

Call to Order

- Introduction and seating of members

The Chester Board of Finance held its regular meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Virginia Carmany, Joyce Aley, Jennifer Rannestad, David Cohen, Charlie Park and Bob Gorman. Richard Nygard (non-seated alternate) was also present. Chairman Carmany called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

- Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2014

Motion made and seconded to approve September 18, 2014 Minutes as presented. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

New Business

- Presentation of Phase One of Main Street Project - Discussion and Q&A

First Selectman Meehan noted there is another BOF Agenda item later on in the meeting from the Board of Selectmen to release the Capital Fund account that has been accumulating over the last few years for the Main Street Project in the amount of \$374,424. The BOF has been putting small amounts in that account for several years to do the town center project. The process is that voters at Town Meeting approve a Capital Improvement Plan which funds major items over a period of years to spread the cost. This project has been on the books for the last 15 years for issues of aesthetics, parking, lighting, drainage and multiple issues of trying to improve business climate.

First Selectman Meehan noted last May the voters approved \$75,000 to the Capital Account for this project. The next step is a recommendation from the Board of Finance to bring it to Town Meeting to release the funds. The recommendation goes to Town Meeting regardless of whether there's no recommendation, favorable or negative. Meehan distributed cost revisions from the Main Street Project Committee meetings of October 14 and 28th. He next reviewed available funds. The Town received a \$200,000 STEAP Grant which is now under contract and being used for the engineering design of this project. There should be \$50 or \$60,000 left from that \$200,000 available for construction or project administration. The Town received an award letter from the State's OPM in the amount of \$333,088 which is the balance of funds remaining from the Middlesex Avenue Water Line Extension for Denlar Drive. There is another OPM award letter in the amount of \$450,000 for a STEAP Grant based on an application submitted a year ago based on a Master Plan for the Town Center which gives some direction to the projects. The request now

is to release \$374,424 from the Capital Account which the Town has been saving over the last few years. Meehan noted the total amount of funds available for this project right now is \$1,357,513. The estimated costs for soft costs is \$176,300. The hard costs based on a preliminary design is estimated at \$1,352,400. The total of soft and hard costs is then \$1,528,700 so therefore there is a shortfall of \$171,000 at 70% design.

First Selectman Meehan noted the Main Street Project Committee has been discussing this with the project engineer and going back with a fine tooth comb looking at options to close that gap. He further noted an award of bid cannot be made for any more than what is available which is \$1,357,000.

First Selectman Meehan reviewed unit costs noting there are some items that can be done away with, such as the job site construction trailer, manhole covers, etc.

First Selectman Meehan reviewed contract items and contingencies. He noted there is a 10% contingency and a 2% inflation factor. There also are contingencies for other contract items which are construction work items in a project such as this. All these contract items and contingencies add up to almost \$320,000.

Meehan also noted there will be bid alternates in this project. He indicated this project can't be advanced until the Town can say the money is available and that includes STEAP Grants and Town funds. Everyone has to work together to have the money available. It doesn't mean all the money will be spent. The goal is to get an efficient quality project and anything left over will stay in the Main Street account or can be reallocated by Town Meeting to fund another project. Checks and balances are in place with the Town Meeting being the legislative body. Meehan noted there are also town fund accounts set up for roads and sidewalks. There is still almost \$400,000 available in the town road account if it is required to supplement the Main Street account. However, all the Grant money should be spent first.

First Selectman Meehan noted one item of concern for him was the cost for granite curbing. This is a quality way of doing the project and will last for decades. He noted he spoke to a representative from the Town of Deep River who just did granite curbing and was advised the cost number for Chester was right on target. That's a good comfort level. The bottom line is if the Town doesn't receive quotes that meet the budget, the project is not done.

First Selectman Meehan noted he and Michael Joplin, Chairman of the Main Street Project Committee, is available for questions at this time. Meehan noted there are a lot of people in the audience that want to discuss sidewalks and trees but he wasn't sure that was an appropriate discussion for the Board of Finance.

