

TOWN OF CANAAN BOARD OF FINANCE
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031

PRESENT: Chairman/Regular Member, Chuck Lemmen; Regular Members Of the Board: George Elling, Louis Timolat, Tom Grayson.

Also present: Patricia Mechare, First Selectman.

ABSENT: Regular Member, Kent Allyn and John Allyn.

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman, Chuck Lemmen.

AGENDA

Public Comment: N/A

Reports:

-Secretary's Report (September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting): MOTION by Lou Timolat, seconded by George Elling and carried unanimously, it was moved to accept, as presented, the minutes of the September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting.

Treasurer's Report -(September 2009): Treasurer's report emailed 10/5/09 by Tax Collector; some members could not open, some did not check their email MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Tom Grayson and carried unanimously, to table the Treasurer's Report (September 2009) to the next Regular Board of Finance meeting.

-Tax Collector's Report (September 2009): Overview of report by Lemmen, followed by discussion. MOTION by Elling, seconded by Tom Grayson and carried unanimously, to receive the Tax Collector's Reports (September 2009) as presented.

-Board of Education Report: MOTION by Timolat, seconded by Elling and carried unanimously, to table the Board of Education Report to the next Regular Board of Finance meeting.

-First Selectman's Report, presented by First Selectman, Pat Mechare:

-STEAP/103 Main Street/FVCT – update: progress continues toward final Agreement; Town counsel, Judy Dixon reviewing most recent version of Agreement; Scott Klemens (for FVCT) contacted Mechare for an update and Mechare called Dixon for a status update and is awaiting a call back so that she can reply to Klemens; Mechare reported that she is hopeful to have a final Agreement in place by the end of the month;

-STEAP funds –Pat advised that there's been an update on the pending STEAP applications (FVVFD & the Library) and the FVVFD (emergency services) has been awarded \$200,000.00. The timeframe is approximately 4 months to get the paperwork in place. The funds will be used to pay toward the foundation costs (septic is done and the site work has been completed);

-STEAP/FVVFD –still waiting on some financial information from Linda Paviol, Town Treasurer to complete paperwork to submit request of next (second installment) reimbursement. Pat pushing for the funds to be used to cover architectural and engineering costs, which should be considered as start work and site work costs;

-Water Tank project update –As required, a public hearing to approve the new rate system proposed, as well as for the borrowing of the funds to pay for the project, has been set for October 19, 2009;

-STEAP funds – Elling inquired if Mechare had any update on the pending STEAP application of the Library. Mechare advised that she had received notice and, unfortunately, the Library's application had not been selected to receive any funds;

-108 Main Street/Town Hall building: Mechare advised that the work had been completed and that she and other Town employees were pleased with the final project and felt the building looked great, with further comment on the reasonableness of the costs. Pat concluded her report commenting that things were going well with the day-to-day business.

Communications:

-Updated reply from Town attorneys regarding legal status of the Canaan Water Company and Water Commission – Chairman Lemmen provided Board members with a reply letter from Town Attorney, Judy Dixon. Lemmen asked if it would be preferable to table the matter to the next regular meeting. Timolat commented that he felt Dixon's response did not address the issues he raised and did not provide specific answers to his specific questions and that he was concerned by some of the references in the letter, which only added further concern and questions. Timolat advised that he would prepare a response to Dixon, which he would give to the First Selectman, Pat Mechare for forwarding. Mechare addressed concern as to the legal fees allocated in the budget for BOF legal issues. Elling questioned if Timolat's inquiries should be a Board of Finance matter? Timolat reiterated that he was looking for specific answers to specific questions. After further discussion, Lemmen commented that he was of the opinion that the concerns of Timolat should remain with the Board of Finance, inasmuch as the issues of concern have to do with the finances of the Town waterworks

Old Business: N/A.

New Business: N/A.

Adjournment: On motion by Grayson, seconded by Elling the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.; Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Alice Macchi, Recording Secretary.

Next BOF Regular meeting: November 9, 2009