

**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
March 18, 2008
8:30 pm – Town Hall Auditorium**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Davis Cody
Kathleen Corbet
Robert DiPanni
John Laird
Susan LaPerla

Roger Smith
Robert Spangler
C. Daniel Ward
Neil Budnick, Alternate
John Emert, Alternate
Paul Giusti, Alternate

Jeb Walker, Chairman

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Conrad, Chief Financial Officer; Pamela Flynn, Executive Assistant; Dr. David Abbey, Superintendent of Schools; Michael Lagas, Business Manager, New Canaan Public Schools; Kathy Smith, Chairman of the Board of Education, Sally Hines, Selectmen; Steve Benko, Recreation Director; Beth Jones and Ken Campbell, Town Council Members; Jack Hennessey and Ed Karl, Assistant Fire Chiefs, New Canaan Fire Department; Elizabeth Keyser ,f New Canaan News Review; Colleen Flaherty, New Canaan Advertiser.

Mr. Walker convened the Meeting at 8:26 P.M., immediately following the Public Hearing. He called the roll, noting the presence of all members.

Mr. Walker then asked for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2008 and the Budget Meetings of February 14, 2008 and March 4, 2008. After two minor corrections were made, all of the minutes were approved unanimously on motions duly made and seconded.

Next, the Board approved the 2008-2009 budget, voting on each section after it was read by the Chairman. See the attachment to these minutes for a record of these proceedings.

There was then a brief discussion regarding the mill rate for 2008-2009.

Next, Recreation Department Director Steve Benko presented a request for an appropriation from General Funds not to exceed \$12,000 for the emergency repair of the tennis courts at Waveny Park. He described the existence of cracks and other deterioration of the courts, pointing out these constituted a safety issue affecting the use of the courts, including the ability of the High School tennis teams to hold matches or practice on the courts. The request to enter into an emergency agreement with Hinding Tennis Courts, LLC. to repair the tennis courts for an amount not to exceed \$12,000 was approved unanimously on the motion of Robert Spangler and second of Dan Ward, including the direction that the appropriation be charged to the Contingency Fund.

Charles Berman, Chairman of the New Canaan Housing Authority, then presented a request for an appropriation of \$289,803.46 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund toward the rehabilitation and construction of the Mill Apartments. This Fund was created under Section 7.6 of the Zoning Regulations of the Town of New Canaan for purposes such as this. After further discussion and viewing of the drawings, on the motion of Mr. DiPanni and the second of Mr. Ward, the request was approved unanimously, Mr. Spangler abstaining. The Board agreed that each time the Housing Authority sought to withdraw funds from the Fund that it would be necessary to follow the appropriation request process.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert DiPanni, Secretary