Meehan noted the Main Street Project Committee has been working with the project engineer for at least a year and it would be a shame not to take advantage of the STEAP Grant money and to waste this opportunity. He urged the Board of Finance to recommend approval of this to Town Meeting.

Chairman Carmany commended the Main Street Project Committee in its hard work and all the time put into Phase 1. The Committee has gone above and beyond their commitment to get a vision on paper for Town residents to see. Recognition also needs to go to Ed Meehan who is working on this project on a day to day basis.

Chairman Carmany reviewed past timing of this project starting in 2007 with Capital Improvement funds, 2009 with STEAP Grant. In 2010-12 the project expanded into the current phases and is ongoing. In 2010 additional monies were gotten from the Middlesex/Denlar Drive Water Main Grant. In 2014 an additional \$450,000 and last year the Town put in \$75,000 each year into Capital. Chairman Carmany noted First Selectman Meehan had stated money could be used from the Road/Sidewalk Capital line item. Carmany indicated Meehan had also noted there were some LoCIP monies available. First Selectman Meehan noted \$125,000 was left in the LoCIP account from former First Selectman Tom Marsh's term which was used for Straits/Maple Road.

Chairman Carmany distributed the conceptual plan of Phase 1 which was voted on at Town Meeting in July 2013.

Chairman Carmany noted Phase 1 was \$1.4 million for Main Street East. Phase 2A is West Main/High Street for \$1.3 million. Bridge Replacement Project was \$3 million. Phase 2B is Water Street/Water Street Parking Lot is \$.8 million. Phase 3 is Downtown and Phase 4 Maple Street for \$5.4 million. She noted one of her concerns about this project and expending all of the money now is there will be no monies for Phase 1 overages other than what might be in Capital and LoCIP. She further noted it was her understanding the contingency had to be more in the 15 to 20% range. She was also concerned that she heard that at least 20% of the budgeted items had to be covered by Grants. A \$5.5 million project would require the Town to put aside \$1 million for future requirements. Taking out the \$300,000 now would mean \$700,000 would still need to be funded.

Chairman Carmany noted the Bridge Replacement Project is \$3 million and there's not Town monies available if needed to tie in with the bridge and what the State is doing to make it work with the streetscape.

Chairman Carmany noted the Library project is in the wings. Bob Gorman noted the Library Project costs are estimated at maybe \$4 to \$4.5 million with \$1 million to be reimbursed by a State Grant. The Town should hear next week as to whether or not it will receive the Grant. This figure does not include the North Quarter Park improvements. Carmany noted First Selectman Meehan had mentioned in a previous meeting even if the Town receives the Library Grant that project could be 5 or 6 years away and there is the possibility of bonding to pay for it.

Chairman Carmany noted there is also a declining enrollment issue in the Town's schools. First Selectman Meehan noted school enrollment went up October 1st by 4 children.

Inaudible - too many people speaking at the same time. David Cohen noted that some of this discussion was not appropriate for the Q&A as the discussion is an opinion.

Chairman Carmany noted the following items will be coming up in the future -

- Townwide energy saving projects to be considered for funding and eventual savings?
- Request next year for monies to evaluate Town's Retirement Pension Fund?
- Unknown increases to Operating Expenses (see attached document provided by V. Carmany).

First Selectman Meehan noted he would like to correct something mentioned earlier regarding Phase 2a. He indicated West Main Street is a State road and the Town will not be spending money on a State road. One must be careful when referring to conceptual documents.

Chairman Carmany briefly reviewed pages 2 and 3 of her document attached to these minutes.

Letter from Errol Horner to the Board of Finance was read into the record of the Board of Finance Meeting held November 20, 2014 (see attached).

Letter from Sara Holmes, AIA dated November 20, 2014 to the Board of Finance was read into the record of the Board of Finance Meeting held November 20, 2014 (see attached).

Letter from Henry Krempel dated November 18, 2014 to the Board of Finance was read into the record of the Board of Finance Meeting held November 20, 2014 (see attached).

