - January 23, 2009 Copy of E-mail from Cheryl Larder regarding Board of Education budget
 - January 22, 2009 Letter from Director of Public Works Cusano regarding possible budget line overages
 - January 27, 2009 Letter from Dr. Collins regarding approval of the proposed Board of Education Budget of \$40,482,280
 - January 30, 2009 Letter from First Selectman regarding budgets for Fiscal Year 2009-2010
 - February 12, 2008 Memo from Finance Director regarding General Fund Encumbrances for FY 2008 and prior years
 - February 11, 2009 Periodic Financial Statements from Town Accountant
 - February 3, 2009 Minutes of Goshen Fire Department and Goshen Fire Department financial reports through January
- Minutes of Oswegatchie Fire Company Monthly meetings for October, November, December, 2008, and January 2009

ITEM 9 Adjournment

MOTION To adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Brown, Fedor

Unanimous

Submitted by,

Prepared by,

Cheryl Larder, Clerk

Yvette M. Pier, Secretary