

**Board of Finance Special Meeting  
Public Hearing Minutes  
Mar 29, 2022 6 PM  
Meeting held remotely due to COVID 19**

1. **Call to order:** Board of Finance Chair Rone Baldwin called the meeting to order at 6pm, also in attendance were Board of Finance members Jeff Farr, Amy Gare, Michael Imber, Dick Bochinski and Jamie Zeppernick and Steve Ezzes. Town residents participated.
2. **Public Hearing:** The Board of Finance will accept public comments on the proposed fiscal year budgets of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, Capital Improvements and Debt Service as submitted to the Board of Finance.

**Comments were heard from the following members of the public:**

- Kristana Esslinger: read a letter on behalf of the PTO against proposed budget cuts to Youth Services.
  - Anne Hunt: 24 Blue Spruce Circle, Head of the Library Board discussed budget constraints the Library has encountered and on the need to add personnel.
  - Mark Harper: 13 Kettle Creek Road, Town Union Representative requested to make Tax Assessor assistant a full time employee.
  - Jim Maggio: High Noon Road. Comments against legal representation expenses and FOIA concerns.
  - Sonya Stack: Trails End Road, concerns regarding the proposed budget cuts to youth services.
  - Kristine Lemmis: Woodhill Road, questions on the consultant charges for the Tecton consultant.
  - Lisa Flannagan: Merry Lane, suggested a survey to residents on the proposed budget to get more buy-in. Requested clarification on the Tecton consultant expense.
  - Mark Harper: As the Town Union Representative, responded to comments made on the Youth Services position and the Library Staff Positions.
  - Michelle Liquori: Georgetown Road, concerns with Board of Finance and Tecton consultants, town roads and complaints about the budget.
    - Mr. Baldwin clarified that the proposed FY 22-23 Budget being discussed is separate from and has nothing in it relating to Capital Expenditures coming out of the Facilities Optimization Committee or Tecton's work.
  - Margaret Wirtenberg: Southport – comments on the budget process and voters rights during the ATBM.
    - Board members thanked Margaret for her support and commentary over the years, and wished her luck.
  - Jennifer Haythorn – Winthrop Hill read a statement against the budget and other items.
3. **Adjourn:** Mr. Bochincki moved to adjourn at 7pm, Mr. Zeppernick seconded this. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Sara Beer, Executive Administrative Assistant