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**BOARD OF FINANCE – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN HALL – 127 NORWICH AVENUE
Suite 201
Wednesday – August 20, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bruce Hayn, Ronald Goldstein, John Ringo, Brian Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Ryan, Ronald Crabb

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Treasure Jon Sandberg, Public Works Director Mark Decker, Mike Caplet, Marc Tate

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hayn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

July 16, 2008 – Regular Meeting Minutes: J. Ringo motioned to accept the minutes of the July 16, 2008 Regular Meeting, seconded by R. Goldstein. All members voted in favor with B. Smith abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

- **Finance Department:** First Selectman Hodge reported that the CFO is still processing the final bills and will have a report for the next meeting.
- **Tax Collector:** Chairman Hayn reported that he had spoken to the Tax Collector and she has collected approximately another \$40,000.

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

5. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

6. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Selectmen's Agenda –

***Response to previously sent letter from the Chairman and Vice Chairman:** First Selectman Hodge presented all members with a packet addressing each of items that the Chairman and Vice Chairman had requested information on.

- **LEGAL FEES FOR LABOR –** The majority of the legal fees associated with labor was for union negotiations. A change in procedures is being looked into which would eliminate three arbitative sessions. The board would like a detailed report tracking the legal costs.

- **CODY CAMP FIELD –** The Cody Camp Foundation is not agreeing with the terms set forth by the town. No financial plan or bonding has been received as requested. There is concern that the foundation will not be able to receive all the assistance in the development of the field that they believe they will get.

R. Goldstein stressed that this is a new type of project that the town has never done before. Careful consideration must be taken in deciding how much money will be used in negotiating terms of the agreement.

- **CAPITAL NEEDS -** Various items of need or repair were discussed as part of the CIP and budget process. Fire truck repairs appear to be crucial. Call time is being impacted. Mark Decker gave an overview of the needs for an excavator and grader. The cost of plow blades has increased dramatically. Marc Tate is

working on a technology plan that will include generating revenue. Currently the library server has crashed and cannot be fixed due to the age of the system.

The board would like more information on the cost of replacing the track at the high school.

Transfer Requests: None

Selectman's Update: Updates were given in conjunction with the First Selectman's response to Chairman and Vice Chairman's letter.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: The annual report was distributed to all members.

(Mark Decker left at this time. 8:20 p.m.)

8. LIAISON REPORTS: B. Smith reported that the Purchasing Policy Committee met and details will be provided soon.

9. OLD BUSINESS: None

10. NEW BUSINESS: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: R. Goldstein motioned to adjourn, seconded by B. Smith seconded. All members voted in favor. Chairman Hayn adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.


Dawn LePage, Clerk