

The Board of Finance held a regular meeting on October 15, 2008 in the Courtroom of Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT 06226

Members Attending: Barbara McGrath, Hanna Clements, Janice Fournier,  
Peter McDevitt Jr., Leo Santucci

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

### **Public comment**

Lori Jeffers is not in favor of the parking garage and voiced concern with the current economy and the federal and state governments making cuts.

Tom DeVivo is in favor of the parking garage and pedestrian bike trail also commented on the funding of it as well as finalizing the pumper truck.

Joe Underwood is in favor of the parking garage and raised concern about parking spaces available to development in the downtown area.

Alona Stone raised a concern about the amount of money being spent this year and what funds are available.

### **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – August & September**

Upon a motion by Janice Fournier, seconded by Peter McDevitt the August and September minutes have been tabled until the November meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Town Controllers Report**

Controller's Report was presented by Financial advisor Kathy Maxwell. Kathy would like the board to rescind the motion from September's meeting for accepting the transfers for the Willimantic Service District due to a computer error. New transfers have been submitted for approval tonight. We are \$523.00 short and recommended a transfer from the fund balance to cover the additional funds needed. This will complete the appropriation for the pumper truck.

Upon a motion by Peter McDevitt, seconded by Janice Fournier, for the Board of Finance to rescind the September motion approving the transfer requests for the Willimantic Service District.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **Willimantic Service District and General Fund budget transfer requests for Fiscal Year 2008**

Upon the motion by Leo Santucci, seconded by Janice Fournier, to accept the transfer requests presented by Kathy Maxwell for the Willimantic Service District.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Leo Santucci, seconded by Hanna Clements, to reappropriate \$523.00 from the Willimantic Service District undesignated fund balance.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Hanna Clements, seconded by Leo Santucci, to accept the transfer requests for the 2008 General Fund Budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolution to appropriate funds for the parking garage and pedestrian bike path**

Jean deSmet presented an overview of the parking garage and pedestrian bike path.

The board would like to amend the wording in the last line of the resolutions to read “Unless otherwise determined by the Board of Finance, no portion of the appropriation shall be expended until such time as the Connecticut Department of Transportation has entered into grant agreement with Town for this project.”

There was a brief discussion regarding grants. The board would like a list of the current grants and what funds being used from the fund balance and are there other grants coming up in the future.

Barbara McGrath talked about Capital Improvement Projects and should projects be prioritized. Also, should a procedure be developed for capital improvement projects.

Upon a motion by Peter McDevitt Jr., seconded by Hanna Clements, to table the discussion for another month on the appropriations until we get more information.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Capital Improvements Committee**

Capital Improvements Committee has listing of projects and Barbara McGrath would like an updated list with ranking and also to ask Board of Selectman who the current members are or appoint members to Capital Improvements Committee. Kathy Maxwell recommended starting a new list by gathering information from department heads.

**Policy regarding grants requiring Town match**

There was a brief discussion on a policy regarding grants requiring a Town match. Janice Fournier recommended a grant notification form to notify the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance that a department is applying for a grant requiring Town matches. We will collect more information and work toward a policy.

**Other business to come before BOF**

Under other business to come before the Board of Finance, interviews will be held on October 31, 2008 for the controller position. Also, Police Chief Lisa Bolduc would like to buy a new cruiser with money received from the insurance company and has been advised she will need to go before the Board of Finance to have the money appropriated. She would like the Board of Finance to appropriate the money to the police vehicle line item so she can replace a cruiser. Since no action can be taken on this matter at this time, it will be added to the agenda next month as a discussion and possible action. The town will be doing an RFP on banking centers next week.

**Public Comment**

Lori Jeffers made a comment on towns out west regionalizing and asked what is the number one priority of this Town?

Upon a motion by Hanna Clements, seconded by Leo Santucci, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Karen Williams, Clerk