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**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF FINANCE**

The Board of Finance (BOF) held its regular meeting on May 16, 2007 in the Windham Town Hall Meeting Room, Willimantic, CT 06226 for the purposes conducting any business to come before the Board.

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

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

Chairman Andrew Carey, III called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Discussion and Possible Action - Minutes

G. Muir, seconded by H. Clements, moved to adopt the March 28, March 29, April 4, and April 16, 2007 minutes.

Motion **PASSES** unanimously.

Presentation on the Town Plan of Conservation and Development

Paula Stahl presented the Town Planning Commission's Town Plan for 2007. Ms. Stahl commented that the plan is a little overdue, and that the commission worked hard to make it a comprehensive plan that deals with the issues the Windham/Willimantic community currently faces.

Discussion and Possible Action - Town Plan of Conservation and Development

G. Muir, seconded by C. Marot, moved to accept the Planning Commission's Plan of Conservation and Development.

Members voting in favor of the motion: H. Clements, P. McDevitt, C. Marot, G. Muir.

Members voting against the motion: H. Carboni.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding PILOT allocation

G. Muir, seconded by H. Clements, moved that the PILOT funds be split with 50 percent allocated to the General Government budget, and 50 percent allocated to the Willimantic Service District budget.

H. Carboni spoke against the motion, commenting on Willimantic's eroding tax base, and the fact that Willimantic has no room to expand, since it is landlocked by the Windhams. He also stated that the Board of Finance authorized a study on PILOT funding and was disregarding its findings.

C. Marot was disappointed in the UCONN study, noting that it did not cover key components of the issue, namely the strain that PILOT buildings (ECSU, Windham Hospital) put on public safety agencies in Willimantic. Marot also noted the decline in Willimantic's property values has an effect on the Town tax rate as well as the Service District, thus making a 50-50 split fair until his questions were answered.

Members voting **in favor** of the motion: H. Clements, C. Marot, G. Muir.

Members voting **against** the motion: H. Carboni, P. McDevitt.

Motion **PASSES**, 3-2.

Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Revenues for Fiscal Year 2008

Action was postponed until a special meeting on May 21, 2007 in order that Town Controller Rob Buden could be present for the discussion.

Discussion and Possible Action to Set the Mill Rate

Action was postponed until a special meeting on May 21, 2007 in order that Town Controller Rob Buden could be present for the discussion.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Transfer Requests

There were questions surrounding some requests, and the entire package was tabled until the special meeting.

Adjournment

G. Muir, seconded by C. Marot, made a motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Motion PASSED unanimously

Christopher Marot, Board of Finance