

**TOWN OF SOMERS  
BOARD OF FINANCE  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
SOMERS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
APRIL 23, 2012**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Michael Parker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 pm.

Board of Finance Members: Jim Persano, Michael Parker, Tom Mazzoli, Steve Krasinski, Joe Tollisano and Marilyn Pronovost were present.

Also present First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr of the Board of Selectmen, and Town CFO, Kim Marcotte. Dr. Maynard Suffredini, Bill Boutwell, David Palmer and members of the Board of Education were present. Interested citizens were also present.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET:**

The purpose of the hearing was to receive public comment and discuss the 2012-2013 fiscal year budgets of the Town and Board of Education. Presentations were made by Mr. Parker of the Board of Finance, Ms. Pellegrini, First Selectman and Dr. Suffredini, Superintendent of Schools outlining the various aspects of the Town and Board of Education budgets as well as proposed revenues supporting the budgets.

The majority of the audience comments were requests for clarification on items contained in the budget presentations. The technology proposal, student population, transportation and accounts in the budget were discussed by the Dr. Suffredini. Ms. Pellegrini spoke to the use of roads and road maintenance. Mr. Parker fielded questions on debt issuance.

In general the citizens present at the public hearing are satisfied with the performance of the Town and Board of Education and support the proposed budgets. They understand the necessity for a 1 mill increase to the tax rate in order to have the services that the citizens desire.

**III. ADJOURNMENT:**

*The April 23, 2012 Public Hearing on the 2012 – 2013 Proposed Budget was adjourned at 8:10 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Marcotte, CFO