



TOWN OF ROXBURY CONNECTICUT

Board of Finance

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ROXBURY BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING APRIL 19, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Gary Lord, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

Members Present: Gary Lord, Wayne Piskura, Sarah Foreman, Andy Engel, Nanette Falkenberg and Ed Cady

Others Present: First Selectman Barbara Henry, and Selectman James Conway

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 15, 2016 Regular Meeting

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 03/15/16 Regular Meeting. By Nanette Falkenberg, seconded by Andy Engel and carried 6-0.

April 12, 2016 Special Meeting

Paragraph 1, in the last sentence the word "also" was added after "then".

Paragraph 2, in the second sentence the words "light fixture" were added before "ballast"

Paragraph 10 was changed to; "All those present agreed that they need to develop a good plan going forward."

Paragraph 13, in the last sentence the words "portable water" were added before "tank".

Paragraph 15, in the first sentence the word "to" was added before "cost".

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the 04/12/16 Special Meeting as amended. By Andy Engel, seconded by Ed Cady and carried 5-0-1. Falkenberg abstained

BUSINESS

A motion was made to add Library Discussion to the agenda. By Gary Lord, seconded by Nanette Falkenberg and carried 6-0.

Gary Lord reported that they plan to meet with the Library regarding the agreement between the Town and the Library. The Board members agreed that the 1992 motions of the Town Meeting clearly state that the Town did not intend to staff and fund the Library. He noted that he is sensitive to their loss of a big donor and feels that a priority should be made in finding more donations. At the last meeting the BoF agreed to fund this year's increased Operating Budget request by Library due to the expense of the Energy Incentive investment.

The Board asked to hear the recollection of Wayne Piskura who was present at the September 1992 meeting. Wayne Piskura recalled that the discussion in the September 1992 BOS minutes referred to a requirement by State that the town take responsibility for its library, but was not meant that the "Town" would staff and maintain the Library solely from the Town's Operating Budget.

Budget Discussion

The group reviewed the Draft Operating Budget dated 4/19/16 noting all the changes previously agreed upon. The group discussed the Capital Budget and Revenue. It was noted that ECS funding in the amount of \$158,000 has been taken away by the State. The Board agreed to budget zero State funding and hope to get some of this funding back.

It was noted that a surplus in current budget year of \$200,000 is expected. The Board agreed to propose to keep mill rate at 13.7.

Motion to take the budget dated 4/19/16 in the amount of \$3,363,829 to the budget hearing on April 25, 2016.
Motion by Nanette Falkenberg, seconded by Andy Engel and carried 6-0.

Hurlburt Park Bathrooms / Kitchens

Barbara Henry reminded the group that the approximately \$20,000 in grant funds for the bathrooms must be used by December. The Board agreed to match the \$50,000 donation for the upcoming 16/17 Capital Budget. Gary Lord suggested calling a Special Town meeting once pricing and sketches are available. If the townspeople agree, the Board of Finance may decide to draw funding from the General Fund to fund this project.

Non-profits Discussion

The minutes of last month's meeting noted that ASAP is the only non-profit funded and it was later corrected that several nonprofits are funded by the Town. Barbara Henry distributed and reviewed a list of non-profits that the town pays dues to as a member and nonprofits that are donated to by the Town.

Chairman's Report

No report

Selectmen's Update

No report

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, by Sarah Foreman, seconded by Wayne Piskura and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jai Kern

Tai Kern, Secretary

These minutes are not considered official until approved at the next Regular Meeting of the Roxbury Board of Finance