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Board of Finance  
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**Minutes – Special Meeting**

**Monday, May 20, 2019**

**Time: 8:30 PM (or immediately following referendum results)**

**Town Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call:

**Chairman Aaron McGarry called the meeting to order at 9:19 pm.**

**Present:** Chair Aaron McGarry, Vice-Chair Larry Groh Jr., Susanne Witkowski, Rhonda Rooney, Jim Bellavance and Rob Mann

**Absent:** None

2. Citizen's Comments:

- Linda Jarmolowicz, 7 Denis Dr, feels the grant project needs to be separated from the budget; possibly have more time before needing answer on grant.
- Tom Angelo, 640 Fabyan Rd, feels there is a conflict of interest, violations and sidebar conversations going on between Board members and it makes him very upset and ashamed.

3. Set Mill Rate for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 if Applicable – Not applicable

4. Requesting up to \$536,835 for Safety Grant Project:

Discussion on separating the Safety Grant Project from the budgets; citizens thinking this project will increase the Mill Rate even more; a lot of confusion at Town Meeting on Ordinance changes; the school has 45 days from receipt of award letter to accept grant so it's possible they may have into July before needing an answer, if this fails they will need to decline the grant.

**Larry Groh Jr. moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to table this request. The motion carried unanimously 6-0**

5. Budget Workshop if Applicable:

**Jim Bellavance moved and Rhonda Rooney seconded the motion to send the Education Budget of \$18,808,572 & Town Budget of \$7,641,842 for a total Budget of \$26,450,414 back out to referendum.**

A discussion ensued regarding concerns if the budget doesn't pass again they are back to where they are now; confusion among citizens at the Town Meeting; different opinions on voting practices; feeling the Safety Grant on the ballot contributed to the budget failing.

**Rob Mann – No**

**Aaron McGarry – No**

**Susanne Witkowski – Yes**

**Jim Bellavance - Yes**

**Rhonda Rooney – Yes**

**Larry Groh Jr. - Yes**

**The motion carried 4-2**

6. Board of Finance Member's Comments: None
7. Adjourn  
**Larry Groh Jr. moved and Susanne Witkowski seconded the motion to adjourn.  
The motion carried unanimously 6-0  
Chairman Aaron McGarry adjourned the meeting at 9:41PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Diane Minarik*

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Recording Secretary  
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