

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 06, 2012
Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room 7:00 P.M.**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Jim Persano called the Board of Finance Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members: Jim Persano, Michael Parker, Joseph Tolisano, Steve Krasinski, Marilyn Pronovost and Thomas Mazzoli were present and constituted a quorum. Also present First Selectman, Lisa Pellegrini, Selectman, Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr, Town CFO, Kim Marcotte, Gary Schiessl, Fire Department Chief, Jeff Bord, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer and Todd Rolland, Deputy Director of Public Works.

II. FY2013 TOWN PROPOSED BUDGET PRESENTATION:

First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini presented the FY2013 proposed budget. The Board of Selectmen is proposing a \$29,031,201 budget of which \$19,827,174 is for Education, \$6,532,645 Town, \$1,946,382 Debt Service and \$725,000 Capital Projects. The Board of Education will present their proposed budget on March 12th.

The Town's focus for 2012-2013 will be infrastructure covering buildings, roads, equipment and fire protection. The BOS are also proposing a \$29,241,201 budget that includes \$210,000 in additional roads maintenance funding which will be funded through additional LoCIP revenue. This addition will have a neutral impact on the mil rate and move the Town toward to be able to address the annual maintenance of the town's infrastructure.

Capital Improvement Projects need to be fully funded on an annual basis. Full funding will enable the town to maintain the schedule for vehicle, equipment and gear replacement. If the Board of Finance decides to proceed with a bond issue \$120,000 could be removed from CIP as that is the amount identified for the first year of a fire truck lease/purchase. However, money would need to be added to the debt service for bond issuance costs if bonding for fire equipment/roads were to proceed. The Board of Selectmen supports bonding for the fire apparatus and the roads projects.

Mr. Parker indicated that they don't need to decide whether or not the Board of Finance will move to a bond issue as part of the budget. They will deal with the budget then deal with the bonding question.

Mr. Krasinski questioned whether the Town had a sufficient amount for fuel considering the increasing cost in the budget. Ms. Marcotte responded that they believe so.

Ms. Marcotte reported on the proposed revenue budget. Tax revenue is presented at the current mil rate of \$21.12 and is changed by the increase in the Grand List. The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet in a couple weeks. Their actions could lower the Grand List. The difference in the funds required to meet the needs of the Town and Board of Education and the revenue is identified in the Use of Fund Balance. The \$825,575 would equate too slightly over a 1 mil increase in the tax rate. Intergovernmental Revenues are generated from the State's proposed budget. Changes to the Governor's budget could impact the Town's revenues. The revenue generated by the Town Clerk is dropping as the State moves towards on-line applications and payments for state licenses. The estimated revenue for Transfer Station Permit Fees has increased. To help address the operational cost of the Transfer Station, as supported by the residents, the permit fee will increase effective September 1, 2012.

III. TRANSFERS AND APPROPRIATIONS:

Ms. Marcotte distributed and reported on the Appropriation.

<u>Transfer/ Appropriation</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>To Account</u>	<u>From Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>
1. Supplement Appropriation	CIP	Road Maintenance	LoCIP	\$200,000	Road Maint. Pending Approval at Town Meeting

Motion was made by Mr. Persano to accept the Supplemental Appropriation. It was seconded by Mr. Mazzoli. All were in favor, motion carried.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made to adjourn the Board of Finance Special Meeting by Mr. Tolisano at 8:30 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Mazzoli. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Marcotte, CFO

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