Letter from Leif Nilsson dated November 19, 2014 to Virginia Carmany was read into the record of the Board of Finance Meeting held November 20, 2014 (see attached).

Letter from Caryn B. Davis Photography dated November 19, 2014 to Virginia Carmany was read into the record of the Board of Finance Meeting held November 20, 2014 (see attached).

First Selectman Meehan noted the background of these letters and the information put forth is very disturbing. He indicated this project has an Inland Wetlands Permit. It also has the 8-24 approval from the Planning & Zoning Commission granted last week on the Plan of Conservation & Development. Two people (Errol Horner and Henry Krempel) who wrote letters didn't agree with the majority of the Planning & Zoning Commission. The fact is the majority of P&ZC found this project compatible with the POCD and furthers the goals of the POCD. This project must stay on budget and a contract cannot be signed unless the money is in place. Contractors are all insured and bonded.

First Selectman Meehan noted the Holmes letter stated "don't spend money we haven't appropriated." Meehan noted the money has been appropriated for the last 7 years. Its time to start fixing up the Town. Its a disgrace to see broken curbs, drainage that doesn't work, catch basins that overflow all going into Chester Creek. The plans call for fixing the sidewalks on the south side. Driveway aprons will be fixed or replaced with new concrete. New fire hydrants are paid for by the Connecticut Water Company.

First Selectman Meehan noted Mr. Nilsson has a problem with the Dept. of Transportation and the Bridge. That is not this project.

Chairman Carmany noted First Selectman Meehan was out of line. The letters were read into the record. Meehan noted there are misfacts in those letters. Carmany stated there are always misfacts. Meehan noted Mr. Krempel did not vote with the majority of P&Z members on the 8-24 referral and the issue of trees. The facts are there are 8 trees being removed in 1800 linear feet, 3 of them being on the Mead

property. Mr. & Mrs. Mead submitted a letter back in April endorsing this project. The project also calls for 21 new trees.

Michael Joplin noted this area was chosen as Phase 1 rather than the center or Water Street because the entire center of the town would have been torn up at the same time as the bridge replacement and that would have destroyed the economical viability of the Village. The Committee stayed out of the Village purposely. Mr. Joplin reviewed the removal of the trees noting there are 21 new trees and 8 being removed. Joplin also noted STEAP money is for a specific project and further Grants are based on a track record of how money is used and how projects are completed. Joplin further noted STEAP money cannot be used to just repair the sidewalks because the sidewalks are non-compliant. He also noted the Tree Warden was consulted regarding the trees.

First Selectman Meehan noted he would like to deal with the financial facts which is the jurisdiction of this Board. Chairman Carmany noted the jurisdiction of this Board is to talk about the financials but the design of this phase impacts the financials of the town and the way people feel about doing the project is part of the purview of the Board of Finance. It is not just to take this information, rubber stamp it and send it Town Meeting.

David Cohen noted it is not our job to bring our opinion to this. It's our job to be fiscally responsible and whether we spend the money or whether we don't. We owe it to the people of the Town of Chester to be impartial and to do this right and not to rubber stamp anything.

Audience of Citizens

Gary Meade, 123 Main Street, discussed removal of the trees. He felt the focus should be on downtown and not the sidewalks.

Carol Carpenter, Pratt Street, noted the people who serve on these boards and commissions are knowledgeable people and she respects their opinions and wants to hear those opinions every single time. She asked what happens if the Library is not built at North Quarter Park.

Steven Tiezzi, Main Street Committee member, noted the discussion of the sidewalk on the north side started before there was discussion of putting the Library at North Quarter Park in order to provide a more safe passageway to the Park and make it more accessible. He also pointed out if the sidewalk stays on the north side, the Chesterfield's wall will not be touched. If the sidewalk is on the

south side, then a portion of that wall will have to be reconstructed at a minimum cost of \$60,000. Carmany noted in the document the wall is listed as \$49,400.

