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**Board of Finance
Special Meeting
May 19, 2021 6:30 PM
Stafford Community Center (In Person)
and
Zoom Meeting ID 863 3549 2654**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM, by Chairman Francis Moriarty.
2. Present in person were Chairman Moriarty and members Steven Geryk, Tony Pellegrino, Sal Titus, and David Walsh. Present via Zoom was member Matt McKenney. A quorum was established.

Also present in person was alternate member Conrado Ulloa, Board of Education Chair Sonya Shegogue, Superintendent of Schools Steven Moccio, First Selectman Mary Mitta, Chief Financial Officer Lisa Baxter, and Board of Education member Laura Lybarger. Also present via Zoom was alternate member Richard Shuck.

3. Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Pellegrino, the minutes of the May 5, 2021 Special Meeting were unanimously approved.
4. Chairman Moriarty started the discussion on the FY 2021/2022, asking the Members if they were all in agreement to keep the Mill Rate flat. If the Board had agreed to the motion that was made at the May 5th meeting, the total overall increase to the budget would be a 3.44% increase. Mr. Moriarty feels this is a substantial and fair increase. Mr. Geryk thanked Chairman Moriarty for collaborating well with the Boards and keeping the budget process transparent.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Geryk stated that the Board of Selectmen was able to reduce their budget by \$113,250.00 per their recommendation from the May 5th meeting, and the Library budget was reduced by \$16,050.00 from insurance savings. My Geryk motioned to reduce the Board of Education budget by \$305,532 which would leave the Mill Rate at 34.93, seconded by Mr. McKenney. Motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion included clarification of the Board of Education capital line item, long term debt service, and suggestions as to how the Board of Finance can involve Residents in the budget process.

5. Upon motion of Mr. Geryk and seconded by Mr. Walsh, the Board adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erin Kirchhoffer', written in a cursive style.

Erin Kirchhoffer
Recording Secretary

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