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BOARD OF FINANCE  
MAY 17, 2011  
REGULAR MEETING  
1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 8:30 P.M. in the Henry James Middle School cafeteria. The following members were present: Paul Henault, Peter Askham, Nicholas Mason, Anita Mielert, Barbara Petitjean and Kevin North. Also present were First Selectman Mary Glassman, Acting Finance Director Tom Cooke, Consultant to the Finance Department Michael Foley, Tax Collector Colleen O'Connor and other interested parties.

#### MINUTES

Mr. North made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011 Special Meeting. Ms. Petitjean seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### DISCUSS RESULTS OF REFERENDUM

Mr. North gave a summation of the results of the four ballot items:

	Yes	No	% in Favor	
Board of Selectmen operating budget				1,090 345
		76%		
Board of Education operating budget				1,002 445
		69%		
Other				
1,115 321		78%		
Capital recreation improvements @ Simsbury Farms			988	454
		69%		

Mr. Henault thanked members of the Board of Education, the Board of

Selectmen, the Board of Finance, voters and Town staff for all their efforts.

#### STATE BUDGET

First Selectman Mary Glassman and Consultant Mike Foley reviewed some state budget numbers as they pertain to the Town of Simsbury.

#### MILL RATE CONSIDERATION

Mr. North made a motion to set the mill rate for the 2011/12 fiscal year at 30.86. Mr. Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Henault noted that that is an increase of 1.01% or .31 mill rate change. Mr. Horth noted that, with the Fire District mill rate, the total aggregate mill rate would now be 31.88.

#### FUND TRANSFER – ENO HALL IMPROVEMENTS HISTORIC RESTORATION FUND GRANT

Ms. Mielert recused herself from discussion of this item. Tom Cooke explained that this is a 100% matching grant for historic restoration at Eno Hall. The grant matches \$90,000 funded by the town, for a total of \$180,000.

Ms. Petitjean made a motion to approve a transfer of \$90,000 from the Eno Hall Improvements Account to account #344-44230 to fund restoration at Eno Hall. Mr. North seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – VOTE ON ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL GRANT & ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT FOR THE TULMEADOW FARM WOODLOT

For informational purposes only, Mary Glassman reminded the Board that \$280,000 had been approved for purchase of the Tulmeadow Farm Woodlot with the stipulations that the town would not release the funding until the funding had been accomplished and the project was moving forward, and that, if the property was ever sold, the town would recoup its donation. The Land Trust has informed the Town that it cannot accept the Federal Forest Legacy grant because land trusts cannot accept grants. The only way for them to accept the grant without violating any federal laws is for the town to call a special town meeting and ask for a vote to approve the acquisition of the conservation easement of Tulmeadow Farm Woodlot and the town would have to formally accept the grant and formally accept the sale. The town would not be required to make any additional purchase or make any additional commitments. The Special Town Meeting has been set and noticed.

#### LEEF GRANT CLARIFICATION

Mike Foley informed the Board that a misstatement had been made at the last meeting regarding this item. He clarified that the Town has to contribute 20% of \$9,000, or \$1,800.

#### FINANCE DIRECTOR – STATUS OF SEARCH

Mr. Henault informed the Board that 40 resumes have been collected and are in the process of being reviewed and narrowed down before setting interview appointments.

#### APPROVAL OF SUSPENSE LIST

Mr. North made a motion to approve the suspense list in the amount of \$45,501.84. Mr. Askham seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Askham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 P.M. Mr. Mason seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Paul Henault, Chairman

Lisa Gray, Clerk