

Minutes of the Special Board of Finance Meeting  
Oct. 24, 2011 – Police Station Conference Room – 7 p.m.

Members present: Justin Donnelly, Joseph Sangiovanni, Dennis Kreps, Sam Fuller, Ryan Anderson, Brian Kost    Absent: E. Harrington, P. Boyd  
Also present: First Selectman Tom Frenaye, Director of Finance Deborah Cerrato,  
Director of Public Works John Cloonan

Chairman Justin Donnelly called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Public Input: None

Transfer of \$34,500 from Contingency Fund to CNR Fund: Library Roof Project

First Selectman Tom Frenaye stated that the Board of Selectmen had approved a transfer of \$34,500.

John Cloonan, Public Works Director in his memo to the Board of Selectmen, reported that the roofers found building deficiencies in the roofing system when they pulled apart the exterior curbing on the roof. The roofing curbs were not properly attached with pins and mortar. The leaks over the years have occurred because of the incorrect assembly.

Mr. Frenaye stated that Mr. Cloonan has worked with the contractor to find a way to fund the additional needed work (about \$70 K) that we must do as part of the repairs. The solution means that we will not have funds available to paint the underside of the roof—something that is badly needed. We have been given preliminary approval for a grant that will cover almost all of the cost for the painting. Unfortunately, the final word on the grant will take another week or two, so there is nothing certain to announce yet. It is his belief that the grant will be finalized. When the grant is finalized, we will be back to let the Board know, and those funds will be handled as offsetting income and placed into the Town's grant revenue account. Mr. Frenaye is requesting the BoF to approve a transfer of \$34,500 from the Contingency Fund to be added to the Library Roof project.

Mr. Kost moves that the Board of Finance transfer \$34,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund (providing there is \$34,500 in the Fund) if not the difference will come from Contingency. Mr. Kreps seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolutions for Grant Application: Middle School Partial Roof Replacement

Mr. Frenaye asked that this item be placed on the agenda. He is not sure that the Board of Finance has to act upon these resolutions. These motions were approved by the Board of Education at their meeting. After discussion, the Board deemed that no action was necessary.

First Selectman's Update: Mr. Frenaye stated at the Sept. 21 Board of Selectmen meeting, Library Director Jim McShane and Library Commission member Mel Chafetz were present and outline repairs that they felt should be done during the time the library was closed for roof repairs. After evaluating the requests, we have located funding or other resources to utilize for the project.

- 1) Interior wall painting (\$8,500) estimate – we can use the inmate program for painting the walls on the interior of the Library.
- 2) Electrical Work (\$5,990) Funding will come from the Public Works Dept. maintenance budget
- 3) Outside brick sidewalk work (\$8,000) This will be deferred and submitted as part of the 2012-13 capital budget.
- 4) Floors/carpet (\$24,000) The Suffield Public Library Foundation (\$13,500) and the Kent Memorial Library Commission (\$18,000) have offered to contribute the funds for refinishing the parquet hardwood floor and replacing the carpeting in the main library area.

Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Contract – Mr. Frenaye stated that our contract with CRRA is due to expire in November 2012. Suffield joined with 21 other towns to form The Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA) in 2010 to help to negotiate a new contract; the review process developed two final vendors, the CRRA and Murphy Road Recycling. Using contracts negotiated through CCSWA, the town could save around \$30K/year over the five year period. After discussion, the BoF asked the First Selectman to seek bids for the contract.

Nomination of candidate to fill alternate position –

The Chairman noted that at the last special meeting; there were 3 votes for Mr. Roncaioli and 3 votes for Ms. Eccles. He called for nominations:

Mr. Kost nominated Mr. Roncaioli; Mr. Anderson seconded. Mr. Roncaioli was nominated.

Mr. Sangiovanni nominated Mr. Muska; Mr. Kreps seconded. Mr. Muska was nominated.

Mr. Fuller nominated Ms. Eccles; Mr. Kreps seconded. Ms. Eccles was nominated.

The Chairman called for a vote:

Mr. Roncaioli: 3 votes; Mr. Kost, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Donnelly

Mr. Muska: 0 votes

Ms. Eccles: 3 votes; Mr. Fuller, Mr. Kreps, Mr. Sangiovanni

Mr. Kreps stated that rarely does the BoF get to pick its own members. It is a good opportunity to pick who we think is most qualified and will work well with the other board members. I hate to give up this opportunity. Mr. Kreps spoke in favor of Ms.

Eccles. Mr. Fuller and Mr. Sangiovanni spoke in favor of Ms. Eccles. Mr. Kost stated that the Board should go with the Republican Town Committee's recommendation. Mr. Kreps stated that the State Statutes nor the Suffield Town Charter mention the recommendation of any town committee. All six of us have a vote.

Mr. Fuller stated his vote was not a party vote; his was a personal vote.

Mr. Kost stated that he did not want the selection of the alternate to go to the Board of Selectman, so he made a motion that we leave this to chance and flip a coin. There was no second. The motion failed.

The Chairman called for a change of a vote.

Mr. Donnelly stated that he is going to change his vote; he is going to vote for Tracy Eccles. I do not want the Board of Selectmen to be responsible for this decision. I am changing my vote to Tracy Eccles.

All those in favor Tracy Eccles:

In favor of Eccles; Fuller, Kreps, Sangiovanni, and Donnelly

In favor of Roncaioli: Kost, Anderson

Ms. Eccles was elected as the alternate member by a 4 to 2 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Bobbie C. Kling, Secretary

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