

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING - BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**OXFORD TOWN HALL**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2015, 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Chairman Jack Kiley; Nancy Schmitt, Richard Burke, Tom Kelly; Lila Ferrillo. Also present: James Hliva, Finance Director. Absent: Robert DeBisschop.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kiley at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the following FY 2015-2016 budget requests. Mr. Hliva provided the Board with printouts from the April 6, 2015 meeting.

Mr. Kiley began by discussing the \$734,000 for the roads, Capital Non-Recurring Roads, is definitely coming out of anticipated revenues. Mr. Hliva points to the line, Mill Rate-Capital Nonrecurring Roads, showing 0.509. Ms. Ferrillo confirmed that this will be a separate vote. Mr. Hliva referred to another Capital and Nonrecurring of \$703,000 for capital plan. The roads are one-half of one mill.

Mr. Kelly spoke of a conversation he had with First Selectman Mr. Temple regarding receipt of money (\$300,000) which would go to pay down cost of the fire truck. A discussion then ensued among the Board regarding the expected \$300,000 revenue.

Mr. Hliva made a correction for the Minutes of April 6, 2015 meeting. BOF approved \$49,000 for tree removal; the number included in total is \$42,040. Doesn't change anything except in the Minutes. Motion is made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Ferrillo and voted unanimously.

Ms. Ferrillo, Mr. Burke and Mr. Kelly had a conversation regarding maintaining the fund balance. Ms. Ferrillo asked what the Fund balance is at the present time with this budget if it passes and after last night's work. Mr. Hliva answered that prior to tonight's meeting the Fund amount is \$1,253,000 over 10%. Take out \$700,000 leaves \$500,000 over 10%. There is a surplus, according to Mr. Kiley. But if anybody, i.e., Board of Education, comes in with a deficit it has to be made up.

Ms. Ferrillo asked on a \$200,000 assessment what is the raise in taxes. Mr. Hliva answered that the increase would be about \$10.00.

There was some discussion about Public Works expenses regarding equipment provided to P&W and the repair of one of the trucks when the frame broke. Mr. Hliva met with Wayne Watt and truck repair came in at \$4000.

Motion made by Mr. Kelly to approve Fire Marshal Clerk Wages of \$7,621; seconded by Mr. Kiley. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Kiley to approve Employee Benefits-Social Security to \$281,091; seconded by Mr. Kelly. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Kelly to approve Employee Benefits-Pensions to \$\$384,590; seconded by Mr. Kiley. All in favor, motion passed.

Mr. Hliva said that Inland Wetlands had asked him to give an amendment to the budget so they could put \$2000 in for a replacement for Mr. Ferrillo when he is out on extended leave or on vacation. Motion was made by Mr. Kelly to approve the \$2000 and seconded by Jack Kiley. All in favor, motion passed. Ms. Ferrillo abstained.

Mr. Hliva said mill rate is at 25.16.

Ms. Ferrillo reiterated a question that had been raised on April 6 regarding \$40,000 legal fees for land use, that being did Mr. Hliva look to see what both departments had used for legal fees so it is not put back into the Selectmen's land item? Mr. Hliva moved the \$40,000 into Finance Contingency. Selectmen can come to BOF to ask for money.

Ms. Ferrillo asked if another \$50,000 was cut from Board of Education what would that bring mill rate to.

Motion made by Mr. Burke to remove \$220,000 from Capital and Nonrecurring; seconded by Mr. Kelly. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Burke to move \$250,000 from Surplus to Operating Budget; seconded by Mr. Kelly. All in favor; Ms. Ferrillo voted no.

Ms. Ferrillo said she doesn't have a problem spending the money in Capital and Nonrecurring because it doesn't show up in the baseline next year.

Lengthy discussion was held among the Board members regarding the Quaker Farm roof.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kiley; seconded by Mr. Kelly. All in favor, meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lynnette Steeves, Clerk

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TOWN CLERK  
