

Board of Finance Meeting (held jointly with the Board of Selectmen)
Minutes

September 12, 2019 at 7:30pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

In attendance: Board of Finance members Steve Ezzes, Allen Grauberd, Greg Murphy, Dick Bochinski, Jeff Farr, First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Selectman Stephan Grozinger, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Finance Director Rick Darling, Weston Residents.

- 1- Discussion/decision regarding a fiscal year 2019-20 supplemental appropriation request for an amount up to exceed \$264,284 for additional road paving work on Steep Hill Road; account number 0130300-59422.** Mr. Luiz gave the history behind the request for the supplemental. He spoke about recommendations made by the Town Engineer and Beta Group. Mr. Luiz stated Tilcon (paving company) gave quote for work. Mr. Luiz then presented options for scope of work and costs. Mr. Bochinski asked if we have the answer of whether it is the materials used or the process that has caused the roads to be in such bad shape. First Selectman Spaulding answered stating we still don't know the cause but WestCOG is looking into getting the answers. Mr. Grauberd joined the meeting at 7:45pm. First Selectman Spaulding explained the all roads in Weston will get scored by Beta group for future planning. Mr. Bochinski stated he is hesitant to spend a lot of money because this is the first year using this company and due to the fact we took a big hit to the general fund when the Middle School had the septic issues this past spring. Mr. Grauberd stated he feels we should invest in the paving budget yearly as it has a direct effect on the appearance of Weston. Mr. Farr agreed. Bonding was also discussed.

Selectman Grozinger moved to accept a FY 2019/20 supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$252, 558 for the purpose of milling and paving Steep Hill Road from Old Hyde to Davis hill road. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Grauberd moved to approve a FY 2019/20 supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$252, 558 for the purpose of milling and paving Steep Hill Road from Old Hyde to Davis hill road. Mr. Ezzes seconded. Mr. Bochinski, Mr. Farr and Mr. Murphy opposed. Motion did not pass.

Mr. Luiz mentioned that paving Steep Hill to Tannery Road South will still take place, but not require a supplemental appropriation.

- 2- **Discussion/Decision to apply to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut's Diesel Emissions Mitigation Program.** First Selectman Spaulding explained the history of emissions extortion by Volkswagen, and as a result they are now making payouts to help high polluting diesel vehicles. First Selectman Spaulding further explained this could include some of our DPW vehicles although stated there would be a high level of competition to win this grant. Mr. Luiz presented a recommendation of vehicles that would apply. He stated that the Board of Selectman is looking to get the Board of Finance approval to pay for 35% of the cost if we were actually awarded this grant.

Selectman Grozinger moved to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut's Diesel Emissions Mitigation Program. First Selectman Spaulding seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Ezzes moved to submit a grant application to the State of Connecticut's Diesel Emissions Mitigation Program. Mr. Farr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- 3- **Discussion regarding a proposal from Blum Shapiro to provide cybersecurity services to the Town of Weston.** Mr. Ezzes and Selectman Grozinger left the meeting. Mr. Darling presented the history of the proposal from Blum Shapiro. Mr. Grauberd asked what our main concerns are. First Selectman Spaulding explained our concerns, the most important ones being hacking and security breaches. Mr. Luiz explained that other towns are concerned with the cyber security issues as well. He also stated this proposal will be reviewed by the Board of Education. Board members gave consensus support to proceed with next steps for these services.
- 4- **Discussion regarding the estimated final financial results for fiscal year 2018-19.** Mr. Darling went over the results of FY 2018/19. The Town general fund balance is estimated to increase by over a half million dollars, or, 18.2% of estimated total revenue. Mr. Luiz discussed goals for FY 2019/20.
- 5- **Discussion/decision regarding approval of the minutes from the June 20th special meeting.** Mr. Bochinski moved to approve the BOF Minutes of June 20th. Mr. Grauberd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned: 9:05pm