



Town of Griswold

Board of Finance
Special Meeting
June 9, 2011
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
John Wolkowski
Peter Dorff
Daniel Webster
Gail Rooke-Norman
Al Geer

Absent:

Joe Przylucki, Jr. – Vice Chairman

Also Present:

Erik Christensen, Director of Finance
Jaimee O'Neill-Eaton, Recording Secretary
Philip Anthony, First Selectman
Theresa Madonna, Third Selectwoman
Paul Freeman, Superintendent, Griswold Public School
Holly McCalla, Business Manager, Griswold Public Schools
Richard Grabowski, Tax Collector
Ryan Aubin, Director of Recreation & Youth and Family Services
Elizabeth Dorff, Chair, Board of Education
Stuart Norman, Vice Chair, Board of Education
Susan Rourke, Principal, Griswold Elementary School
Two other persons

2. NEW BUSINESS

a) Discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget.

- i.** P. Freeman spoke briefly on behalf of the Board of Education's budget.
- ii.** P. Anthony spoke briefly on behalf of the General Government budget.
- iii.** After much discussion the Board of Finance made the following cuts:
 - **Reduce the Refurbish Pumper Truck GVFD line item in the Capital budget 8501 by \$15,000.**
 - **Reduce line item 5422-3204-530 by \$30,000**
 - **Reduce line item 5101E-1303-510 by \$15,000**
 - **Reduce line item 5145-1303-510 by \$15,000**
 - **Reduce line item 5150-1303 by \$1,200**
 - **Reduce line item 5155-1303-510 by \$2,000**
 - **Reduce line item 5210-1401-510 by \$5,000**
 - **Reduce line item 5428A-1501-510 by \$2,000**
 - **Reduce line item 5414-1501-510 by \$500**

- Reduce line item 5204-1501-510 by \$1,000
 - Reduce line item 5120-2201-510 by \$2,000
 - Reduce line item 5513-2201-520 by \$10,000
 - Reduce line item 5214-3201-530 by \$1,000
 - Reduce line item 5700-3201-530 by \$5,000
 - Reduce line item 5425C-3204-530 by \$2,500
 - Reduce line item 5110-6101-560 by \$2,100
 - Reduce line item 5204D-6101-560 by \$1,500
 - Reduce line item 5204E-6101-560 by \$1,500
 - Reduce line item 5202L-6101-560 by \$300
 - Reduce line item 5850-7101-570 by \$5,000
 - Reduce line item 5990-9101-590 by \$353,053
 - Reduce the Small Dump Truck in the Capital Budget 8501 by \$50,000
 - Reduce the Norman Road Bridge line item in the Capital budget 8501 by \$10,000.
- iv. **MOTION:** P. Dorff made a **motion** that was seconded by D. Webster to **reduce the line item 5710V-8501-585 by \$300,000, bringing that line from \$470,000 down to \$170,000.** The motion passed with J. Wolkowski, D. Webster, and P. Dorff in favor, and G. Rooke-Norman and A. Geer opposed.
- v. **MOTION:** G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by A. Geer to **take \$655,000 from the Undesignated Fund balance, and return \$50,000 to 5710V-8501-585.** The motion failed with G. Rooke-Norman and A. Geer in favor, and P. Dorff, J. Wolkowski, and D. Webster opposed.
- vi. **MOTION:** G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by A. Geer, that **based on the Tax Collector’s report of current collections being collected at a rate over 97.5%, the budget be changed to reflect a collection rate of 97.8%.** The motion passed with G. Rooke-Norman, A. Geer, & P. Dorff in favor, and D. Webster and J. Wolkowski opposed.
- vii. **MOTION:** G. Rooke-Norman made a **motion** that was seconded by A. Geer to **return \$60,000 to 5710V-8501-585 and take the balance needed to achieve a zero mill increase from the Undesignated Fund Balance, up to a maximum of \$616,000.** G. Rooke-Norman amended the **motion to return \$50,000 to 5710V-8501-585 and take \$605,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance.** A. Geer seconded the amended motion. The motion passed with G. Rooke-Norman, A. Geer, and P. Dorff in favor, and D. Webster and J. Wolkowski opposed.

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 10:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Acting Recording Secretary
Jaimee O’Neill-Eaton