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NOTICE

The Board of Finance will hold a special public hearing on Thursday, March 6, 1997 in the Town Hall Conference Room 309 beginning at 8:00 P.M. The following items will be considered:

AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 1996-97 BUDGET

1. A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$3,750,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund (MIF) to fund the purchase of the 30 acres of property known as Poses' Property located at Coleytown Rd. and North Ave.
2. A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund (MIF) to fund the purchase of approximately 22.6 acres of property known as the Baron's Property South located at Compo Road South.


Donald J. Miklus, Acting Clerk



WESTPORT CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF FINANCE

March 10, 1997

NOTICE

This is an Addendum to the Agenda for the Meeting scheduled for March 12, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

The following requests were heard, discussed and ultimately tabled by the Board at its Special Public Meeting of March 6, 1997. They are tentatively listed on the agenda for discussion and possible action but will not be heard if the Board does not receive supporting documentation in a timely manner or the supporting documentation is deemed inadequate by the Board.

17. A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$3,750,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund ("MIF") to fund the purchase of approximately 30 acres of land known as the "Poses' Property" located at Coleytown Road and North Avenue.

18. A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund ("MIF") to fund the purchase of approximately 22.6 acres of land known as the "Baron's Property South" located at Compo Road South.

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

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The Board of Finance held a Special Public Hearing on Thursday, March 6, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. in Town Hall Room 307/309. Chairman Dimes called the meeting to order and reviewed the items in the order in which they would be considered. All members except John Laurino were in attendance. The Board then considered the following items:

1. First Selectman, Joseph P. Arcudi, presented the first item:

A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$3,750,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund ("MIF") to fund the purchase of approximately 30 acres of land known as the "Poses' Property" located at Coleytown Road and North Avenue.

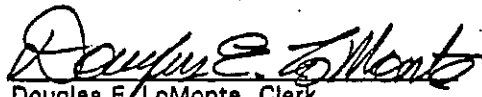
After discussion and public comment, by a vote of 6-0, the Board tabled the request.

2. First Selectman, Joseph P. Arcudi, presented the second item:

A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund ("MIF") to fund the purchase of approximately 22.6 acres of land known as the "Baron's Property South" located at Compo Road South.

After discussion and public comment, by a vote of 6-0, the Board tabled the request.

WHEREUPON, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.


Douglas E. LoMonte, Clerk

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Notes, to fund the purchase of three (3) Type I Amtran buses and five (5) Type II Chevrolet vans.

MOTION: Penny Bray moved to table action on the purchase of the five (5) Type II Chevrolet vans. Chairman Dimes seconded the motion. By a vote of 2-4 (Bray and Dimes in favor) the motion FAILED.

By a vote of 6-0, the Board then approved the appropriation request.

17. MOTION: Penny Bray moved that the following appropriation request, tabled at the March 6, 1997 Special Meeting, be considered:

A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$3,750,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund ("MIF") to fund the purchase of approximately 30 acres of land known as the "Poses' Property" located at Coleytown Road and North Avenue.

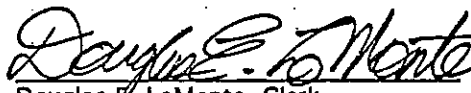
Chairman Dimes seconded the motion. By a vote of 6-0, the motion was APPROVED.

First Selectman, Joseph P. Arcudi, then presented the appropriation request. After discussion, the Board APPROVED the appropriation request by a vote of 4-2 (Dimes and Laurino opposed).

18. The following appropriation request was not presented:

A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund ("MIF") to fund the purchase of approximately 22.6 acres of land known as the "Baron's Property South" located at Compo Road South.

WHEREUPON, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 p.m.


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NOTICE


The Board of Finance will hold its October Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 5, 1997, at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. The following items and any others properly before the Board will be considered:

AGENDA

APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 1997-98 BUDGET:

1. A request by the Planning & Zoning Department for an appropriation of \$6,525 to Account # 0185-50020 (Extra Help and Overtime) to adequately staff the Planning & Zoning office during the absence of the Administrative Secretary.

2. A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 with bond and note authorization to the Municipal Improvement Fund (MIF) to fund the purchase of approximately 22.6 acres of property known as the Baron's Property Sount located at Compo Road South. *Note: The Board tabled this request at its March 6, 1997 meeting.*


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BOARD OF FINANCE

May 5, 1998

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NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Finance will hold an Executive Session on Wednesday, May 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 309 of Town Hall to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters. No action will be taken.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Board of Finance will hold its May Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 13, 1998, at 8:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. The following items and any others properly before the Board will be considered:

AGENDA

DETERMINATION OF TAX RATE

The Board will set the tax rate for fiscal year 1998-99.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

The Board will consider recommendations and appoint auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998.