Steve Holmes, 7 School Lane, noted he has been to several meetings on this subject, one of which he was not allowed to speak. He noted he does not support the northern sidewalk. He also noted the community living adjacent to Phase 1 does not support the sidewalk. A petition signed by 60 people was submitted who did not support the sidewalk. The project is currently over budget. Deep River has beautiful granite curbs and sidewalks. If deleted, Chester will have cheap curbs, no large trees, etc. No one wants to compromise. He stated he walks every day with a carriage and has no problem using the other sidewalk. He reviewed repairs to the wall and the sidewalk stating who wants half a sidewalk on one side. The sidewalk on the other side will impact negatively on 137 Main and in front of 131 Main will destroy 3 significant trees. He felt like the Town wasn't hearing us and we don't want it. There was discussion about which meeting Mr. Holmes was not allowed to speak.

Errol Horner, 25 Maple Street, noted his letter speaks for itself but briefly reviewed the 1st paragraph of his letter indicating that Phase 3 should be the 1st phase as the sidewalks are in pitiful condition and in consideration of immediate fixing.

It was noted the town's road budget is about \$350,000 annually.

Steven Tiezzi noted several years ago the Main Street was torn up to install the town sewer and was done with a temporary patch. This roadway surface should have been completed a long time ago. Phasing could be debated. The drainage is very poor, the road is too flat and improvements to drainage are important and need to be done.

Comments made at this time by Michael Joplin, Mr. Archambault and Mrs. Gates were inaudible.

First Selectman Meehan noted in response to Mr. Archambault's comments that the Town Engineer has reviewed the plans, both on behalf of the Inland Wetlands Agency and an abutting property owner. Replacing that culvert is a catch up job. It is collapsing and there are sink holes on either side. To fix it now requires the road to be raised, its the only way to fix the drainage and provides safe on street parking. He noted he takes seriously comments from neighbors and there were options which he briefly reviewed. These options could be looked at again but there could be ramifications. The utility pole may have to be either lowered or replaced. He felt this project

was too important to lose over this section of sidewalk and the Town would be crazy to turn down \$980,000 worth of money.

Bob Gorman asked how long the STEAP Grant can be banked. Meehan noted he would get it under contract as fast as possible. Letters of commitment have been received from OPM, \$200,000 is under contract, the Town Meeting on December 9th would authorize the contracting of the other \$780,000. The money is not spent until there is a contract with a contractor that meets the budget. State Government is moving money around so fast right now it is unknown whether there will be any more STEAP Grants or Main Street Investment Grants. If this project has to be done under the Town budget, it would take 5 years.

Christopher Moore, Old Depot Road, noted he walked the area and marked the exact situation. He outlined the Village District and looked at granite curbing, storm drains and the width of sidewalks. He distributed a drawing depicting those things (see attached). He reviewed where the existing granite curbing is located. He also noted he is not happy to hear there would be no more granite curbing because of the budget. He also measured the width of the sidewalks which varies from 42" to 36". He also reviewed storm drains and trip hazards. Mr. Moore noted the Town does not need to spend \$1.3 million. It already has granite and everything needed to the standards of Chester and it works. He noted he would not vote for Phase 1 but to keep the grant money for additional phases.

First Selectman Meehan noted between Chesterfield's and the corner the sidewalk is not being replaced and there are no trip hazards. He also noted in front of Chesterfield's the sidewalk is combination of brick and block, not granite. He also reviewed the catch basins which are 50 years old without a sump. The whole purpose of doing this project is to reshape the road so it drains. Mr. Moore pointed out the maintenance on 33 catch basins versus the existing 12. Meehan noted the 12 existing basins don't flow, the connecting pipes are in disarray and they don't meet any environment standards.

First Selectman Meehan noted he believes this is a safety improvement and hopefully there will be something in NQP in the next 10 or 15 years, whether its a Library, Playscape or multi-purpose field and people can walk there. There should be a walkable town center.

There was more discussion regarding area between School Lane and Route 154 but tape was basically inaudible. Joe Cohen noted the people most effected were the neighbors and most of them don't want it. Government exists to help people and not make people's lives worse. The people who live there don't want it. Maybe just that one

section should be reconsidered, save the trees, don't put the sidewalk in and put the money towards the downtown business section between Simon's and the Cemetery.

