

**BOARD OF FINANCE**  
**REGULAR MEETING – April 12, 2022**  
**COMSTOCK COMMUNITY CENTER RM 31 & VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Michael Kaelin, Stewart Koenigsberg, Chris Stroup, Sandra Arkell, Matthew Raimondi, Richard Santosky

**Others Present:** First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice, CFO Dawn Norton, BOE Chair Deborah Low

**Call to Order**

Chairman Michael Kaelin called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**Discussion to Consider Funding the BOE High School Elevator for up to \$223K from the BOF Discretionary Reserve (previously referred to as Charter Authority)**

Mr. Kaelin noted that Mr. Koenigsberg asked that the item Discussion to Consider Funding the BOE High School Elevator for up to \$223,000 from the BOF Discretionary Reserve be added to the agenda. Mr. Koenigsberg reviewed his reasoning for adding the item to consider funding the BOE High School Elevator for up to \$223K from the BOF Discretionary Reserve. He put forth a motion for the BOF to consider. Motion that the BOF approve up to \$203,000 for the BOE from the BOF Discretionary Reserve from the year 2022 so it is available immediately for summer repairs on the high school elevator. Motion was seconded by Mr. Raimondi. Mr. Kaelin reviewed events from the April 5, 2022 BOF meeting noting his motion to add 200,000 to the BOE operating budget for next year to pay for the repair of the elevator for the high school. In light of Mr. Koenigsberg suggestion to fund the repairs from the reserve, Mr. Kaelin withdraws his previous motion. Discussion amongst the board. After further review and discussion Mr. Koenigsberg's motion was carried 6-0.

**Continuation from April 5, 2022 Budget Deliberations to Discuss Items Tabled**

Mr. Kaelin noted that as the above discussion took place and motion was approved, the BOF move to the next item to consider resolutions from the April 5, 2022 meeting that were tabled.

**Resolutions**

The BOF continued with approval of the resolutions that were tabled from the April 5, 2022 meeting with updated numbers:

3. Board of Education: Mr. Santosky moved and Mr. Raimondi seconded a motion that \$86,677,862 be appropriated for the Board of Education operating budget. Motion carried 4-2 with Mr. Stroup and Ms. Arkell opposed.
5. Reserves: Mr. Raimondi moved and Mr. Santosky seconded a motion that \$1,296,464 be appropriated for Reserve, including \$324,116 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen, and \$972,348 under the jurisdiction of the Board of Finance. Motion carried 6-0.
6. General Fund Total Operating Budget: Mr. Kaelin moved and Mr. Koenigsberg seconded a motion for a Fiscal 2023 General Fund Total Operating Budget of \$130,942,900. Motion carried 4-2 with Mr. Stroup and Ms. Arkell opposed.
7. Ending Fund Balance: Mr. Kaelin moved and Mr. Raimondi seconded that the June 30, 2023 estimated General Fund Balance be set at \$13,094,290 which is 10% of the FY23 Total Operating Funds required. The June 30, 2022 estimated General Fund Balance be set at \$16,648,540 leaving \$3,554,250 to be used to finance the FY23 budget. Motion carried 4-2 with Mr. Stroup and Ms. Arkell opposed.
10. Mill Rate Levy: Mr. Koenigsberg moved and Mr. Kaelin seconded a motion to levy a tax of 28.2289 mills on the Net Taxable Grand List of October 1, 2021 and that the tax be payable one-half on July 1, 2022 and one-half on January 1, 2023, except for bills of \$100 or less, and for personal property taxes on automobiles,

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which shall be payable in one installment on July 1, 2022. Motion carried 4-2 with Mr. Stroup and Ms. Arkell opposed.

**Set Date for Special Meeting to Review Bonding Referendum Referrals from the BOS**

Mr. Kaelin reviewed with the board dates to set for a Special Meeting to Review Bonding Referendum Referrals from the BOS. Dates discussed were April 21, 2022 and April 25, 2022. After review and discussion, motion made by Mr. Kaelin to hold the meeting on April 21, 2022 at 7:00pm subject to the availability of people from the town who need to be present and if not on April 21, 2022 then on April 25, 2022 at 7:30pm. Motion seconded by Mr. Stroup and carried 6-0.

**Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022, BOF Public Hearing on BOE Budget Minutes of March 23, 2022, BOF Public Hearing on BOS Budget Minutes of March 24, 2022, BOF Special Meeting Minutes-FY23 Budget of April 4, 2022 and BOF Special Meeting Minutes-FY23 Budget of April 5, 2022**

Mr. Kaelin moved a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2022, BOF Public Hearing on BOE Budget Minutes of March 23, 2022 and BOF Special Meeting Minutes-FY23 Budget of April 4, 2022 with addition to Mr. Koenigsberg statement to add "as proposed". Motion seconded by Mr. Stroup and carried 6-0.

Mr. Kaelin moved a motion to approve the BOF Public Hearing on BOS Budget Minutes of March 24, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Raimondi and carried 4-0 with Mr. Stroup and Ms. Arkell abstaining as they were not present for the meeting.

Mr. Kaelin moved a motion to approve the BOF Special Meeting Minutes-FY23 Budget of April 5, 2022. Motion seconded by Mr. Raimondi and carried 5-0 with Mr. Stroup abstaining as he was not present for the meeting.

**Committee Reports**

*No Committee Reports.*

**Public Comment**

All members of the BOF made statements before opening up the floor for public comment.

First Selectwoman Lynne Vanderslice commented and clarified certain items that were discussed by the BOF.

Several residents commented:

Kara Berghaus  
Olga Zargos-Traub  
Jeffrey Rutishauser  
Julie Corbett  
Jared Martin  
Steve Hudspeth  
Walter Kress  
BOE Chair Deborah Low

Mr. Kaelin made a final comment before adjourning the meeting.

Having no further business, the board voted to adjourn meeting at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jacqueline Rochester  
(from video recording)

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