



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance

Special Meeting

June 5, 2014

7:00 PM

Town Hall Meeting Room

UNAPPROVED 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

Brian Baker

Scott Davis

Peter Dorff

Gary Levy

Daniel Webster

Members Absent:

Gail Rooke-Norman

Also Present:

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance

Kevin Skulczyck, First Selectman

Steve Mikutel, Second Selectman

Elizabeth Dorff, Chair, Board of Education

Paul Smith, Superintendent, Griswold Public Schools

12 others

2. New Business

a) Discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget.

S. Merchant Sr. opened the floor to discussion. P. Dorff stated he would like to address the Town ordinance and the opinion of the attorney regarding the instance of one budget passing and if both budgets could be re-opened. P. Dorff stated it appears the Town attorney added a phrase in his letter that was not in the ordinance. D. Webster read the section of the ordinance that was mentioned in the letter and the wording was correct. S. Mikutel stated that a Town attorney made a ruling on it years ago and it is a dead issue. K. Skulczyck stated he discussed the issue and the Town attorney stands by his statement that both budgets cannot be opened up.

MOTION: P. Dorff made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Davis to cut \$205,000 from the Board of Education budget to reduce the proposed mill rate increase from .60 to .30. D. Webster asked P. Smith where he would go with this. P. Smith responded that he will try to protect teachers and class sizes. S. Davis and P. Dorff voted in favor, B. Baker, G. Levy and D. Webster opposed; **motion failed**. S. Merchant Sr. asked E. Christensen how much could be cut and stay above the MBR. E. Christensen responded the most that could be cut is \$378,450.

MOTION: S. Davis made a **motion** that was seconded by P. Dorff to cut \$239,000 from the Board of Education budget to reduce the proposed mill rate increase from .60

to .25. There was no discussion. S. Davis and P. Dorff voted in favor, B. Baker, G. Levy and D. Webster opposed; **motion failed**.

MOTION: P. Dorff made a **motion** that was seconded by S. Davis to cut \$273,000 from the Board of Education budget to reduce the proposed mill rate increase from .60 to .20. There was no discussion. S. Davis and P. Dorff voted in favor, B. Baker, G. Levy and D. Webster opposed; **motion failed**.

MOTION: B. Baker made a **motion** that was seconded by G. Levy to cut \$342,000 from the Board of Education budget to reduce the proposed mill rate increase from .60 to .10. There was no discussion. B. Baker, G. Levy and D. Webster voted in favor, S. Davis and P. Dorff opposed; **motion carried**.

b) Discussion and possible action on setting mill rate for FY2014-2015.

No discussion or action taken.

- 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 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary
Erik Christensen