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By Darlene Brady at 10:42 am, Mar 21, 2023

Board of Finance Regular Meeting
Wednesday March 15, 2023 6:00 pm

Present- Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick, Fran Goodsell, Tegan Gawel, Jason Wright,
Rufus de Rham

Zoom- Casey Cogut

Public and Invited Guests- Jean Speck, Barbara Herbst, Scott Trabucco, Debbie Devaux, Lynn Harrington, Rob Hayes, Donna Hayes, Steve Pener, Lynn Worthington, Anna de Rham, Meghan Robb, Rufus de Rham, Anne McAndrew, Lara Hanson, other members of the public

Chairman Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Acceptance of Agenda- Motion by Mr Wright, seconded by Mr de Rham to accept the agenda Motion approved unanimously

Approval of Minutes- Motion by Mr Wright, seconded by Ms Goodsell to accept the minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting. Motion approved unanimously.

Correspondence-
none

Reports:

- a. **Tax Collector**-will be at a tax convention next week. Working with a tax attorney in regards to tax sales. Should be finished by the end of the year. 4 properties/3 persons
- b. **Board of Ed**- will present their budget later on in agenda
- c. **Board of Selectman**-First Selectman Ms Speck
 1. Met today with BOS to approve their budget
 2. No update on cell tower or Schaghticoke

- d. **Treasurer-** Introduced auditor George Sinnamon

New Business:

- a. **Audit Presentation-** Mr Sinnamon went over key points of the audit. Answered questions from the board
- b. **BOE Presentation-** Jenn Duncan presented the BOE budget proposal. Scott Trabucco was also on hand to answer any questions. Discussion
- c. **Net Current Expenditure per Pupil (NCEP) Review-** Chairman O'Dea-Wyrick led discussion. Comparison to other towns in the area. Discussion

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **2021-2022 Annual Report Update-**report is complete, audit is now complete and Barbara will get info to Clerk to be added to report
- b. **Capital Appropriation Policy-** Chairman O'Dea-Wyrick will send out her edits to the draft for the board to consider before the next meeting

Comments of Public and Invited Guests-

- a. Ms Deveau- had some questions on the Para positions at KCS. Are they necessary in small classes? Why?
- b. Ms Hanson- numerous comments about Kent Community Nursery School
- c. Ms Worthington- asked about the contracted rates for teachers
- d. Ms Hayes-asked about a zoom link for the public for the BOF meetings. Also inquired about having a public documents folder for BOF meetings
- e. Ms Deveau- questioned why so many children are going to private schools vs public schools. Ms Speck relayed that approximately 50% of last years graduating eighth graders went on to private school for high school rather than attending the public regional high school.
- f. Mr Pener- spoke about tuition costs for non Kent residents.

Motion to adjourn by Mr de Rham at 7:48

Next meeting- March 22, 2023 @ 6 pm

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Bonnie Donzella
Board Clerk