TRANSFERS IN THE 1997-98 BUDGET:

1. A request by the Department of Human Services for a transfer of \$350 from Account # 0520-50100 (Education & Expenses) to Account # 0530-50100 (Commission for Elderly - Education & Expenses) to enable two staff members to attend a National Conference on Aging conference. Note: This is a request for a transfer of less than \$750 that has been approved by the First Selectman.
2. A request by the Department of Human Services for a transfer of \$510 from Account # 0520-50200 (Youth Commission - Operating Supplies) to Account # 0510-50060 (Supplies & Printing) to cover unanticipated printing expenses related to the Toquet Hall fundraising campaign. Note: This is a request for a transfer of less than \$750 that has been approved by the First Selectman.

3. A request by the Conservation Department for a transfer of \$450 from Account # 0182-50029 (DEP Fees) to Account # 0182-50050 (Postage) to cover a shortfall. Note: This is a request for a transfer of less than \$750 that has been approved by the First Selectman.
4. A request by the Police Department for a transfer of \$1,600 from Account #0218-50455 (Medical) to Account # 0218-50060 (Supplies & Printing) to purchase three new desk chairs for the EMS Crew Chief's office.
5. A request by the Police Department for a transfer of \$6,000 from Account # 0218-50030 (Fees & Services) to Account # 0218-59076 (Radios) to assist the EMS with the purchase of radios for the new Chevy Tahoe paramedic response vehicle.
6. A request by the Parks and Recreation Department for a transfer totaling \$2,000 to Account # 0836-50455 (Medical) from the following Accounts: 0836-50102 (Uniforms Allowance), \$1,000; and 0836-50201 (Operating Materials, \$1,000, to cover the cost of increased staff, increased price of uniforms, increased use of pool chemicals and replacement and repairs of portable radios for the Compo Lifeguard operation.
7. A request by the Tax Collector for a transfer of \$2,695 from Account # 0156-50030 (Fees & Services) to Account # 0156-59562 (Copier Machine) to replace a copy machine.
8. A request by the Town Attorney for a transfer totaling \$120,000 to Account # 0170-50031 (Town Attorney Litigation) from the following Accounts: 0920-50761 (Medical Insurance), \$75,000; and 0920-50720 (Workers' Compensation Insurance), \$45,000, to pay for necessary litigation for the balance of this fiscal year.

APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 1997-98 BUDGET:

9. A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 with bond and note authorization to acquire approximately 22.6 acres of property known as the "Baron's Property South". Note: This request was tabled by the Board at an earlier meeting.
10. A request by the Town Attorney for an appropriation of \$8,000 for Phase I and Phase II environmental studies of the Baron's Property South.
11. A request by the Department of Public Works for an appropriation of \$7,000 to Account # 0350-50031 (Building Maintenance - Contract Services) to relocate the statue "Charities".
12. A request by the Department of Public Works for an appropriation of \$17,500 to Account # 0322-50031 (Road Maintenance - Contract Services) to repair/restore the existing Jesup Green parking lot.
13. A request by the Department of Public Works for an appropriation of \$40,000 from the Sewer Fund to Account # 3030-50030 (Sludge Disposal) for the hauling and disposal of sewage sludge to the Naugatuck Sewage Treatment Plant.
14. A request by the Police Department for an appropriation of \$41,505 to Account # 0210-50020 (Overtime) to cover a shortfall caused by line-of-duty injuries.
15. A request by the Norwalk Transit District for an appropriation of \$43,966 to Account # 0971-50801 (Transportation Services - Subsidy) for the District's fourth quarterly payment for the 1997-98 fiscal year.

9. Town Attorney, Ira W. Bloom, presented the next item:

A request by the Town Attorney for a transfer totaling \$120,000 to Account # 0170-5003 (Town Attorney Litigation) from the following Accounts: 0920-50761 (Medical Insurance), \$75,000; and 0920-50720 (Workers' Compensation Insurance), \$45,000, to pay for necessary litigation for the balance of this fiscal year.

Shelly Kassen asked Controller Miklus whether the accounts from which the funds were being transferred were adequately funded. Controller Miklus said yes. Chairman Ezzes asked the Town Attorney whether some of the shortfall was due to substandard work of the prior Town Attorney. Mr. Bloom responded that the shortfall was caused by a number of factors. Chairman Ezzes then asked whether some extra work had had to be done when Mr. Bloom took office. Mr. Bloom said yes.

The Board then voted on the transfer request. By a vote of 5-1 (Mayer opposed), the request was APPROVED.

