



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT

BOARD OF FINANCE

MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Finance held its Public Hearing on **Wednesday, April 6, 2016**, at **8:00 p.m.** in the Auditorium of Town Hall for the following purposes:

In Attendance: J.Tooker, S. Gordon, B. Stern , M. Rea, J. Hartwell , L. Caney.

Absent: C. Moore

1. Approved the Board of Finance Minutes of the March 2, 2016, regular meeting. Motion to approve J. Hartwell, Second by J. Tooker. Vote 5-0-1 (Abstaining - L. Caney)
2. Approved the Board of Finance Minutes from the March 15, 2016, and March 17, 2016, formal budget hearings as corrected. (Revised minutes to be recorded) Motion to approve by J. Hartwell, second by J. Tooker .Vote 6-0-0
3. Financial Report from the Finance Director. (Discussion Only)
4. Status Update from the Internal Auditor. (Discussion Only)
5. In accordance with Section C6-2 of the Town Charter and upon the request of the First Selectman, to recommend the renewal of the lease between the Town of Westport and the Westport Astronomical Society, Inc. Motion to approve by M. Rea, Second by L. Caney. Vote- 6-0-0
6. Upon the request of the First Selectman, to approve an appropriation of \$16,000 from Account #10114999-588033 for the purpose of funding an Adaptive Re-use Feasibility Study for 68 Compo Road South (Golden Shadows). Achilles Architects has been selected through a competitive RFP process to conduct the study. Motion to approve by J. Hartwell, Second M. Rea. Vote- 6-0-0
7. Upon the request of the Director of Public Works, to approve an appropriation of \$115,000 to General Fund account #10114999-588034 for replacement of the existing low band Public Works radio system with a new digital UHF repeater system. Motion to approve by J. Tooker, second by L. Caney. Vote 6-0-0
8. Upon the request of the Director of Parks and Recreation, to approve an appropriation of \$40,000 to the Capital and Non-Recurring Account #31508810-500287 for the replacement sand filter for the lap pool at Longshore. Motion to approve by L. Caney, Second by J. Tooker. Vote 6-0-0
9. Upon the request of the Director of Parks and Recreation, to approve an appropriation of \$75,000 to the Capital and Non-Recurring Account #31508810-500288 for Design Services and tree work at Baron's South. Motion to approve by M. Rea, Second by B. Stern. Vote-6-0-0
10. Upon the request of the Director of Parks and Recreation, to approve an appropriation of \$50,000 Capital and Non-Recurring Account #31508810-500289 for rehabilitation and beautification of Soundview Lot. Motion to approve by M. Rea , second by S. Gordon. Vote-6-0-0
11. Upon the request of the First Selectman to approve an appropriation of \$24,500 to the Capital and Non-Recurring Account #31501120-500285 for the purpose of funding a Space Needs Analysis and

Mater Plan for Town Hall. The Architectural and Space Planning Firm of Drummery Rosanane Anderson, Inc. (DRA) Rw has been selected through a competitive RFP process to conduct the study and plan development.

Motion to approve by M. Rea, second by B. Stern. Vote 6-0-0

At 10:00 P.M. Board voted unanimously to extend meeting past 10:00 P.M. to 11 PM

12. The Board of Education gave notice on the expenditure of \$222,949 from the Board of Education Carry Over account#31506650-500200 and requests approval in the amount of \$22,949, the amount over the \$200,000 threshold.

Motion to Approve by L. Caney , Second by J. Tooker. Vote 6-0-0

13. Upon the request of the First Selectman to approve an appropriation of \$71,500 to account #31502220-500286 for the Matrix Consulting Group to conduct a "Current Assessment and Future Strategic Study of the Westport Fire Department." Motion to approve by L. Caney , second by J. Hartwell. Vote 6-0-0

14. The Board will consider any requests for restoration of sums removed from the Budget by the Board at its March 15, 2016, and March 17, 2016, Budget Hearings.

The Board will approve the "BOF Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017" as follows:

- a. General Fund;
- b. Wakeman Farm;
- c. Railroad Parking Fund; and
- d. Sewer Fund

Item was withdrawn by First Selectman

15. To review and approve moving forward with the Administration's and Board of Education's proposed Energy Performance Contracting Program (EPC) and its recommended package of selected Energy Conservation Measures (ECM's) for Town and School buildings. The EPC to be implemented by the NORESKO Energy Service Company at a not to exceed total project cost of \$8,370,000 of which the net amount to be financed through either a capital lease or bonding will be approximately \$6,842,000 after incentives. Final total project cost and cost of financing to be presented for appropriation approval at the June meeting of Board of Finance.

Board voted to postpone item #15 until May 4, 2016 meeting.

Motion to adjourn By M. Rea , second by B. Stern. Vote-6-0-0

Note: The practice for upcoming BOF regular meetings will be to close the meetings at 10:00 PM. Motions to extend individual meetings can be heard.