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Mary Bylone, First Selectman

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## BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – Zoom Meeting – 6:30 pm Minutes

All members and citizens were present via Zoom Webinar – Meeting was recorded  
Members Present: Chairman R. Tarlov, B. Dennler, A. Migliaccio, M. Hayes, A. Bisbikos, M. Egan  
Also Present: First Selectman Mary Bylone, CFO Maggie Cosgrove, Tax Collector Michele Wyatt,  
Superintendent Jeffrey Burt, BOE Chair Mary Tomasi, BOE Budget Chair Jessica Morozowich

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting 05/12 – M. Egan motioned to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hayes. Vote was unanimous, **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**
3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Just prior to comments from citizens, First Selectman Bylone expressed to the Board of Finance her support for using ARPA funds to cover some expenses and lost revenue as allowed by the guidance put out on the funding. Some citizens made comments in support of moving the budgets forward.
4. CORRESPONDENCE - attached
5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - a. Tax Collector – Tax Collector Michele Wyatt reported the current collection rate of 98.69% as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. She also discussed leins for uncollected taxes.
  - b. Finance – CFO Maggie Cosgrove discussed the revenues and expenditures as of April 30<sup>th</sup>. Investment revenue continues to be down, there has been some tax collection improvement, CARES Act funding is still coming in, ECS grant came in at about \$145,000 over budget. No major changes in expenditures, FEMA reimbursements can be reported for Storm Isaias, snow budget has approximately \$86,000 outstanding which will be transferred to snow reserve.
6. SUSPENSE REPORT – The Board moved the discussion of this report from the Tax Collector reports to handle separately. Michele Wyatt reported that the amount of uncollectable taxes she is recommending be suspended is \$18,455.51. M. Egan motioned to make the recommendation, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hayes. Vote was unanimous, **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**
7. FIRST SELECTMAN
  - a. Transfers - None
  - b. First Selectman's Report – M. Bylone reported that the Park & Rec Summer Camp is going forward this year and staff is being hired. COVID mandates have been lifted. Fully vaccinated people are no longer required to wear masks. Certain places can continue to require masks.
8. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION – Members discussed the use of ARPA funding for expenditures in the capital improvement plan. B. Dennler motioned to move the items in red on the attached list from the budget and make a recommendation that the Board of Selectmen expend the funds to cover those items if eligible. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Bisbikos. Vote was unanimous, **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**
9. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION – Some citizens made comments in favor of using grant funds to cover some budget items as well as in

support of the budget moving forward.

10. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION – Possible Action –A. Bisbikos motioned to move the BOE budget in the amount of \$41,827,055 to Town Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Migliaccio. After discussion about whether we could use the possible increase in funding with the proposed change on PILOT program that came out of committee as an additional revenue item to lower the amount of the BOE reduction. **MOTION CARRIED 4-2, with B Dennler and M Egan voting against.** A. Migliaccio motioned to reduce the assumed BOE revenue by \$364,175. 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Dennler. Vote was unanimous, **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.** M. Egan motioned to move the Town budget in the amount of \$15,874,522 to Town Meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hayes. **MOTION CARRIED 4-2, with A Migliaccio and A Bisbikos voting against.** Chairman Tarlov discussed the calendar for upcoming budget events. There will not be a regular meeting on 6/2.
11. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – One citizen spoke and expressed appreciation for the hard work the board members have done on this budget.
12. ADJOURNMENT – M. Egan motioned to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Migliaccio. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Submitted By, Stacey Schweighoffer, Clerk