10. Louis Schulman, Norwalk Transit District Director, presented the next item. By a vote of 6-0 it was:

RESOLVED: That a request by the Norwalk Transit District for an appropriation of \$43,966 to Account # 0971-50801 (Transportation Services - Subsidy) for the District's fourth quarterly payment for the 1997-98 fiscal year, be APPROVED.

11. First Selectman, Diane Goss Farrell, presented the next item:

A request by the First Selectman for an appropriation of \$7,000,000 with bond and note authorization to acquire approximately 22.6 acres of property known as the "Baron's Property South".

Chairman Ezzes asked to whom the corner house on the property is being sold. The First Selectman stated that despite the Town's inquiries, the property owner had decided not to offer that parcel to the Town.

Board members directed several questions to Planning and Zoning Chair, Eleanor Lowenstein, who was in attendance. Penny Bray asked whether the P&Z's § 8-24 approval had been granted for purchase-only. Ms. Lowenstein said yes. John Laurino asked what guaranties did the Board have that the property would not become a \$7,000,000 dog park. Ms. Lowenstein stated that she could not offer any guaranty as to how the P&Z would act. Ms. Lowenstein noted, however, that none of the plans that had been so far proposed call for leaving the property entirely as open space. Ms. Lowenstein stated that there is a need for land for municipal uses in Town. Jeffrey Mayer, referring to the 1997 Westport Plan for Development, asked whether the P&Z was bound by the stated goal of maximizing open space with respect to the Baron's property. Ms. Lowenstein responded no, that the Plan for Development makes suggestions only. Roy Fuchs asked whether its possible that the P&Z could restrict the property's uses to open space. Ms. Lowenstein did not answer. John Laurino asked whether the Board could assume that Winslow Park is off the table forever for

municipal uses. Ms. Lowenstein stated that nothing is off the table. Roy Fuchs asked whether the P&Z will tell the Board categorically that the property will not be used as open space. Ms. Lowenstein stated that she could not make that representation.

First Selectman, Diane Goss Farrell, then responded to written questions from Jeffrey Mayer. The First Selectman stated that: the property is not intended solely for open space. The property is being purchased for municipal uses; sale of one or more parcels is a possibility; one or more buildings could be leveled in order to reduce maintenance costs; and she is prepared to propose a charter revision to bind subsequent First Selectmen to consult with Town bodies on sales and leases of the property.

Chairman Ezzes asked how quickly a utilization plan would be completed and whether the Board should postpone action until the utilization plan is completed. The First Selectman stated that a plan is imminent but that without owning the property, the Town cannot develop a plan that rises above the level of speculation. Shelly Kassen asked whether the purchase contract contained an environmental contingency. Town Attorney Bloom said yes. John Laurino stated his concern that the property will be left as open space. Jeffrey Mayer stated that he believed that the value of the property to the Town outweighs that risk and that by voting for the proposal, the Board does not give up all rights to decide upon the future uses of the property. Chairman Ezzes stated that the taxpayers would be absorbing tax increases over the next few years and that the Board must look closely at this proposed expenditure because, in this case, the proposal is to invest before investigating. Penny Bray stated that she believed that the Town is spending too much money at this time to justify supporting the proposal.

MOTION: Jeffrey Mayer moved that the request be removed from the table. Chairman Ezzes seconded the Motion. By a vote of 5-1 (Bray opposed) the Motion was APPROVED.

MOTION: John Laurino moved that the Board approve the First Selectman's appropriation and bond and note authorization request with the funding to be accomplished through the issuance of \$7,000,000 of twenty year bonds, \$2,500,000 of which bonds shall be callable beginning in year three of the bond issue. Roy Fuchs seconded the motion. By a vote of 5-1 (Bray opposed) the motion was APPROVED.

12. Town Attorney, Ira W. Bloom, presented the next item. By a vote of 6-0 it was:

RESOLVED: That a request by the Town Attorney for an appropriation of \$8,000 for Phase I and Phase II environmental studies of the Baron's Property South, be APPROVED.

13. Steven J. Edwards, Director of Public Works, presented the next item. By a vote of 6-0 it was:

RESOLVED: That a request by the Department of Public Works for an appropriation of \$40,000 from the Sewer Fund to Account # 3030-50030 (Sludge Disposal) for the hauling and disposal of sewage sludge to the Naugatuck Sewage Treatment Plant, be APPROVED.

14. Steven J. Edwards, Director of Public Works, presented the next item. By a vote of 6-0 it was:

RESOLVED: That a request by the Department of Public Works for an appropriation of \$33,470 to Account # 0310-50031 (Engineering - Contract Services) to retain a consultant to perform a study regarding groundwater remediation in the Newtown Turnpike, Twin Oaks Lane, Rose Lane and Heron Lake Lane area, be APPROVED.

WHEREUPON, there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:10 a.m.

