

Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes  
Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 9:00am  
Due to Covid 19, the meeting was held via internet and phone.

*A video recording of this meeting will be made available on the Town website.*

**Present:** Board of Finance Chairman Steve Ezzes, member Alan Gruaber, Dick Bochinski, Rone Baldwin, Greg Murphy, Jeff Farr and Amy Gare. First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Finance Director Rick Darling, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Board of Education Chairman Tony Pesco, Superintendent of Schools Dr. William McKersie, School District Finance Director and Director of Operations Phil Cross, Assistant Superintendent Mike Rizzo, Director of Educational Technology Dr. Craig Tunks, Town Attorney Ira Bloom, members of the press and Weston Residents

Mr. Grauber moved to open the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2020-21 Town Budget. Mr. Baldwin seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Ezzes explained that due to the Governor's executive order, there will be no ATBM this year and no budget referendum. Instead, the Board of Selectmen has authorized the Board of Finance to set the budget and a mill rate. The Board of Finance has proposed a budget for the public to comment on. The purpose of the meeting is to receive comment about the proposed budget and answer questions.

Town Attorney Ira Bloom explained the Governor's Executive orders relative to municipal budgets.

Mr. Baldwin asked the Town Attorney Bloom what he thinks the possibility is that the orders can change from the Governor to authorize an ATBM and Referendum in time to affect the budget. Town Attorney Bloom replied that he believes there is no chance the Governor will make further changes to the municipal budget process via executive order.

Mr. Grauber asked if there is a chance to wait to see if the orders are changed. Town Attorney Bloom reviewed the statutory mandate given by the Governor to local Boards of Selectmen.

Chairman Ezzes went over the protocols for this Public Hearing. Speakers will have 3 minutes, and must first state their name and address.

The following residents spoke (for more details, refer to the video recording)

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| Jeff Goldstein     | 40 Wildwood Lane        |
| Andrew Palladino   | 126 Goodhill Road       |
| Lawrence Rehr      | 44 Ravenwood Dr         |
| Jennifer Pinetaro  | 25 Norfield Woods Road  |
| Sarah Schlecter    | Woods End Lane          |
| Alan Berch         | Cedar Hills Road        |
| Jackie Austin      | 76 Ladder Hill Rd North |
| Ilene Richardson   | 15 Heritage Lane        |
| Kristana Esslinger | 59 Ledgewood Dr. East   |

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| Michael Schlecter     | Woods End Lane         |
| Cian O'Suilleabhain   | 7 Soundview Farm Lane  |
| Sharon Tessler        | Merry Lane             |
| Sarah Grigerick       | 47 Fanton Hill Road    |
| Margaret Wirtenberg   | 15 Wilson Road         |
| Gemma Richards        | Woods End Lane         |
| Kimberly Schleef      | 11 Smith Farm Road     |
| Jennifer Mecca        | 47 Kellogg Hill Road   |
| Thomas Carlson        | 23 Mountainview Drive  |
| Tracy Morrison        | 11 o'clock Road        |
| Marcelin Mbwa - Mboma | 28 Catbrier Road       |
| Stephanie Schaefer    | 33 Oak Lane            |
| Carolyn Bjerke        | 155 Weston Road        |
| Margaret Krauss       | 103 Davis Hill Road    |
| Tracy Haberman        | 143 Georgetown Road    |
| Mike Nestor           | 8 Humble Lane          |
| Jodi Sachetta         | September Lane         |
| Nadine Mbwa Mboma     | 28 Catbrier Road       |
| Gavin Guerra          | 38 High Noon Rd.       |
| Darryl Grigerick      | 47 Fanton Hill Road    |
| Wayne Bjerke          | 155 Weston Road        |
| Susan Richard         | 50 Davis Hill Road     |
| Shara Kolodney        | 36 Heritage Hill Lane  |
| Helen de Keijzer      | 30 Salem Road          |
| Frank Billone         | 7 Curiosity Lane       |
| Adrea Perl Belport    | 44 West Branch Road    |
| Tim Rogers            | 262 Newtown Turnpike   |
| Joe Castro            | 16 Charles Path        |
| Jim Maggio            | 48 High Noon Road      |
| Maricela Esposito     | 33 White Oak Lane      |
| Herb Cotter           | 140 old Hyde Road      |
| Analise Ferrara       | 67 Lyons Plain Road    |
| Noel Lafayette        | 28 Hill Farm Road      |
| William Weiss         | 99 Eleven O'Clock Road |
| Joe Colaprico         | 21 Greenfield Drive    |
| Mary Welsch Lehman    | 8 River Road           |
| Val Valorick          | Georgetown Road        |
| Greg Haythorn         | 6 Winthrop Hill        |
| Irene Gibilisco       | 5 Quail Ridge          |
| Jennifer Haythorn     | 6 Winthrop Hill        |

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| David Felton      | Ridge Road         |
| Vicki Muller      | 11 Harvest Lane    |
| Amy Sanborn       | Old Hyde Road      |
| Margarita Shapiro | 23 Cannondale Road |

Mr. Baldwin moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Grauberd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grauberd moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 pm. Mr. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:  
Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant

UNAPPROVED