

Minutes for the

Board of Finance Regular Meeting

April 04, 2023

Darien Town Hall - Room 206 at 7:30 PM

ATTENDANCE: James Palen, Chairman; Dan Bumgardner; Robert Cardone; Taylor Carter; Paul Hendrickson; David Martin; John Wolcott

OTHERS: Monica McNally, First Selectman; Jon Zagrodzky, Selectman; Wayne Fox, Town Counsel; Jennifer Charneski, Finance Director; Lorene Bora, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Palen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion: To adjourn to Executive Session to discuss the purchase of land pursuant to CGS 1-200 (6)(D)

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

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

Motion: To come out of Executive Session

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT*

Lorene Bora, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Commission spoke in support of the Parks & Recreation proposed budget.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Discuss and Take Action on a Request for a Special Appropriation of \$40,000 for an Engineering Study of the Noroton Heights Fire Department Retaining Wall

Mr. Volin presented the item.

The Board discussed removing construction management from the appropriation.

Motion: To approve a \$40,000 transfer from the capital reserve for the engineering study on the Noroton Heights Fire Department retaining wall.

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

Voting Yea: Chairman Palen, Mr. Bumgardner, Mr. Martin, Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Cardone,

Ms. Carter, Mr. Wolcott

2. Budget Discussion, expected to include but not limited to:
 - * Fire Departments
 - * Fire Commission
 - * Fire Marshal
 - *Emergency Management
 - * EMS
 - * Parks & Recreation
 - * Debt Service
 - * Sewer Fund
 - * Parking Fund
 - * Recreation Programs Fund
 - * Tax Collection Rate
 - * RFCNRE/Grants
 - * Excess Cost/Other Grants
 - * Fund Balance

The Board reviewed the FY 2024 proposed budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:39 p.m.

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

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