- Review request from Board of Selectmen to release Capital Funds and vote to send to Town Meeting the following items:

- (a) Release of Main Street Project Funds of \$374,424

Joyce Aley noted she moved here 48 years ago and this is a cute little town. That's what people come here to see. Its a quaint New England town. There's been a lot done in 48 years, some of it good, some of it bad.

A board member asked if there could be a meeting between the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and the downtown group. There's too much controversy and its not good for the town or the people. Everyone has to work together.

First Selectman Meehan noted the roles and responsibilities have to be respected both as Board members, residents and neighbors of the project area.

First Selectman Meehan noted the critical dissension point is the sidewalk between School Lane and North Quarter Park. The Main Street Committee talked about that and offered a couple different designs. Phasing again was discussed. Board member asked if there was a way the current plan could be phased so it incorporates a portion of the Village. She asked if this went to referendum would it pass? Would it be appropriate for the Town to take a vote on whether it wants to do this? Chairman Carmany noted the only vote the Town has is the release of funds from Capital. Meehan noted there is money to do this project by putting it out to bid with bid alternates. Board member noted there is a concern that if STEAP Grants are not available in the future, the Town is using all STEAP Grant money on Phase 1 and there is desire to do the Village first. There is the question of are we using all the funds for a portion of the project that is not of highest priority. Meehan noted its some people's desire to do the Village Center as Phase 1 but it was rationalized when the Master Plan was put together that the Village Center should be done after the Bridge Replacement. By doing a simpler phase now and demonstrating the Town can do a project, there is a better chance of getting a second STEAP Grant if it is available.

Board member noted it was his concern it would be harder to get STEAP Grants two years from now for what most people think is the main part of the project after the bridge is done. Is it possible to conserve the STEAP Grant for the future? Meehan noted the next phase would be

funded by doing what the Town has done for several years by putting a little into the Capital program each year. We also continue to look for grants. By 2017/2018 the Town would be in a position to retain an engineer to design the next phase and go through this same process which takes a year. By that time there should be at least 3 or 4 fiscal years to accumulate town funds. The Center is a good 3 years off.

Bob Gorman noted he personally thinks the new Library is more important than anything else and felt there should be a regrouping to see what the priorities are in town. The point was raised why do this if there is no Library in NQP. The Town of Essex is putting together a plan to get buy in from the townspeople for all the projects and Chester is not doing that. The NQP Playscape is 25 years old. The Library is decrepit and not a good building. First Selectman Meehan noted what should be done first is what the Town has been funding for the last few years in its Capital Improvement Plan. Chairman Carmany noted the Main Street Project has been funded, not Phase 1.

Chairman Carmany noted she walked the sidewalk several times and came across several trip hazards. From what she has heard, there is a lot of concern for spending this amount of money on Phase 1. There is interest in fixing Laurel Hill Cemetery to put in additional parking and lighting and there is a true drainage problem with the culvert. Those two things could be done with what is in Capital today and it would still leave money left over. There would not be ADA compliant issues because State money would not be used. The State Grant money has been on the books since 2007. It may be possible to keep that money going forward. There is a good possibility to do the road paving straight out of Capital and move that road forward. She noted she did not see any drainage issues. Carmany reiterated some people don't feel it's necessary to spend all of the State money plus Capital on this project, and some people do. First Selectman Meehan noted there are drainage issues throughout the corridor. The road is past the point of just milling and put pavement down. The sub-base needs to be reboxed and the catch basin pipe system is either broken or clogged. They don't drain properly. He reviewed drainage going into property owner's driveways. Meehan noted the road cannot just be paved without fixing the curbs and drainage. The drainage has been bad for the last 15 years.

First Selectman Meehan noted he would the Board of Finance to decide whether it would recommend appropriation of the money to Town Meeting or not take a vote tonight and close the meeting.

A board member asked those members of the Main Street Committee if

any of them had a vested interest in this project. He noted he couldn't see any other reason except for the betterment of the Town that one would be on this Committee.

