



**WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF FINANCE**

MINUTES OF BOF PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Finance held its Public Meeting on **Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 8:00p.m.** in **Room 201/201A of Town Hall** for the following purposes:

Attendees: B. Stern, M. Rea, S. Gordon, J. Westphal, A. Moore, N. Dupier.
(L. Caney arrived at 8:09 p.m.)

AGENDA

1. Approve the Board of Finance Minutes of the May 1, 2019 Special Meeting and the May 1, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion to approve by S. Gordon, second A. Moore -Vote five (5) yes -one abstention (M. Rea)
2. Heard Financial Report from the Finance Director. (Discussion Only)
3. Coleytown Middle School Status Update from Sheri Gordon and Mike Rea. (Discussion Only)

Don O'Day presented Coleytown School Building Committee report (no action taken)
4. Heard status Update from the Audit Manager. (Discussion Only)
5. The Board appointed an independent auditor for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Blum Shapiero was recommended. M. Rea made motion to approve appointment, second by J. Westphal – vote was unanimous 7-0-0
6. The Board set the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
Motion to set 2019-2020 mill rate at 16.86 was made by Brian Stern, second by Mike Rea – vote was unanimous 7-0-0
7. Upon the request of the Town Attorney's office and in accordance with §C6-2 of the Town Charter, the Board of Finance recommended a lease between the Town of Westport and the Westport Astronomical Society, Inc. for property located at 182 Bayberry Lane. Motion to recommend by L. Caney, second by M. Rea- Vote was unanimous 7-0-0
8. Upon the request of the Board of Education, approved an appropriation of \$326,950.00 along with bond and note authorization to the Educational Facilities Improvement Fund Account 32506650-500173 for renovations to Bedford Middle School for additional classroom space and offices. Motion to approve by M. Rea, second by N. Dupier- vote was unanimous 7-0-0

Motion by L. Caney, second by S. Gordon to extend meeting pass 10:00 P.M. -Vote was unanimous.

9. Upon the request of the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$160,000.00 along with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund Account 30503310-500171 for Power Redundancy and IT Security Upgrades at Town Hall and Parks and Recreation offices. Motion to postpone made by M. Rea, second by A. Moore carried by a vote of 5 to 2 (S. Gordon & L. Caney)

10. Upon the request of the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$62,000.00 along with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund Account 30503310-500172 for funding Westport's share of the Design expenses for replacement of the Cavalry Road Bridge over the West Branch of the Saugatuck River.
The Board of Finance unanimously declined to take action on this item.

At 10:52 P.M. motion to adjourn by L. Caney, second by N. Dupier -vote 7-0-0