

RTM F&B meeting March 8, 2010
Room B-3, Town Hall
DRAFT MINUTES

7:35 Call to Order

15 of 16 committee members attending (Rycenga absent. Bealle late arrival)

Motion to remove tower lease amendment from agenda.

- Moved – Orr
- Seconded – Thorne
- Unanimous approval (14-0)

Motion to approve prior three F&B meeting minutes at next regular F&B meeting on April 15, 2010

- Moved – Thorne
- Seconded – Orr
- Unanimous approval (14-0)

Motion to approve \$410,000 early release of appropriation for Holmes School boiler (10-6)

- Moved – Davis
- Seconded – Thorne
- Approved 14 yes / 1 no (Price)

Motion to approve RTM resolution (10-5) on tax abatement

- Moved – Thorne
- Seconded - Hawkins

Discussion:

New item in ordinance includes BOF approval for abatement awards.

Committee action is to report to RTM to approve, disapprove or postpone the vote on the ordinance

Discussion on the purpose of the ordinance

Commentary on the ordinance's appeal in helping the Town show/prove to Hartford that it is serious about incentives and support for affordable housing.

- Unanimous approval (15-0)

Update on Budget process; an active discussion took place on current state of Town recommended budgets:

- BOS budget expected to be about 1.26% increase
- Little debate or controversy reported in the BOS budget process. - (B. Smith)
- Discussion on library budget
- Discussion on remaining town budget approval timeline

- Discussion on pension costs & contributions and whether contributions might be reduced this year in light of budgetary concerns.
- Discussion on education budget and unanswered questions
- Orr reviewed the upcoming budget related meetings and encouraged members to attend as many as practical.
- Jack Davis is planning to have a session on next year's BOE budget process with the BOE budget sub-committee
- It was requested by several committee members that F&B have a "working session" with BOF sometime in the next few weeks regarding the Budgets; Orr to follow up and report back on plans for this meeting

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Schwarz
Temporary Clerk