

Present: Chairman Ronald R. Fedor, John Sheehan, Glenn Patterson, Robert Tuneski, Kevin Petchark; Tali Maidelis (7:45 pm)

Absent: Mark Geer

Elected: Robert J. Brule, First Selectman; Jody Nararchyk, Selectwoman

RTM: Thomas Dembek, RTM Moderator

Staff: Gary Schneider, Director Public Works; Sandy Kenniston, Public Works; Christine Johnson, Library Director; Abby Piersall, Planning Director; Brian Flaherty, Director Recreation & Parks; Neftali Soto, Chief Engineer/Director Utility Commission; Brett Mahoney, Chief of Police; Joseph Mancini, BOE Director of Operations/Finance; Kimberly Allen, Finance Director; Maryellen McConnell, Secretary

1. Establishment of a quorum and call to order:
A quorum was established and a call to order was established at 7:02 pm, March 17, 2021.
2. Public comment: Letters from John O'Neill, Chairman Historic Properties Commission and Robert Nye, Municipal Historian were read into the minutes.
3. **Standing Motion:** was made by Kevin Petchark and seconded by Glenn Patterson to tentatively approve the below budget requests for FY22/22.

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Passed

4. **Building Maintenance Budget:**

Motion by Kevin Petchark and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Building Maintenance budget request for FY21/22 for a total amount of \$778,870.

Vote: 5-0

Motion: Passed

5. **Public Works Budget:**

Motion by Kevin Petchark and **seconded** by Glenn Petchark to approve the Public Works budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$4,709,654.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to move the Debt Service Budget forward.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by Kevin Petchark and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Debt Service Budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$7,934,633.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

6. Capital Improvements:

Motion by Kevin Petchark and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Capital Improvements budget request for FY21/22 in the total amount of \$2,964,754.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

7. Transfers to Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure Fund:

Motion by Glenn Patterson and **seconded** by John Sheehan to decrease the Town Wide Camera System from \$110,000 to \$85,000.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Ronald Fedor to decrease \$30,000 from the Waterford Beach Park Improvements (Amphitheater) line #10137-57854 pending the final budgetary hearing on March 24, 2021.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by Ronald Fedor and **seconded** by Kevin Petchark to reduce \$100,000 from the Nevins Cottage line.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Motion by Kevin Petchark and **seconded** by Glenn Patterson to approve the Transfers to Capital and Non-Recurring Expenditure budget request for FY21/22 in the new total amount of \$820,600.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

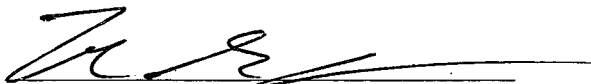
8. **Adjournment:**

Motion by John Sheehan and **seconded** by Robert Tuneski to adjourn the Budget Meeting of the Board of Finance at 10:16 p.m.

Vote: 6-0

Motion: Passed

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Geer, Jr., Clerk
Maryellen McConnell, Secretary

To: Ronald Fedor

Chairman, Board of Finance

From: John O'Neill

Chairman, Historic Properties Commission

Date: March 11, 2021

RE : Nevis Cottage

I ask that the Board of Finance to keep the \$150,000 earmarked for the Nevins Cottage. There is some progress being made toward a plan for the building. The fact that it has been neglected by the town, but the town will not allow the sale of the property to a more conscientious caretaker have made restoration efforts difficult.

This piece of the Civic Triangle, the heart of Waterford, has been allowed to deteriorate for far too long. A remedy for this prominent eyesore is overdue. Soon, hundreds of taxpayers will once again will sit waiting to drop off their kids at school wondering, "When will someone do something with that poor little house?"

Thank you for your consideration of this matter,

John O'

CC: First Selectman Rob Brule

Director of Planning and Development, Abby Peirsall

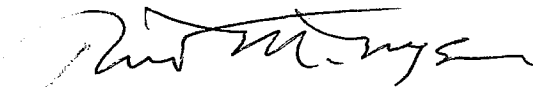
Public Comment 3/17/21

TO: Ronald Fedor
Chairman, Board of Finance
FROM: Robert Nye
Municipal Historian
Historic Properties Commission
DATE: March 10, 2021
RE.: Nevins Cottage

I urge the Board of Finance to retain the \$150,000 earmarked for the Nevins Tenant Cottage. The timing is especially important as currently efforts are being made to secure additional funding for its restoration.

In addition to the building's historical and architectural significance, the site is recognized as an important part of the town center/Jordan Village streetscape. According to the town's Plan of Preservation, Conservation & Development, historic resources like the Nevins Cottage "provide a direct connection to the history and 'sense of place'" . . . and "enrich our visual and emotional attachment to the community. . . ". Sadly, once a building is gone, it's gone.

Respectfully,



cc.: First Selectman Rob Brule
RTM Moderator Thomas Dembek
Director of Planning & Development Abby Piersall
Historic Properties Commission Chairman John O'Neill
Historical Society President Kristen Widham