



# Town of Griswold

Board of Finance

Special Meeting

May 9, 2018

7:00 PM

Griswold Senior Center

MINUTES



**1. Roll Call/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**

**Board of Finance Members Present:**

Scott Davis – Chairman

Steve Mikutel – Vice Chairman

Brian Baker

Gary Levy

Gail Rooke-Norman arrived at 7:04

Dan Webster

Valerie Grills

**Also Present:**

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance

Jeannette Bell, Recording Secretary

Todd Babbitt, First Selectman

Eileen Duggan, Town Attorney – Suisman, Shapiro

Other People 17

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. New Business**

**a. Discussion with Town Attorney regarding legal opinion(s) and Board of Finance authority.**

Eileen Duggan addressed the role of the Board of Finance in funding non-union contracts as well as union contracts. She stated non-union contracts do not have to be funded by the Board of Finance meaning compensation wages only. She also stated the Board of Finance has no authority over any other items within the contract with the exception of compensation wages. She stated the Board of Finance must fund union contracts. There was much discussion that followed.

**4. Old Business**

**a. Discussion and possible action on FY 18-19 budget.**

E. Christensen stated he was confident on the latest numbers from the State Budget. He noted the legislature was in favor of restoring municipal funding to the Towns and Cities. He also stated the Governor would not be able to take holdbacks from ECS money. Regarding the MBR calculation for the Education Budget there is an increase in the ECS Grant of \$560,987 and a decrease in enrollment of 50 students which amounts to a reduction of \$360,791. There is a net difference of approximately \$200,000 which will go back into the Education Budget. E. Christensen stated as the numbers are currently we are looking at a mil rate increase of 0.34. The Board of Finance decided to not take any further action at this time and wait until the next meeting on May 15, 2018.

**5. Adjournment**

**MOTION:** B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Mikutel to adjourn the meeting at 7:36PM. All in favor; **motion carried.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Recording Secretary  
Jeannette Bell