

BOARD OF FINANCE MINUTES 01/17/2007

The Board of Finance (BOF) held a regular meeting on January 17, 2007 in the Courtroom of Town Hall, 979 Main Street Willimantic, CT 06226.

Members present: Harry Carboni, Andrew Carey III, Peter McDevitt, Jr., Christopher Marot, Gordon Muir, and Joseph Underwood.

Note: The Chairman votes only to **make** or **break** a tie.

Chairman Andrew Carey, III called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Comment

Dennis O'Brien, Willimantic, spoke on behalf of approving the initiative to purchase the Little League baseball field from the American Legion. He commented on his experiences as an umpire, and how the League serves the youth of Windham and Willimantic.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2006

Joseph Underwood, seconded by Peter McDevitt, made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2006 as presented:

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Legion Field Purchase

Joseph Underwood, seconded by Peter McDevitt, moved to accept the Board of Selectmen resolution for the Legion Field purchase and send it to Town Meeting. Discussion followed:

Mr. Underwood commented on the need to see updated appraisals on future land purchase proposals.

Mr. Muir spoke in favor of the purchase, but was concerned about its male-dominated use and suggested that be something the Board considers when looking at open space provisions.

Mr. McDevitt spoke in favor of the purchase as a means for the continued provision of recreational opportunities for Town children.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on Open Space Fund

Gordon Muir, seconded by Joseph Underwood, moved that funds from the Open Space Grant Fund (045) would not be released for any purpose without Board of Finance approval.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Gordon Muir, seconded by Joseph Underwood, moved that the sum of \$20,000 be released from the Open Space Grant Fund (045) for the closing on the Legion Field purchase.

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Discussion and Possible Action on General Fund Budget Transfer Requests

Joseph Underwood, seconded by Harry Carboni, moved to approve six budget transfer requests (see attached 1-6).

Motion PASSED 4-1.

Town Controller's Report

There was no report due to the current vacancy in the Town Controller's office.

Any Other Business Appropriate to Come Before the BOF – Discussion Only

Peter McDevitt suggested inviting a member of the Board of Education as well as the Board's financial director to the February Board of Finance meeting in order to discuss the upcoming budget and budgetary issues surrounding Natchaug School.

Adjournment

Christopher Marot, seconded by Gordon Muir, made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Motion PASSED unanimously

Christopher Marot, Board of Finance