

Town of New Hartford
Board of Finance Special Meeting
New Hartford Town Hall
Monday, November 3, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Ben Witte, Jim Fitzgerald, Steve Tuxbury, Reggie Smith, Jr., Steve Roth, Dan Charest, First Selectman Dan Jerram, Denton Butler, Interim School Superintendent Dr. Paul Smotas, Joe Toro, Kathryn Boughton (reporter), Bob Moore (reporter) and Recording Secretary Penny Miller.

Absent: Bill Coates, Maria Moore

Chairman Witte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Seating of Alternates: None were seated.

Board of Finance members to consider and act upon a resolution regarding an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to renovations and improvements to Ann Antolini School.

Copies of the Ann Antolini School resolution were passed to the Board of Finance members present to read. A copy of that resolution is included with these minutes.

Chairman Witte read the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of New Hartford:

(1) appropriate FOUR MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$4,751,000) for renovations and improvements to the Ann Antolini School including roof and window replacement, improvements to air handling equipment and ADA code improvements. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, site improvements, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation, but not in excess of \$4,751,000, may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified; and

(2) issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$4,751,000 to finance the project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funding received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants or other funding are not applied or being held to be applied to the payment of debt service on outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance the project or separately appropriated to pay additional project costs.

MOTION: by Smith, second Charest to approve the resolution on the Ann Antolini School renovation.

Discussion followed.

Aye: Fitzgerald, Charest, Smith, Tuxbury, Abstentions: none, Opposed: none

Motion carries.

Board of Finance members to consider and act upon a resolution regarding an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to replacement of the Carpenter Road Bridge.

Copies of the Carpenter Road Bridge resolution were passed to the Board of Finance members present to read. A copy of that resolution is included with these minutes.

Chairman Witte read the following resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of New Hartford:

(1) appropriate SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY-NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$759,000) for replacement of the Carpenter Road Bridge. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project; and the entire appropriation, but not in excess of \$759,000, may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified; and

(2) issue bonds or notes and temporary notes in an amount not to exceed \$759,000 to finance the project. The amount of bonds or notes authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funding received by the Town for the project to the extent that such grants or other funding are not applied or being held to be applied to the payment of debt service on outstanding bonds or notes issued to finance the project or separately appropriated to pay additional project costs.

MOTION: by Fitzgerald, second Tuxbury

Discussion: None

Aye: Fitzgerald, Charest, Tuxbury, Smith, Abstentions: none, Opposed: none

Motion carries.

New Hartford School Superintendent search committee participation by Board of Finance member.

The New Hartford Schools Superintendent Search Committee has asked that a Board of Finance member participate in the search for a new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Smotas commented that the committee will be comprised of two teachers, 2 administrators, 2 Board of Education members, 2 town residents (Denton Butler & Dawn Whalen) and a Board of Finance member. First Selectman Jerram will also serve on the committee. The interviews had been planned for November 15th and 22nd, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Dr. Smotas' said it may be they will only need to meet on November 15th. Once the committee has chosen the final contestants they will be presented to the full Board of Education board.

Chairman Witte asked for volunteers. Member Moore had indicated that if no one else stepped forward she would do it. Chairman Witte said either he or member Moore would participate on the committee.

MOTION: by Fitzgerald, second Smith to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Aye: Fitzgerald, Charest, Tuxbury, Smith, Abstentions: none, Opposed: none

Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Miller, Recording Secretary