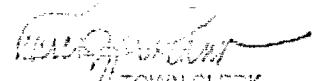


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Board of Finance, Town of Stafford
Veteran's Meeting Room
Regular Meeting
April 9, 2018


TOWN CLERK

Board Members Present:

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

Board Alternates Present:

Steven Geryk, Richard Shuck

Board Member Absent:

Brian Bagley

Board Alternate Absent:

Conrado Ulloa

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Slater called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2) **ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

Upon motion of Mr. Pellegrino and seconded by Mr. Moriarty, the Board voted unanimously to seat alternate member Steven Geryk for absent member Brian Bagley. A quorum was established.

3) **APPROVE MINUTES OF April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting**

Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Moriarty, the Board approved the minutes from the April 2, 2018 Regular Meeting. Mr. Walsh opposed the motion.

Mr. Walsh would like it noted that the Board of Finance discussed having a joint meeting with the Board of Education, and that Chairman Slater agreed to contact the Board of Education to ask for a meeting.

4) **2018/2019 FY Budget Discussion**

First Selectman Mary Mitta attended the meeting to discuss potential changes to the Board of Selectmen's budget. The Selectmen have a special meeting scheduled for Thursday April 12th to discuss and possibly make changes to the budget, which would reduce their budget to lower than the current budget. Changes would include budgeting for the lights at SHS, the part time Building Inspector's position being eliminated due to retirement, using a more cost effective method of painting the Family Services building, and a reduction in the cost for the software required for Family Services to begin to do their billing in house. The Board thanked First Selectman Mitta for attending the meeting, discussing the potential changes, and presenting a fiscally responsible budget.

6) **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Slater shared with the Board that she reached out to the Board of Education to express interest in holding a joint meeting between the two Boards to discuss cuts made to their upcoming budget. She reported that the Chair of the Board of Education said at this time they were not interested in having a joint meeting.

Ms. Slater said the motion passed at the April 2, 2018 meeting needs to be corrected, as the Board of Finance cannot make cuts to the Board of Education's upcoming budget that would result in it being reduced below the amount of the approved current budget. The passed motion reduced the Board of Education's budget by 1%, or \$279,303.77. The Board should have made motion to reduce the Board of Education's budget by .98%, or \$271,736.64.

Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board voted unanimously to increase the Board of Education's budget by .02%, or \$7567.13.


7) **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to discuss

8) **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Moriarty, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Kirchhoffer

Recording Secretary, Board of Finance