



TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK
Board of Finance

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BOARD OF FINANCE VIRTUAL JOINT MEETING WITH
THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

February 2, 2021 6:30 p.m.

BOF Attendant Members

David LaMay, Chairman
Carol Rzasa, V. Chairwoman
Tom Stevenson
Barry O'Neill
Rick Swan
Paul Carver

Absent Members

In Attendance

Matthew Pugliese, Selectman
Scott Giegerich, Selectman
Lee Ann Palladino, Finance Director; Treasurer
Michael Spera, Chief of Police
Heather McNeil, Director Y&FS
Jim Vanoli, Program Manager WPCA
Gerri Lewis, Clerk

Selectman Giegerich called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that Selectman Fortuna would not be in attendance due to travel issues.

Chairman LaMay called the meeting to order for the Board of Finance noting all present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman LaMay led the pledge.

3. Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of 1/19/21 was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Mr. Swan and so voted unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of 1/26/21 was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Swan and so voted unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of 1/30/21 was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Ms. Rzasa and so voted 5-0-1.

4. Comments from the Public

At this time, Ms. Rzasa read a letter into the record in support of the Splash Pad.

5. Comments from the Selectmen

Selectmen Giegerich expressed his appreciation for the process and time invested by all.

6. Business Before the Board – Budget Review

A. FY 2022 Budget Review

Director Heather McNeil gave two presentations, the first being Social Services. She thanked her administration assistant, her board and Ms. Palladino for their assistance.

She discussed the goals and accomplishments with regard to Social Services and the increased needs for assistance.

In Ms. McNeil's PPT for Youth & Family Services she discussed structure and staffing; goals and accomplishments and operational costs. Her budget was basically flat except for contractual obligations.

After a short Q&A, Chairman LaMay thanked Ms. McNeil.

At this time Chairman LaMay called upon WPCA Program Director, Jim Vanoli who gave a PPT presentation on their budget.

He noted that they are compiling ground water data and other engineering data to present to DEEP.

The WPCA budget reflects the continuation of Phase 3 engineering with emphasis on data gathering and analysis.

The decrease in the contractual line item for expected legal expenses reflects reallocation of anticipated expenses to Phase 3 engineering for FY22.

The increase in other professional services represents anticipated engineering expenses to be incurred by Fuss & O'Neill's related to Phase 3 data gathering, planning and analysis of treatment options and costs.

Mr. Swan questioned the location of wells on the high school property, and asked exactly where they were located. Mr. Vanoli noted that they were located on the ball fields. Mr. Swan questioned this and noted that he thought there was a deed restriction by former First Selectwoman Barbara Maynard that dictated the property could only be used for educational purposes. Mr. Vanoli noted that he received a legal opinion delivered by the First Selectman that there's nothing preventing the use of the fields for dispersal and that Mr. Swan should speak with him.

Ms. Rzasa asked regarding the wifi enabled monitoring system. She asked if they are attached to the wells. He answered in the affirmative and explained how they worked.

Mr. O'Neill questioned whether the tests show that the property at the high school is adequate for dispersal for the 700 plus properties. Mr. Vanoli noted they were performing that data now but they would have to meet the State's standards and then they will know how many properties would qualify.

Mr. Stevenson inquired whether those wells will interfere with the irrigation lines. Mr. Vanoli noted that they worked with Ms. Pendleton and the grounds person so there was not a problem.

Chairman LaMay thanked Mr. Vanoli.

Vice Chairman Rzasa thanked everyone who presented.

Ms. Palladino thanked everyone and noted that the Department of Public Works and Economic Development would be presenting on February 9th and that would complete the department budgets.

Chairman LaMay reminded everyone of the virtual meeting on February 9th, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

This meeting was recorded on the Town's YouTube video website.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rzasa, seconded by Chairman LaMay at 7: 52 p.m. for the Board of Finance and by Selectman Fortuna and Selectman Pugliese for the Board of Selectmen.

Submitted:

Gerri Lewis