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**Board of Finance
Special Meeting
May 5, 2021 6:30 PM
Stafford Community Center (In Person)
and
Zoom Meeting ID 822 4054 8735**


TOWN CLERK

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM, by Chairman Francis Moriarty.
2. Present in person were Chairman Moriarty and member David Walsh. Present via Zoom were members Steven Geryk, Matt McKenney, Tony Pellegrino and Sal Titus. A quorum was established.

Also present in person were alternate member Conrado Ulloa, Board of Education Chair Sonya Shegogue, and Chief Financial Officer Lisa Baxter. Also present via Zoom were alternate member Richard Shuck and Superintendent of Schools Steve Moccio.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Special Meeting were unanimously approved. Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Geryk, the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Public Hearing were unanimously approved. Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. Geryk, the minutes of the April 28, 2021 Special meeting were unanimously approved.
4. The Board reviewed the proposed FY 2021/2022 budget and revenues. Areas discussed going forward were potential adjustments to reach a no mill rate increase, the budgetary impact of a flat mill rate, raising the mill rate to reflect requested budgets, the recommended level for the Cash Balance Fund, the impact of the revaluation on the mill rate and tax bills, revenues received by the Board of Education for Covid related expenses, potential savings for the town on health insurance, and other areas of potential reduction.

Mr. Geryk moved that the Board reduce the proposed FY 2021/2022 budget by \$479,832, with \$154,991 coming from the Board of Selectmen, \$14,860 from the Library, and \$309,981 from the Board of Education. He further stated that this reduction would keep the mill rate at the present rate.

Mr. Pellegrino seconded the motion.

Following a lengthy discussion including questions on monies to be returned to the town from the present Board of Education budget, the Cash Fund Balance, areas of future reduction, and the budget timetable, Mr. Pellegrino rescinded his second of the motion on the table. No additional second was offered from members present. No further action was taken on the original motion.

Chairman Moriarty suggested that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Library Board review the proposed budgets for areas of reduction.

Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board by unanimous vote approved sending the FY 2021/2022 Water Pollution Control Authority budget of \$1,951,525 to Town Meeting for approval.

Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board by unanimous vote approved sending the FY 2021/2022 Service District of \$423,390 to Town Meeting for approval.

5. Upon motion of Mr. Walsh and seconded by Mr. McKenney, the Board adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary

The video recording of the meeting is posted to the Town Website www.staffordct.org