Steven Tiezzi gave a brief background of his experience and why he is on this Committee.

Carol Carpenter spoke. The majority was inaudible other than she looks to the expertise on those individuals who serve on these boards and committees. She also noted alternatives should be considered.

First Selectman Meehan noted this will go to Town Meeting whether or not the Board of Finance approves a recommendation to take it to Town Meeting. Chairman Carmany noted she has never heard that before. Meehan noted it is in the Board of Finance Handbook.

A board member noted she had a concern that all funds are being used up on Phase 1 and she would like to know if there is a way to pair this project down to get acceptance from the neighbors. She felt some portion of the Village Center should be incorporated into this Phase 1.

Chairman Carmany noted she needs to look again at the State Statute to see what the Board of Finance's responsibility is because she understood it had to be approved by the BOF before it is taken to Town Meeting.

First Selectman Meehan referenced and read the procedure based upon State Statute. Joyce Aley asked why the BOF is still sitting here if it can go to Town Meeting without approval from the BOF. Meehan noted the BOF puts together a 5 year program and the only way to release that money is by Town Meeting. Aley asked again why the BOF is sitting wasting time if it can go to Town Meeting without BOF approval. Carmany noted she was not comfortable with that because in the State Statute for the 8-24 referral it states that if the referral is given or not given it can still go to Town Meeting and that is for Planning & Zoning. She further noted it was her understanding that it can go to Town Meeting if the BOF agrees to that and it cannot go to Town Meeting without the BOF's agreement. Chairman Carmany noted she would get a legal opinion on this matter. Meehan noted he would ask the Town Attorney. Carmany noted the Town Attorney is not the Town Attorney but the First Selectman's Attorney.

A board member noted this Committee has done a good job and he appreciates the feelings of the local neighbors but what was heard tonight was a very partisan group of people. It was not the whole

town speaking. He felt it would be a more democratic process to take it to Town Meeting and do this all over again.

Chairman Carmany noted the BOF can vote to approve it, table it or make a recommendation. A board member noted the Board should comment on the financial issues and whether its wise to spend \$1.3 million on Phase 1. The question of contention is the design of the project.

A board member noted what the BOF doesn't know is whether or not there will be future State funding for remaining phases of this project. Projects will be getting more expensive.

First Selectman Meehan noted the Town is taking a long range view and the longer the Town waits the cost of construction and bonding go up. He did not feel it would be wise to shift money out of this phase and move it over to the Town Center. The wiser thing to do would be to make a commitment and continue to fund the Main Street Capital Item so in 3 or 4 years, its back to where it is now.

David Cohen asked if there was a way for the Committee to proceed with this and have those most effected by this have a say in some tree or sidewalk design, etc.

First Selectman Meehan noted the question is the Town has "x" amount of money and what should be done with it.

Chairman Carmany noted she has attended most Committee meetings and the neighbors have been consistently opposed to the north side sidewalk. The Committee provided conceptual plans for the area at School Lane. The neighbors presented two clear choices that would work for the neighborhood and that input was disregarded. The neighborhood felt very strongly unheard.

A board member noted he feels for the neighborhood folks but they will again have a chance to express their opinions at the Town Meeting when that takes place. He was concerned with the fiscal situation and felt cutting back a portion of Phase 1 to be in better shape for Phase 2.

Another board member noted he didn't want to see people that live in the area and so adamantly opposed be ignored. If people have brought up options, he would like to know what those options are. He noted Chairman Carmany made the statement that people brought back options and those options were ignored and that was his concern.

Joyce Aley noted it is annoying to sit here and listen to all of

this, some good, some bad. First Selectman Meehan has said even if everyone goes home right now it still will go to a Town Meeting and that's annoying. She would like to know the law on this before she votes.

A recommendation was made and seconded to bring this to Town vote.

A recess was taken at this time.

The tape at this time was inaudible due to the fact several persons were talking at the same time.

