

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE RTM FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019**

**PLACE:
DARIEN TOWN HALL
AUDITORIUM, 7:30 P.M.**

1. Call to Order: Jack Davis, Chair, at 7:50 p.m. (NOTE: many Committee members had attended a portion of the Board of Finance meeting to hear the RTM Public Works Committee Town Hall generator presentation. This was followed by a joint meeting with the RTM Public Health & Safety Committee to discuss the Police grant and the Board of Selectmen's motion recommending that the RTM consider an amendment to the False Alarm Ordinance implementing a new fee schedule for repeat violations as further noted below.)

Committee Members Attendance:

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
Present	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Absent								X

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
Present		X	X	X	X	X	X
Absent	X						

13 Present and 2 Absent. Needed for Quorum: 8. Quorum attained. (NOTE: subsequent to the conclusion of the Special Meeting and prior to the start of the Regular Meeting, MB left to attend another meeting. Approximately at the same time BP joined the Regular Meeting. Attendance and voting so noted.)

2. Other Attendees (Audience) Present Included: RTM Public Health & Safety Committee Chair, James M. (Mac) Patrick and members of the PH&S Committee, Police Chief Anderson, Sargent Moore and one other Police representative and Finance Director, Jenn Charneski.

3. Chairperson's Report: Jack Davis briefly reviewed the agenda and provided some background relating to the matters scheduled for discussion.

ABSTAIN								
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	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES			X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Result: Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0-0)

6. Discuss Motion in favor of Resolution 19-25 on acceptance and appropriation of a \$451,000 State Grant for a records management system for the Darien Police Department.

After ensuing discussion, the Motion was so moved and voted as follows:

Moved Ms. Tie
2nd Mr. Heitz

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
YES		X	X	X	X	X	X	
NO								
ABSTAIN								

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES		X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Result: Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0-0)

7. Discuss Motion in favor of Resolutions 19-23 (Consideration and action on amendment to Chapter 5, Section 5.8 of Darien’s Code of Ordinances regarding fines and charges) and Resolution 19-24 (Consideration and action on amending Appendix D of Darien’s Code of Ordinances, Table of Ordinance Fines).

After ensuing discussion, the Motion in favor of Resolutions 19-23 was so moved and voted as follows:

Moved Mr. Howe
2nd Mr. Smith

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
YES			X		X	X	X	
NO		X		X				
ABSTAIN								

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES			X	X	X		X
NO		X					
ABSTAIN						X	

Result: Motion Passed (8-3-1)

After ensuing discussion, the Motion in favor of Resolutions 19-24 was so moved and voted as follows:

Moved Mr. Howe
2nd Mr. Smith

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
YES			X		X	X	X	
NO		X		X				
ABSTAIN								

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES			X	X	X		X
NO		X					
ABSTAIN						X	

Result: Motion Passed (8-3-1)

8. Discuss Motion in favor of amending Resolution 19-8 appropriating thirty million (\$30,000,000) to refund certain of the Town's outstanding bonds and authorizing the issuance

of refunding bonds or amounts available in unassigned fun balance to finance such appropriation

After ensuing discussion, the Motion was so moved and voted as follows:

Moved Ms. Sload
2nd Mr. Heitz

	Martha Banks	Taylor Carter	Jack Davis	Mike Heitz	James Howe	Dave Martin	Iris Mix	Barry Baldwin
YES		X	X	X	X	X	X	
NO								
ABSTAIN								

	Peter Orphanos	Brad Pattelli	Tammy Sload	Bill Smith	Stacey Tie	Bert Von Stuelpnagel	Lisa Yarnell
YES		X	X	X	X	X	X
NO							
ABSTAIN							

Result: Motion Passed Unanimously (12-0-0)

9. Fiscal Year 2019 Outstanding Matters. Jack Davis introduced the subject of certain outstanding matters relating to the Committee's FY 2019 budget review. Included among the matters discussed were ideas for follow-up discussions with the Chair of the BOF as to the BOF's oversight with respect to: i) fund balances, ii) the overall budget surplus, iii) the Town's investment policies and iv) metrics measuring the taxpayers' impact associated with the Treasurer's decision to forego STIF investment.

The overall sense of the Committee was that, in the spirit of aggressively exploring whatever room exists to help mitigate the burden on taxpayers, budgets should be tightened and made as transparent as possible and reflect reality. To this end, such discussions should occur.

10. Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on Monday, September 16, 2019.

Moved Ms. Tie
2nd Mr. Howe

Minutes Approved

Moved Ms. Tie
2nd Mr. Howe

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Heitz, Clerk
Date: 10.15.2019