



# Town of Griswold

Board of Finance  
Special Meeting  
March 29, 2012  
7:00 PM



Town Hall Meeting Room  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

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

**Board of Finance Members Present:**

Steve Merchant, Sr. – Chairman  
John Wolkowski  
Scott Davis  
Daniel Webster  
Peter Dorff  
Gail Rooke-Norman  
B. Baker

**Also Present:**

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance  
Jaimee O'Neill, Asst. Bookkeeper  
Phil Anthony, First Selectman  
Peter Zvingilas, Building Inspector  
Richard Grabowski, Tax Collector  
Leslie Kornosewicz, Assessor  
Paul Brycki, Griswold Housing Authority  
Todd Babbitt, Director of Public Works  
Carl Fontneau, Planner  
Ryan Aubin, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Fred Marzec, Fire Marshall  
Tom Holowaty, Deputy Fire Marshall  
Bill Czmyr, Griswold Ambulance  
Elizabeth, Dorff, Chair, Board of Education  
Holly McCalla, Business Manager, Griswold Public Schools  
Dr. DiIorio, Interim Superintendent, Griswold Public Schools  
14 interested people

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Budget.**

**i. Brian Baker spoke on behalf of the Capital Improvements Budget, Department 8501.**

The budget totals \$975,000 which reflects the requests of \$300,000 to put towards a new roof of the High School, the total project cost is approximately 2.8 million, \$150,000 for a maintenance garage for the School to store their equipment in, \$25,000 for a new pickup truck for Public Works, and \$500,000 for road maintenance. Discussion followed.

**ii. John Wolkowski spoke on behalf of the Slater Library Contribution request, Department 4103.**

The Library is requesting \$86,000; J. Wolkowski discussed some of the services the

Library offers, and what could happen if the Town didn't continue to fund it.

**iii. Todd Babbitt spoke on behalf of the Public Works and Transfer Station Budgets, Departments 3201 and 3204.**

T. Babbitt told the Board that \$25,000 could be taken out of the Public Works department line item 5702 for Bridge repairs. The Board agreed to reduce 5702 by \$25,000 to bring it to zero, and to add \$10,000 to the line 5238 Gasoline Fuel and Fluids to increase it to \$50,000, due to the rising cost of fuel. Discussion followed.

**iv. Bill Czmyr was present with Attorney Ed Clark to speak on behalf of Griswold Ambulance, Department 2201.**

Griswold Ambulance is requesting a total of \$135,000. The Board of Selectmen is proposing a total of \$98,000. Attorney Clark went over the importance of fully funding the Ambulance. Discussion followed.

**v. Ryan Aubin spoke on behalf of the Youth and Recreation Budgets, Departments 5301 and 5302.**

Discussion followed.

**vi. Carl Fontneau spoke on behalf of the Planning Budget, Department 6101.**

Discussion followed.

**vii. Peter Zvingilas spoke on behalf of the Building Budget, Department 3301.**

P. Zvingilas requested that the Board restore the Secretary position to full time; it had been reduced from \$26,065 to \$18,597 by the Board of Selectmen. He stated that after Unemployment Compensation is paid for the reduced hours, there is only a savings of approximately \$3500. Discussion followed.

**viii. Erik Christensen spoke on behalf of the following budgets:**

- a. Emergency and Contingency, Department 7101
- b. Fringe Benefits, Department 7201
- c. Debt Retirement, Department 8101

Discussion followed.

- 3. Adjournment: MOTION:** D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by J. Wolkowski to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried**. S. Merchant, Sr. adjourned the meeting at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary  
Jaimee O'Neill