

**Town of Seymour ~ Board of Finance
MINUTES
Budget Deliberations
Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 7:00pm
via Zoom Teleconference #937.9580.3427**

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DATE: 4/24/20
TIME: 3:15pm
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Members Present: Bettyann Peck, John Stelma, Kwame Dunbar, Richard Demko, Beverly Kennedy, Jim Cretella, Bill Sawicki; Paul Wetowitz (alternate)

Members Absent: Gary Popielasz, Grace Brangwynne, (alternates)

Others Present: Doug Thomas, Rory Burke, Kurt Miller, Jean Falbo

Item #1 – Call Meeting to order

Chairman Bill Sawicki called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone saluted the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 – Deliberation and discussion of 2020/2021 Budget

- Paul Wetowitz asked if the stipend for the Fire Chiefs was included in the budget. Bill Sawicki said that he discussed this with the First Selectman and Town Counsel. We are not the hiring body. The Board of Selectmen has not addressed it yet. So we would not be using in this budget.
- Paul Wetowitz asked if there were any changes from last weeks' numbers. Bill said no, these are the same numbers.
- Richard Demko said it looks good.
- John Stelma had sent Bill an e-mail with questions which he answered.
- Bettyann Peck and Jim Cretella said looks good.
- Bill Sawicki said we kept the Mill Rate stable at 36 mills for the 5th year in a row. State Grants estimating as best we know from Hartford. We are calling for a use of Fund Balance of \$228,000.
- The Revenue & Expenses Budget is at \$58,084,616.
- We are operating under Governor's Emergency Orders.

Item #4 – Set a Date & Time for Public Hearing Review of 2020/2021 Budget

Motion to set the Public Hearing for May 12th, 2020 @ 7pm via Zoom Teleconference (details to be posted to Town website)

Motion: Richard Demko

Second: Kwame Dunbar

Discussion: Kurt Miller said that we wanted to have two weeks to get everything posted; we will compile any Public Comment that comes in until the 12th and those will be read at the Public Hearing. After that Hearing is closed, people will have ANOTHER two weeks to send in their comments – to be read at the May 26th, 2020 Board of Finance Meeting where the budget will be finalized.

Vote: 7

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Item #5 – Adjournment

Motion to adjourn @ 7:11pm.

Submitted by:

Monica Dimon,

Recording Secretary