

Minutes for the
BOF Regular Meeting

January 12, 2023

Darien Town Hall - Room 206 at 7:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: James Palen, Chairman; Dan Bumgardner; Robert Cardone; Taylor Carter; John Wolcott

ABSENT: Paul Hendrickson; David Martin

OTHERS: Kate Buch, Town Administrator; Jack Davis, Chairman, RTM Finance & Budget

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Palen called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Palen proposed adding a transfer request for police generator repairs as the first discussion item.

Motion: To add transfer request for Police generator repair.

Motion made by Mr. Cardone, Seconded by Mr. Bumgardner.

Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

PUBLIC COMMENT*

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Chairman Palen presented the request to transfer \$10,000 from Police Investigations and Identification to Station Operations and Maintenance for emergency repairs to the department's generator.

Motion: To approve the requested transfer.

Motion made by Mr. Cardone, Seconded by Mr. Wolcott.

Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

2. Discuss and Take Action on Darien Police Association Union Contract

Ms. Buch presented the item. Chairman Palen explained that the Board does not approve the contract but would recommend that the RTM approve the contract.

Motion: To recommend approval of the Darien Police Association contract by the RTM.
Motion made by Mr. Bumgardner, Seconded by Mr. Wolcott.
Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

3. Discuss Teachers Union Contract

Chairman Palen presented the item and explained that the Board does not approve the contract but would recommend that the RTM approve the contract.

Motion: To recommend approval of the Teachers union contract by the RTM.
Motion made by Mr. Cardone, Seconded by Mr. Bumgardner.
Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

4. Set Interest Rate for Tax Deferral

Ms. Charneski presented the item.

Motion: To set the interest rate for tax deferrals at 4.88% for Plan A and 5.38% for Plan B.
Motion made by Mr. Bumgardner, Seconded by Mr. Cardone.
Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

5. Discuss and Take Action on Request to Reallocate Bond Proceeds and Rescind the Appropriation and Bond Authorization for the Royle Roof Replacement Project

Ms. Charneski presented the item.

Motion: To reallocate bond proceeds and rescind the appropriation and bond authorization for the Royle Roof Replacement project.
Motion made by Mr. Cardone, Seconded by Mr. Wolcott.
Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

6. Discuss FY2024 Budget Process and Assignments

Chairman Palen requested that members let him know their requested budget assignments for Board of Selectmen departments. He stated that the RTM Finance & Budget (F&B) Committee will provide their budget assignments in order to utilize the "buddy system" for budget review. He requested that all members be assigned to review the Board of Education (BOE) budget.

Mr. Davis explained the approach the RTM F&B Committee will take to review the Town and BOE budgets.

TRANSFERS

7. Discuss and Take Action on Request to Transfer \$31,275 to Professional Services (Finance Department)

Ms. Charneski presented the request to transfer funds to cover the cost of a telecommunications audit.

Motion: To approve the requested transfer.

Motion made by Mr. Cardone, Seconded by Ms. Carter.
Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

FINANCIAL REPORT

8. Financial Report through December 31, 2022

Ms. Charneski presented a summary of FY2023 activity through December.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9. Review and Approve Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Regular Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of the December 20, 2022 regular meeting, as presented.

Motion made by Mr. Cardone, Seconded by Mr. Wolcott.

Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS / COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Palen presented an update on the audit and the Hindley, Holmes and Royle renovation projects.

Mr. Cardone presented an update on the IT Steering Committee.

Mr. Bumgardner presented an update on the Ox Ridge renovation project.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Palen reminded members that budget meetings are available on Channel 79.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.

Motion made by Mr. Cardone, Seconded by Mr. Wolcott.

Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Cardone, Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott