

**BOARD of FINANCE
MEETING MINUTES
December 6, 2018, 7:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Chairman Ezzes called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Mr. Ezzes was joined by fellow board members Rone Baldwin, Dick Bochinski, Allan Grauberd, Melissa Koller, Greg Murphy and Jeff Farr. Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Finance Director Rick Darling, Library Director Karen Tatarka, Parks and Recreation Director Dave Ungar, members of the Library Board, and members of the public.

Mr. Ezzes made some opening remarks about former Selectman Brian Gordon who recently passed away, thanking him for his contributions to the Town. He also recognized new Board of Finance members Greg Murphy and Jeff Farr, while also commenting on the contributions of former Board of Finance member Jerry Sargent who served on the Board for many years. Mr. Ezzes then made a motion to appoint Rone Baldwin as Vice Chairman of the Board. Ms. Koller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$40,000 for a capital project entitled “Community Connectivity Design” – Acct. No 5019665-55001 – Jonathan Luiz, Town Administrator

Mr. Luiz discussed the scope of this project involving the construction of sidewalks. There were questions regarding the overall timing of the project and what the \$40,000 would cover.

Mr. Grauberd moved to approve the supplemental appropriation, and Mr. Bochinski seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$41,000 for a capital project entitled “2018-19 State Library Renovation Grant” – Acct. No 5019664-55001 – Jonathan Luiz, Town Administrator

Mr. Luiz discussed what the state grant would cover. Mr. Grauberd and Ms. Koller questioned why the Library Board is not contributing more toward the overall Town funding for this grant. Ms. Sanborn explained the Board’s perspective on the types of items that the Library Board normally funds. However, it was pointed out that the proposed level of funding from the Library Board is less than under a prior project proposal, even though the current proposal includes more work to be done at the Library. After further discussion, the Board of Finance recommended that the Town funding under this project be reduced by \$15,000 and the balance funded from the Vitale endowment fund. The item will need to go back to the Library Board for their vote.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$150,000 for a capital project entitled “2018-19 LOTCIP Design” subject to grant approval – Acct. No. 5019666-55001 – Jonathan Luiz, Town Administrator

Mr. Luiz explained that he placed this on tonight’s agenda in order to submit the grant application quickly, with the hopes of getting Weston high on the state’s priority list. The scope of this project was discussed. The project is intended to improve traffic and safety issues along School Road, Lord’s Highway and Route 57.

Ms. Koller made a motion to approve this request subject to approval of the grant; Mr. Bochinski seconded. Approved unanimously.

Discussion/decision regarding a supplemental appropriation request in the amount of \$37,000 for a capital project entitled “Bisceglie Walking Trails” subject to grant approval – Acct. No. 5019667-55001 – Jonathan Luiz, Town Administrator:

Dr. Spaulding described certain items that would be addressed at Bisceglie Park as part of this grant. The various fitness stations located throughout the walking trail would be updated. Dave Ungar provided further description of the trails.

Ms. Koller made a motion to approve this request subject to approval of the grant; Mr. Grauberd seconded. Approved unanimously.

Approval of October 18 minutes.

Ms. Koller moved to approve the October 18 minutes, and Mr. Bochinski seconded. Approved unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.