

**BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 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, Judy Walberg, Julie Woodland, Suzanne Woodward, Anthony Walker, Lindsay Paul, Frank Baran, Karen Munroe, Viktor Toth, Mary Roccisano, Dawn Morin, Michelle Woz, Kevin Withers, Dawn Adiletta, Richard Wisneski, Susan Jankot and others

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

**#1. Approve Minutes of March 29, 2011 Meeting**

**Motion** by McCoy/Dougherty to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2011 meeting as presented. Unanimous.

**Approve Minutes of April 12, 2011 Public Hearing**

**Motion** by Converse/Cabana to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 public hearing as presented. Unanimous.

**#2. Member Concern – Glenn Converse**

Converse felt that the March 29<sup>th</sup> meeting became heated and ugly. He read from Roberts' Rules of Order regarding what he thought of as "limiting full discussion".

**#3. Appoint Auditor for 2010-11 Audit**

**Motion** by Dougherty/Murphy to appoint Marien and Company CPAs to conduct the audit of Woodstock's 2010-11 financial records. Unanimous.

**#4. Recommend 2011-12 Budget to Annual Town Meeting/Referendum**

Members discussed the Board of Finance role in balancing taxpayers' ability to pay, the town's needs and the uncertainties regarding municipal aid from the state. It is assumed that the next budget year will be even more difficult than this one and that a .5 mil increase this year is all that the voters will be willing to accept. Placing advisory questions on the ballot was suggested. The added cost of using preprinted ballots was discussed with Suzanne Woodward, Registrar of Voters. Exit polling could be an option.

**Motion** by Converse/McCoy that the Board of Selectmen be asked to consider the addition of questions to the ballot or conducting an exit poll at the budget referendum. Unanimous.

**Motion** by Dougherty/McCoy to cut the requested General Government budget by \$14,974 reducing it to a new total of \$5,458,063. Hosmer, Cabana, McCoy, Murphy, Dougherty voted yes; Converse abstained.

**Motion** by Dougherty/Murphy to cut the requested Board of Education budget by \$441,222 reducing it to a new total of \$15,691,636. Hosmer, Cabana, McCoy, Murphy, Dougherty voted yes; Converse abstained.

**MOTION BY DOUGHERTY/MURPHY TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF WOODSTOCK FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,149,699 AND TO APPROPRIATE SAID SUM TO MEET THE RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURES.** Hosmer, Cabana, McCoy, Murphy and Dougherty voted yes; Converse abstained.

**#5. Approve Five-Year Capital Plan**

**Motion** by Dougherty/McCoy to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for the Town of Woodstock for a five year period ending fiscal year 2015-2016. Unanimous.

**#6. Citizens Participation**

Anthony Walker asked when the non-lapsing education fund would be discussed. Hosmer stated that he had not yet received any new correspondence about that subject. Lindsay Paul asked that the Board of Finance agendas for future meetings be amended to allow for citizen participation prior to decisions being made.

**#7. Correspondence/Announcements – None**

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

Submitted,  
Barbara Rich