

**Town of Essex
29 West Avenue
Essex, CT – Meeting Room A**

**Board of Finance
April 14, 2016**

MINUTES

In attendance: Campbell Hudson, Vice Chairman, Mary-Louise Polo, Vincent Pacileo III, Don Mesite and Jeffrey Woods, Absent: Keith Crehan

Others in attendance: Norman Needleman, First Selectman
James Frances, Treasurer
Kelly Sterner, Finance Director
Yvonne Roziak, Recording Secretary

Meeting was called to order at 8:50 p.m. by Campbell Hudson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Jeffrey Woods to approve the agenda, seconded by Vin Pacileo. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Campbell had a correction to Page 3 - Under "Additional Services" following the list – 2nd Paragraph should read: "The Essex (~~delete Elementary~~) Board of Education is requesting approval of a....."

Motion made by to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 31, 2016 (as amended) by Don Mesite, seconded by Mary-Louise Polo. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Campbell asked the Board of Finance how they felt regarding tonight's agenda and what did they want to accomplish at this meeting. Specifically, does the Board want to act and / or vote on the budget tonight? Campbell felt it would be prudent to hold off for another meeting to be held on April 21, 2016 when Keith is here and we have more information. Vin also agreed we should wait another week for Keith Crehan to be present and perhaps we'll know more than about recent developments regarding the State of CT budget. He also suggested we might want to check with Phil Miller or Art Linares for any further communication they may have.

Norman discussed the recent ECS (Education Cost Sharing) cut in funding proposed by the governor for the next fiscal year. Norman spoke with a First Selectman from a neighboring town and they may consider adding to the mil rate 1/10th this year and 1/10th next year to make up their shortfall of the ECS. Norman agreed that the Board of Finance should wait to vote on the budget amount to send to the Town Meeting although, there may not be any more news than what we have today. Kelly will show the various scenarios (should the whole state revenue loss become fact or just partial) on a

handout and get it out to the Board of Finance prior to the next meeting on April 21st.

FINANCIAL REPORT: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Campbell Hudson to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m., seconded by Jeffrey Woods. Passed unanimously. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne M. Roziak