



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF FINANCE

APPROVED MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Finance held its Public Hearing on **Wednesday, May 21, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium of Town Hall. The following items were considered:

Present were Stern, Pincavage, Lasersohn, Caney, Collins, Tooker, Rea (by phone).

DISCUSSION/REVIEW

1. Financial Report from the Finance Director. (No action taken)
2. Status Update from the Internal Auditor. (No action taken)

DETERMINATION OF TAX RATE

3. Stern proposed and Lasersohn seconded a motion to set the Mill Rate for the fiscal year 2014/15 at 17.94, representing a decrease from the current rate of 0.72%. Unanimously approved

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

4. Collins proposed and Lasersohn seconded a motion to appoint Mcgladrey as the independent auditor for the Town of Westport for the fiscal year 2013/14. Motion was approved 5 to 2, with Stern and Rea opposed.

TRANSFERS IN THE 2013-2014 BUDGET

5. The Board will consider the following request(s) for transfer amounts of \$3,000 or less that have been approved by the First Selectman:

- a) A request by the Assessor for a transfer of \$750 from the Assessor Account #10101154-561000 (Supplies) to the Assessor Account #10101154-543000 (Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel) to cover maintenance expenses on the department's Honda CRV.
- b) A request by the Director of Human Services for a transfer of \$900 from the Youth Services Account #10105510-513001 (Extra Help) to the Youth Services Account #10105510-585000 (Education & Expenses) to cover additional training for new staff members.
- c) A request by the Director of Planning and Zoning for a transfer of \$1,500 from the Planning and Zoning Account #10101185-561000 (Supplies) to the Planning and Zoning Account #10101185-543000 (Vehicle Maintenance/Fuel) to cover fuel and auto maintenance costs.

No action taken. For information only.

6. A request by the Tax Collector pursuant to CGS § 12-165 for a transfer of \$212,579.58 to the Suspense Tax Book representing uncollected motor vehicle and personal property tax accounts. Lasersohn proposed and Collins seconded. Approved unanimously.

APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2013-2014 BUDGET

7. A request by the Westport Historic District Commission for an appropriation of \$5,000 to the Historic District Account#10101181-531000 (Fees & Services) to allow the Historic District Commission to access funds in that amount that it received from the CT Trust for Historic Preservation 2013 VCI grant program on October 16, 2013. Rea proposed and Stern seconded. Motion approved 5 to 2, with Collins and Lasersohn opposed.

8. A request by the Library Director for an appropriation of \$20,893 to the Capital and Non Recurring Account#31507750-500272 for the repair of an air conditioning unit at the library. Approved unanimously.

9. A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$66,350 to various salary accounts for the Supervisors salary adjustments. Approved unanimously.

10. A request by the Director of Public Works for an appropriation of \$180,348.15 to the Public Works Highway Division Account#10103320-588000 (Program Expenses) to cover expenses incurred during the previous winter. Approved unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION

11. A request by the First Selectman, in accordance with Section C6-2 of the Town Charter, to recommend a residential lease of the town owned property located at 260 Compo Road South, Cabin #10. Proposed by Lasersohn and seconded by Collins. Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12. Approve the Board of Finance Minutes of the March 18, 2014 formal budget hearing.

13. Approve the Board of Finance Minutes of the March 20, 2014 formal budget hearing.

14. Approve the Board of Finance Minutes of the April 2, 2014 regular meeting.

All approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 9.27pm.