



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
April 23, 2012
7:00 PM



Griswold Senior Center
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
Peter Dorff
Daniel Webster
Gail Rooke-Norman
Brian Baker
Scott Davis

Also Present:

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance
Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Peter Zvinglas, Building Official
Carl Fontneau, Town Planner
John DiIorio, Interim Superintendent, Griswold Public School
Holly McCalla, Business Manager, Griswold Public Schools
Elizabeth Dorff, Chair, Board of Education
Stuart Norman, Vice Chair, Board of Education
Susan Rourke, Principal, Griswold Elementary School
22 other persons

2. **NEW BUSINESS**

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

S. Merchant, Sr. opened the meeting by stating that the Board of Selectmen voted at their last meeting to increase the hours of the building official secretary and were forwarding the recommendation to be considered in the budget. **MOTION:** D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by P. Dorff to rescind the **motion** made and seconded at the last meeting to send the budget to Town Meeting at 25.07 mills. All in favor; **motion carried.**

S. Merchant, Sr. asked P. Anthony to discuss the Selectmen's vote regarding the hours of the building official secretary. P. Anthony stated that the Selectmen voted to increase the hours for the building official secretary from 21 to 30. P. Anthony also discussed the Town Planner position. P. Anthony then handed out paperwork to the Board of Finance regarding the building department revenues and workload and a letter from the Town Planner written to the Board of Selectmen regarding the proposed elimination of his position. D. Webster recused himself and discussion followed. **MOTION:** P. Dorff made a motion that was seconded by B. Baker to increase the building official secretary salary line item (3301-5101F) to \$26,567. After discussion, the **motion** passed with P. Dorff, B. Baker and J. Wolkowski in favor, G. Rooke-

Norman and S. Davis opposed and D. Webster abstaining.

Discussion followed regarding the Town Planner position. **MOTION:** D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to increase the Town Planner salary line (6101-5101) to \$36,248 and reduce the Regional Planner Services line item to 0. All in favor; **motion carried.**

E. Dorff spoke on behalf of the Board of Education. She informed the Board of Finance that the Board of Education was able to realize savings in the current year that will enable the Board of Education to pay out retirement incentives budgeted for in 12-13 in the current year and the Board of Education voted to reduce their request from the Board of Finance by \$105,000 for fiscal year 12/13. **MOTION:** B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by D. Webster to reduce the Board of Education line by \$105,000 to \$24,776,847. All in favor; **motion carried.**

b) Vote on a revised budget amount to send to Town Meeting.

MOTION: G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by P. Dorff to send the budget to the Town meeting at \$31,353,933 which includes \$24,776,847 for the Board of Education and \$6,577,086 for the General Government including capital improvements. All in favor; **motion carried.**

- 3. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION:** D. Webster made a **motion** that was seconded by B. Baker to adjourn. There was no discussion. All in favor; **motion carried.** S. Merchant, Sr. adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary
Erik Christensen