

TOWN OF CANAAN
BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
Monday, April 30, 2007 6:30 P.M.
TOWN HALL
108 MAIN STREET
FALLS VILLAGE, CT 06031

PRESENT: Chairman Charles Lemmen, Denise Cohn, Kent Allyn, Tom Christian, Fred Petersen, George Elling
ABSENT: Alternates Stephen Koshland, Scott Macchi, and Patrick Hafner
ALSO PRESENT: Pat Mechare, Peter Lawson, Charles Lewis

Charles Lemmen called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M. The purpose of the meeting is to make recommendations to the May 10 Town Meeting regarding the Board of Education and the municipal spending plans for 2007-2008 and to address requests from the Board of Selectmen regarding other issues to be considered at the Town Meeting.

T. Christian moved to recommend to the Town Meeting the appropriation of \$2,699,218 for education expenditures during fiscal year 2007-2008. G. Elling seconded. Passed unanimously.

In regard to the municipal budget: D. Cohn questioned whether the Special Programs line of the Recreation Commission was adequate to cover the Commission's commitment to the FV Children's Theater Group. P. Mechare said the Commission chairman believes it to be adequate. T. Christian asked for confirmation that the Registrars of Voters need the \$9000 that will be in their reserve account after the budget is approved. P. Mechare confirmed that it may very well be needed.

D. Cohn moved to approve the purposes of the general municipal spending plan, as submitted by the Board of Selectmen and amended by the Board of Finance, and to recommend to the Town Meeting the appropriation of \$1,515,859 for general municipal expenditures during fiscal year 2007-2008. F. Petersen seconded. Passed unanimously.

G. Elling moved to recommend to the Town Meeting the allocation of up to \$79,500 from the Assessors' Account #51001380 for the purpose of paying the cost of the State of Connecticut mandated revaluation to be completed by Vision Appraisal Technology. K. Allyn seconded. Passed unanimously.

T. Christian reminded the Board of its previous discussion of whether it would not be better to include these special allocations of unspent funds we call "roll-overs" as lines in the budget, instead of asking the Town Meeting to approve them through separate motions. He did not receive any support for this idea.

D. Cohn moved to recommend to the Town Meeting the allocation of up to \$40,000 from the unexpended balance of the fiscal year 2006-2007 Budget, Series 4001, Recreation Commission account, to the Pool Reserve Account No. 1022570. K. Allyn seconded. 5 votes in favor. T. Christian abstained.

K. Allyn moved to recommend to the Town Meeting the allocation of up to \$10,000 from the unexpended balance of the fiscal year 2006-2007 Budget, Series 3001, Road Maintenance Deicing Account No. 282, to the Salt Shed Reserve Account No 5100144. G. Elling seconded.

After some discussion of if and when we would be required to build a salt shed, there were 5 votes in favor. T.Christian abstained.

D. Cohn moved to recommend to the Town Meeting the allocation of up to \$5,000 from the unexpended balance of the fiscal year 2006-2007 Budget, Series 3001, Road Maintenance, to the Truck Reserve Account No. 51001380. G. Elling seconded.

C. Lemmen asked if the committee drawing up the bid package for the truck had taken up P. Hafner's offer of his advice. P. Mechare said she had understood that his offer was related to finding the best vendors of trucks and she said Patrick would be asked for recommendations of firms to which the bid package could be sent. There were 5 votes in favor of the motion. T. Christian abstained.

K. Allyn moved to recommend to the Town Meeting the allocation of up to \$18,000 from the unexpended balance of the fiscal year 2006-2007 Budget, Series 2001, Fire Commission, to the Fire Truck Reserve Account No. 51001405. F. Petersen seconded. 5 voted in favor. T. Christian abstained.

C. Lemmen reminded Board members that the Board usually meets immediately after the Town Meeting to set the mill rate for the next fiscal year, but that, as the next regular meeting of the Board is only 4 days later, the decision could be made at the May 14 regular meeting instead. There was unanimous agreement to do that. T. Christian pointed out that with the commitments made in the

motions passed, projected revenues and expenditures are a wash this year. There will be no surplus except in the form of any unanticipated revenues.

F. Petersen moved to adjourn. D. Cohn seconded. Passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

Minutes submitted by acting secretary,
C. Lemmen