

**Board of Finance Minutes
Special Meeting Friday, May 7, 2021 7 p.m.**

Present: Jim Blacketter, Rufus de Rham, Ed Epstein, Tegan Gawel, Fran Goodsell. Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick excused.

Meeting called to order at 7:09 by Rufus de Rham who adjourned the meeting to the Annual Budget Hearing.

Marty Lindenmayer presented and reviewed the Board of Education budget.

Board of Selectman – Jean Speck reported on the Selectmen's budget and updated attendees regarding town news.

Annual Budget Hearing on Proposed 2021-2022 Budget ensued with Group discussion by attendees regarding several topics of concerns including: Communication between Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, Process of funding new town department, America Rescue Funds and distribution thereof, Role of Volunteers in town and compensation, voiced appreciation of the Kent Library and its' role in the community, future of mill rate when revenue might not be there,

Motion for Budget Hearing Meeting to be closed---Moved by Jim Blacketter, Seconded by Fran Goodsell, vote unanimous

Vice Chair deRham reconvened the special board meeting

--5 year Capital Plan moved to May 21st vote. Moved by Jim Blacketter Seconded by Ed Epstein, vote unanimous

-Proposed Tax collection rate: Tax collection rate is at 99% and motion was made to keep it at that rate Moved by Fran Goodsell Seconded by Jim Blacketter, vote unanimous

-Proposed revenue projection of 13,363,000 to be ratified Moved by Jim Blacketter Seconded by Ed Epstein vote unanimous

-Proposed Fiscal Budget of 2021 -2022 made by Rufus deRham, Moved by Jim Blacketter Seconded by Ed Epstein vote unanimous

-Proposed Transfer of Unassigned General Fund Moved by Jim Blacketter Seconded by Ed Epstein

Motion to adjourn by Jim Blacketter at 8:43

Respectfully Submitted,
Fran Goodsell, Member