Chairman Carmany noted if the Board of Finance votes this down it does not go to Town Meeting. She noted she has been on the BOF for 12 years or more and she has never heard that if it is voted down, it still goes to Town Meeting. There was discussion regarding postponing a vote to the next meeting.

The tape at this time was inaudible due to the fact several persons were talking at the same time.

Another five minute recess was taken. David Cohen commented that a BOF member should have been included in the recess otherwise it looks inappropriate.

First Selectman Meehan noted the Chairman of the Main Street Project Committee and another Committee member are asking to table this meeting so the Committee can meet and reconsider public comments and decide whether the project should be pulled back. Meehan noted the Committee reports to the Board of Selectmen. He also noted everything will be put on hold including the Informational Meeting next week and the Town Meeting on the 9th. Chairman Carmany noted Jennifer Rannestad suggested scaling the project back, doing the pieces required now that aren't contentious and to use the least amount of money possible to get the most done but maintain as much STEAP Grant money for a later phase. First Selectman Meehan noted there is no guarantee the STEAP Grant can be maintained.

Motion by Park, second by Rannestad, to table a vote on this until the Main Street Project Committee and Board of Selectmen come back with updated information. Voting in favor of tabling - Carmany, Rannestad, Park, Aley. Voting opposed to tabling - Gorman, Cohen. Motion Carried.

(b) Police Mobile Phones at \$10,000

Chairman Carmany noted the Police have requested \$10,000 from the

capital line item 20-00-45-0000-072 to be released for expenditure on police mobile radios. This was an item in the Capital Budget last year. **Motion made and seconded to take this item to Town Meeting. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.**

(c) Release of remaining School Roofing Project \$6,934 plus possibly additional Town Funds for surveillance project Chairman Carmany noted the Board of Selectmen is asking for the support of the Board of Finance for reallocation of \$6,934.25 from Capital line item 20-00-90-0000-452 for Board of Education Roofing for fire code safety compliance purposes. **Motion made and seconded for the reallocation of these funds.** Let the record show that David Cohen left the meeting and Rick Nygard was seated in his place. Chairman Carmany noted the Board of Ed is also asking for \$6,055 from the Town's General Fund for security measurements. An individual in the audience explained the security camera measures. **Chairman Carmany restated the above motion to transfer funds. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried. Another motion made and seconded to augment their request with \$6,055 to be taken from General Fund.** Discussion followed. First Selectman Meehan noted it could be taken from the General Fund or Contingency Account or the Board could ask the Board of Ed to fund it out of their resources until the balance of the fiscal year becomes more clear at which time this money could be reallocated back to them if necessary. **The above motion was withdrawn** and the Board of Ed will pay for it themselves at which time the budget will be reviewed at the end of the fiscal year to see if these funds need to be reallocated.

- Review Personal Property Proposal from G&K
This item was tabled until next month.

- Annual Report Dedication
This item was tabled until next month.

- 2015/16 Board of Finance Regular Meeting Schedule
Motion made and seconded that the Board of Finance will meet on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Unanimously approved. Motion Carried.

- Other - none.

Reports

- Monthly Financials - Chairman Carmany noted these look good.
- Consideration and Approval of Bills - no bills.

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Tax Collector's Reports for September and October were good.

- First Selectman's Report - nothing further.

Old Business

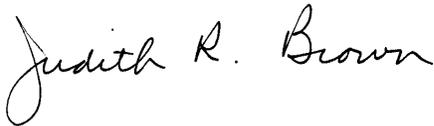
- Other - none.

Audience of Citizens - none.

Adjournment

**Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Unanimously approved.
Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary

NOTE: It should be noted for the record several sections of these meeting tapes were inaudible and not transcribable due to the fact several persons in the room were speaking at the same time.

Attachments -

Letters Errol Horner, Sara Holmes, Henry Krempel, Leif Nilsson, Caryl Davis Photography (5 pages).

Back Up Materials (not sure who submitted 4 pages)

A Bit More History - Main Street Project (submitted by V. Carmany 3 pages)

Diagram - 2 pages (submitted by C. Moore 2 pages)