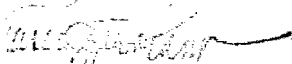


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Board of Finance, Town of Stafford
Warren Memorial Town Hall
Veteran's Meeting Room
Regular Meeting
March 5, 2018


TOWN CLERK

Board Members Present:

Jane Slater, Chair, Gary Fisher, Fran Moriarty, Tony Pellegrino, David Walsh

Board Alternates Present:

Steven Geryk, Richard Shuck, Conrado Ulloa

Board Members Absent:

Brian Bagley

Also in attendance were Selectman John Locke, and Registrar of Voters Sue Armstrong.

1. **Call to Order** – Chairman Jane Slater called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.
2. **Establish a Quorum** – Fran Moriarty, seconded by Dave Walsh, moved to have Richard Shuck sit in for absent member Brian Bagley. The Board agreed unanimously.
3. **Approve Minutes of February 28, 2018 Special Meeting** – Dave Wash moved to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2018 special meeting. Fran Moriarty seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved.
4. **Board of Selectmen 18/19 FY Budget Discussion** – Registrar of Voters Sue Armstrong attended the meeting to speak with the Board about the Registrar's budget. She has concerns about cuts made to the budget without her knowledge. Selectman Locke was able to clarify the salary increase requests being denied, he stated that any employee not in a contract would have a salary freeze. Tony Pellegrino advised Sue to set up a meeting with First Selectman Mary Mitta and discuss her budget concerns, as it falls under the Board under Selectmen's budget. Other members concurred, and felt that coming to the Board of Finance before meeting with First Selectman Mitta was not appropriate.

Dave Walsh spoke regarding crumbling foundations and the impact on the grand list. He suggested that the Town develop a crisis plan should more homeowners come forward to report failing foundations. He also asked about planning for Stafford's 300 Year Anniversary, Selectman Locke reported that there is money budgeted under Line Item 670 Transfer Out Fund.

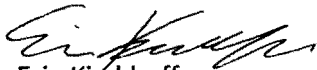
Jane Slater questioned why the West Stafford Fire Department budget was \$4,000 higher than Stafford Fire Department #1.

In a prepared written statement to the Board, First Selectman Mitta said the Board of Selectmen are able to return to the Board of Finance \$226,000 to the General Fund from the current budget.

\$108,000 of that is from projects for building maintenance and repairs, which will now be put off indefinitely.

5. **New Business** – The Board of Education has requested that the Board of Finance change the scheduled date of the second public hearing from April 15, 2018 to April 25, 2018. Following discussion, Tony Pellegrino moved to reschedule the date of the second public hearing from April 15, 2018 to April 25, 2018. Dave Walsh seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.
6. **Old Business** – There was no old business to discuss.
7. **Adjournment** – Upon motion of Richard Shuck and seconded by Dave Walsh, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Kirchhoffer

Recording Secretary, Board of Finance