

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2011
TOWN HALL**

Members Present: David Hosmer, Glenn Converse, Ronald Cabana, George McCoy, Elizabeth Murphy; Alternate Michael Dougherty; **Excused:** Richard Cass; **Absent:** Craig Powers, Tim Young

Others Present: Allan Walker, Chandler Paquette, Donna Stefanik, Barbara Rich, Avis Spalding, Everett Cowley, Frances Geer, Richard Wisneski, Susan Jankot

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Hosmer. **Motion** by Converse/McCoy to seat Michael Dougherty as a voting member. Unanimous.

#1. Approve Minutes of March 8, 2011 Meeting

Motion by Converse/Cabana to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2011 meeting as presented. Unanimous.

#2. Review 2011-12 General Government Budget Request

Allan Walker, First Selectman, reviewed the proposed 2011-12 general government budget totaling \$5,473,037 and answered questions from board members. He outlined the areas of increase and the cuts that had been made in other areas in order to come in with a budget as close to 0% as possible. The net increase over last year's budget is \$60,543 or 1.12%.

Several areas of cooperative town services were discussed such as the regional revaluation which is now underway, the regional probate court and the roadside mower purchased by CL&P and used by four towns.

Questions were raised about the current snow budget and whether it was prudent to reduce the contingency for next year. The Board of Selectmen feel that they have budgeted adequately for winter snow removal and overtime and, since there are no union negotiations pending, the contingency fund should be okay at \$50,000.

#3. Review Board of Selectmen 5-year Capital Plan

Motion by McCoy/Dougherty to approve the General Government 5-year capital plan as presented. Unanimous. Hosmer initiated discussion about planning for future borrowing to take care of the town's capital needs and keeping debt payments level when the middle school bonds are paid off in 2013-14. The board will work on this plan later in the year.

#4. Citizens Participation

Richard Wisneski suggested that the Board of Education be requested to ask for a salary freeze. Avis Spalding stated that she appreciated the effort to keep the general government spending under control.

#5. Correspondence/Announcements

A draft of the Proposition 46 calculation was distributed showing \$165,304 in cuts necessary and a revenue shortfall of \$674,682.

Motion by McCoy/Converse to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

