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Board of Finance
Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2024
Town Hall Auditorium – 6:45 p.m.

Present: Glenn Patterson, Ronald Fedor, Robert Tuneski, Bill Sheehan, Michael Rocchetti, Joseph Filippetti*
*by telephone

Elected: Rob Brule, First Selectman; Abbas Danesh, Treasurer; Patricia Fedor, Board of Education Chairman; Tim Fiorvanti, RTM Member

Staff: Kimberly Allen, Director of Finance; Paige Walton, Assessor; Ryan McNamara, Director Recreation & Parks; Jon Mullen, Planning Director; Dani Gorman, Human Services Administrator; Joseph Mancini, Director of Finance/Operations BOE; Thomas Giard, Superintendent of Waterford Public Schools; Rebecca Hall, Administrative Assistant Finance Office/BOF Recording Secretary

Other: Josh Kelly, Alex Seltzer, Kerry Seltzer, Bryan Sayles, Tina DuBosque

1. Establishment of a quorum and call to order

A quorum was established and the Special Meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 6:52 p.m. August 14, 2024.

2. Discussion and action to appoint a replacement member to fill the mid-term vacancy created by the resignation of David Peabody to serve the special term that runs from 7/17/24 to 11/4/25.

Ron Fedor began discussion by commending David Peabody on his time as a member of the Board of Finance. Mr. Fedor pointed out how David Peabody was inquisitive and offered meaningful conversation and insight on the town's finances with a focus of doing what was right for the Town of Waterford and not basing his votes in support of his own political affiliation. Ron Fedor told Josh Kelly that Mr. Peabody would be greatly missed on the Board of Finance and his seat will be difficult to fill as the Board's expectations are high in determining a new member. Mr. Fedor then asked Bill Sheehan to explain the possible conflict of interest in Mr. Kelly's employment at the TVCCA and his possible appointment as a Board of Finance member. Bill explained that Mr. Kelly is the Executive Director of the TVCCA and those employed by agencies who receive Federal money are not able to run for election per the Office of Social Services SSBG (Social Services Block Grant) findings. Josh Kelly interjected adding that per the Hatch Act (An Act to Prevent Pernicious Political Activities), he is only ineligible for elected positions if 100% of his salary is paid by TVCCA. He stated he is not paid 100% by the TVCCA.

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Robert Tuneski and Michael Rocchetti posed several questions to Mr. Kelly regarding his thoughts on how the Board is managing town finances. Mr. Kelly pointed out areas where he had suggestions such as Capital Projects and spending of the balance of the General Fund.

As the Hatch Act was not available to the Board of Finance for the Special Meeting, Robert Tuneski asked the Board if the election of a new member could possibly be tabled in order to have the town's legal counsel present to answer specific questions specific to the eligibility of the election of Mr. Kelly.

Motion by Bill Sheehan and **seconded** by Joseph Filippetti to Move the Question.

Vote: 4-2-0 (No: Rocchetti, Tuneski)

Motion: Passed

Motion by Robert Tuneski and **seconded** by Michael Rocchetti to table the appointment of a new Board of Finance member pending clarification from the Town of Waterford's attorney.

Vote: 2-4-0 (No: Fedor, Sheehan, Patterson, Filippetti)

Motion: Failed

Motion by Bill Sheehan and **seconded** by Joseph Filippetti to nominate Josh Kelly to fulfill the vacancy on the Board of Finance for the special term running 7/17/24 to 11/4/25.

Vote: 4-0-2 (Abstained: Rocchetti, Tuneski)

Motion: Passed

4. Adjournment

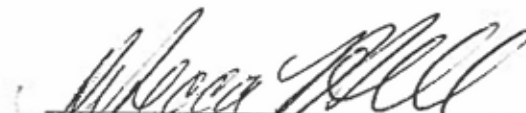
Motion by Bill Sheehan and **seconded** by Joseph Filippetti to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Finance at 7:15pm.

Vote: 5-0-0

Motion: Passed

Respectfully submitted,


John (Bill) W. Sheehan,
Clerk of the Board of Finance


Rebecca L. Hall,
Recording Secretary