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Board of Finance, Town of Stafford
Veteran's Meeting Room
Regular Meeting
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Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Brian Bagley

Board Alternates Present:

Steven Geryk, Richard Shuck, Conrado Ulloa

Also in attendance were First Selectman Mary Mitta, Superintendent of Schools Steven Moccio, Chairman of the Board of Education Sonya Shegogue, Board of Education Business Manager Diane Peters, Town CFO Lisa Baxter, and Library Director Chris Frank

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairman Slater called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

2) **ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

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

3) **APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2019 REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 25, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING, AND THE MARCH 27, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING.**

Upon motion of Mr. Moriarty and seconded by Mr. Fisher, the Board approved the minutes from the March 4th regular meeting, March 13th special meeting, and the March 27, 2019 public hearing and special meeting. Mr. Pellegrino and Mr. Walsh abstained from the vote.

4) **DISCUSSION OF 2019/2020 FY BUDGETS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Mr. Walsh began discussion stating that he is impressed with the budgets that were presented at the Public Hearing. He recognized the efforts and improvements as to how the budgets were presented, and he felt all three budgets showed controlled spending. With more reductions to the grand list due to Crumbling Foundations and the lack of State aid, it is a blow to the Town's budget. All Board members agreed.

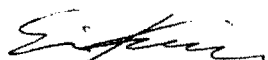
Mr. Moriarty asked where the Town stands with revenues, and CFO Lisa Baxter explained that the State is no longer reimbursing the Town for certain programs, increasing the 2019/2020 budget approximately \$115,000. Superintendent Moccio was recently informed of a teacher retirement, a savings to the Board of Education budget approximately \$47,000. Mr. Moccio, along with Mrs. Mitta and Mr. Frank, will be meeting with their individual Boards to further review and analyze their budgets.

The second public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 7PM at the Community Center.

5) **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion of Mr. Bagley and seconded by Mr. Moriarty, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erin Kirchhoffer

Recording Secretary, Board of Finance