

Town of Canaan Board of Finance

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2008. 6:30pm

Town Hall. 108 Main Street, Falls Village, CT 06031

PRESENT: Members of the Committee: Chairman Charles Lemmen, Fred Petersen, George Elling, Kent Allyn and Denise Cohn.

Also present: Patricia Mechare, First Selectmen and guest George Jacobsen,

ABSENT: Regular member, Scott Macchi. Alternates Stephen Koshland and Tracey Atwood.

Chairman Lemmen called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

REGION ONE BUDGET

George Jacobsen of the Kent Board of Finance discussed the possibility of creating a committee of Board of Finance members from the region to participate in the budgeting process of Region One (high school).

On motion by George, seconded by Fred, the recommendation to appoint one member from the Town of Canaan's Board of Finance to participate in this voluntary committee of Board of Finance members, was carried. Charles Lemmen abstained.

Kent Allyn volunteered to be the Town of Canaan's representative on this committee. His offer was accepted with gratitude.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the August 11th meeting were accepted with the correction of the spelling of SYTEAP to STEAP. Motion by Kent, seconded by George, carried unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: On motion by Fred, seconded by George, the Treasurer's Report was received as presented. Unanimous.

Tax Collector's Report: On motion by Fred, seconded by Kent, the Tax Collector's Reports of July and August were received as presented. Unanimous.

Board of Education Report: On motion by Kent, seconded by George, the Board of Education's report dated 8/22/2008 was received as presented. Kent will again speak to the Board of Education to request these reports are received prior to the Board of Finance meetings. Unanimous

First Selectman's Report:

Iron Bridge - The cost to repair the Iron Bridge was \$40,000. The Town of Canaan's portion is \$16,000. On motion by George, seconded by Kent, the Board of Finance recommended this expense be moved to town meeting for approval. Unanimous.

Pat Mechare and Curtis Rand will meet with their respective road crews and Lou Timolat, to discuss future repairs to the bridge.

Salt Product Consortium The Town of Canaan has joined the consortium for de-icing materials. Ice-Be-Gone will be purchased at \$87.61/ton.

Dental Coverage – Region One dental coverage is being explored by Pat Mechare.

STEAP – 107 STEAP grant has not been closed out as of this meeting. FVVFD needs to get a permit to cut into Route 7.

Website – Mechare noted new legislation effective October 1 will require all municipalities to post agendas and minutes of all meetings on the town's website. This will include all town board and commissions.

MEETING WITH ACCOUNTANT:

It was agreed to table the discussion of the meeting held with the town's accountant, Mike Zemaitis, and the Town Treasurer, Linda Paviol, until the next BOF meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Fred, seconded by George, the meeting adjourned at 7:28pm. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Cohn
Temporary Secretary