

**Approved**

**SALEM BOARD OF FINANCE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
July 8, 2010**

**PRESENT**

Carole Eckart  
Kevin Freiert  
George Householder  
Janet Griggs  
Bill Weinschenker

**ABSENT**

T J Butcher (Alt)  
Greg Preston  
R. Traylor (Alt)  
Vacancy (Alt)

B. Weinschenker called the meeting to order at 7:39

**Recognition of Visitors:** None

**Seat Alternate:** None

**Communications:**

B. Weinschenker received a letter from Marien and Co. about the requirement of the post employment benefits and the need to hire an actuary. K. Lyden spoke to the auditors and this applies to the BOE not the Town employees.

He received a request from the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District for a donation. He stated the Town has not contributed in the past.

**Additions:** None

**Agenda**

1. **Approval of minutes**

**M/S/C (Freiert/Griggs) to approve the June 10, 2010, Regular Meeting as amended.**

Amended as follows:

Page 5, first paragraph, change, *The Board mad... to, The Board made...*

Page 1, correct spelling of Unapproved

**Vote: Approved. In favor-Griggs, Weinschenker, Freiert. Abstaining-Eckart, Householder**

**2. Treasurers Report**

M. Ferren presented the Board with her report (see file copy).

- She is pursuing refunds for titles at the school
- Mohegan Pequot grant was received

**3. Public Comment: None**

**4. Selectman's Report**

K. Lyden reported that cooling centers have been open at some of the town owned buildings due to the high temperatures.

- The two town fire departments are having a turkey dinner fundraiser on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The leases for the solar panels have been signed. He spoke to the Gardner Lake Fire Department about solar panels on their building. Their Board of Directors will be discussing the option.
- The health insurance plan has become unsustainable so he has rearranged the options with all eligible town employees, except the Public Works Department, (their contract does not expire until 2011). The savings to the town is \$66,000.00.
- The Board of Selectman endorsed a request for \$25,000 by the School Building Committee for architectural services.

- The Board of Selectman endorsed a request by the Salem Volunteer Fire Dept. for \$1628.25 for vehicle repair.
- Bids were put out for the reval; the Town will sign with Vision for a total of \$ 96,800.00. The Town had appropriated \$12,000 more than the quoted price, which will come back to the Town.

**5. Salem Fire Company Additional Appropriation for Emergency Lighting.**

G. Maiorano requested \$1628.25 for repair on the emergency lights for one of their vehicles. He stated he only has a purchase order open for \$75.00 for training; there is nothing else left in his department. The repairs have already been done, the work was completed in the 2010 budget year, and therefore he would like the appropriation to be added to the 2009/2010 budget.

**M/S/C (Householder/Freiert) to transfer \$1628.25 from the undesignated fund to department line 222-54-5499. Vote: Approved Unanimously**

G. Maiorano informed the Board of the sale of an All Terrain Vehicle and purchase of a larger vehicle to replace it. The fire department also purchased an enclosed trailer for the new vehicle. This will make storage space available for other items. He informed the Board he will be asking for approximately \$5000 for shelving and electrical for the storage garage, as well as radios for the new vehicle. He stated the department bought the All Terrain Vehicle with their own funds, saving the town money.

**6. School Building Committee Appropriation**

D. Asafaylo, Selectman and School Building Committee member requested \$25,000 for architectural services. He stated the charge of the committee was until October 5<sup>th</sup>

and they were at the point where they needed to hire a firm. He informed the Board there was still approximately \$2500 left over from the first building committee.

D. Asafaylo explained that they would be hiring the firm who did the facilities study for the Board of Education and not the firm the last Building Committee hired.

He stated the Committee is looking to fix what we already have, not raise any part of the school or change the foot print.

The only costs that may be outside the \$25,000 request maybe testing. This is something that can not be determined at this time

K. Freiert asked if we are generating plans that already exist from previous plans. D. Asafaylo replied that the committee needs new cost figures, the old ones are 2-3 years old. The Committee has reduced the number of items from approximately 20-25 to about 10.

G. Householder was concerned that the process was being rushed and all the waivers would not be in place. D. Asafaylo stated there would be no waiver requests.

The Board acknowledged that \$25,000 was a small amount in comparison of what the overall costs are going to be.

**M/S/C (Householder/Griggs) to fund \$25,000 from undesignated fund to 930-100-0021, school building committee. Vote: Approved Unanimously.**

**M/S/C (Griggs) to adjourn at 8:10. Unanimous.**

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang,  
Recording Secretary