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**Town of Redding  
Board of Finance Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, 5/3/2022  
8:15PM Town Hall Hearing Room**

Filed subject to approval.

**Present:**

Ward Mazzucco, Vice Chair  
Rob Dean  
Jamie Barickman  
Jenifer Wyss  
Karen Gifford

**Also Present:**

Steve Gniadek, Finance Director  
Pat Moio, Tax Collector  
First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton  
Selectman Michael Thompson  
Chris Parkin, Redding BOE Chair  
Mike D'Agostino, Region 9 BOE Chair  
Members of the Public

Vice Chair Mazzucco called the meeting to order at **8:20PM**.

**1. To Review Motions from the Monday, 4/25/2022 Board of Finance and OPEB Trust Board Meetings.**

Vice Chair Mazzucco addressed the notice for the meeting on 4/25/2022 and the issues concerning the Zoom link. The motions that were made at that meeting are being reaffirmed at this meeting.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Dean made a motion to approve the minutes of the BOF meeting held on Monday, 3/28/2022. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.**

**Motion:**

**Mr. Barickman made a motion to approve the minutes of the BOF meeting held on Monday, 4/4/2022 meeting with two changes:**

- 1) Change the language of the following motion concerning the BOS budget approval.**

Mr. Barickman made a motion to approve the proposed BOF budget for FY 2022-2023 of \$15,611,657. Vice Chair Mazzucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

This motion should have been amended to say:

Mr. Barickman made a motion to approve the proposed BOS budget for FY 2022-2023 of \$15,611,657. Vice Chair Mazzucco seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

**2) Change the language of the following motion concerning FEMA and Covid-19 Reimbursements for greater clarity.**

Mr. Barickman made a motion to amend the motion made at the 2/28/2022 BOF meeting concerning FEMA reimbursements for Tropical Storm Isaias and Covid-19.

The FEMA reimbursements for Tropical Storm Isaias and Covid-19 should be deposited in the Capital Non-Recurring Reserve.

The original motion is as follows.

Motion: Mr. Dean made a motion to deposit the FEMA reimbursements for Tropical Storm Isaias and Covid-19 in the General Fund. Mr. Barickman seconded the motion. There were four yes votes (Dean, Barickman, Gifford, and Yonkers) and two no votes (Mazzucco and Wyss). The motion carried.

Mr. Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

This motion should be changed to:

Mr. Barickman made a motion to amend the motion made at the 2/28/2022 BOF meeting concerning FEMA reimbursements for Tropical Storm Isaias and Covid-19. The FEMA reimbursements for Tropical Storm Isaias and Covid-19 should be deposited in the Capital Non-Recurring Reserve. Mr. Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

**Vice Chair Mazzucco seconded this motion for the edits. Mr. Dean stated that this is confusing because these edits are taking place over two meetings and the reader may be unfamiliar with the context. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.**

Vice Chair Mazzucco stated that the OBEB Trust Board Meeting Minutes from Monday, 4/25/2022 will be discussed at the next OPEB Trust Board Meeting.

**Motion:**

**Mr. Barickman made a motion to approve the minutes of the Monday, 4/25/2022 BOF Meeting. Ms. Wyss seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.**

**2. Public Comment**

Vice Chair Mazzucco opened the floor to Public Comment.

There was no Public Comment.

**3. Discussion of the 2022-2023 Draft Mill Rate Schedule**

First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton informed the BOF that the Tuesday, May 3, 2022, Referendum passed. Every item on the referendum passed.

Steve Gniadek addressed the BOF. He discussed the Mill Rate calculation.

Mr. Barickman asked Mr. Gniadek about tax revenues for FY 2021-2022. Mr. Gniadek stated that the increase in tax revenues is not reflected on the Mill Rate sheet.

Mr. Barickman asked Chris Parkin and Mike D'Agostino if Region 9 or the Redding BOE would be expecting an expense surplus for FY 2021-2022. Mr. D'Agostino stated that the Town should not anticipate any expense surpluses.

Mr. Barickman asked about the Meadow Ridge Settlement and its effect on the Grand List. Mr. Gniadek stated that this year's Grand List was reduced by \$300k to adjust for this settlement.

Mr. Barickman suggested that the Mill Rate increase should be no more than the expense increase approved at the Referendum. Ms. Wyss stated that in past years there were expense increases but no Mill Rate increase was levied. Discussion followed concerning the appropriate Mill Rate to address this year's budget.

#### **4. To Set the Mill Rate for the 2022-2023 Budget, if Approved at Referendum.**

##### **Motion:**

**Ms. Gifford made a motion to approve the mill rate of 33.34 for Real Estate and Personal Property for the 2022-2023 budget. Ms. Wyss Seconded the motion. Discussion followed concerning the utilization of the fund balance. There were four yes votes (Mazzucco, Dean, Wyss, Gifford) and one no vote (Barickman). The motion carried.**

##### **Motion:**

**Mr. Dean made a motion to approve a mill rate of 32.46 for Motor Vehicles for the 2022-2023 Budget. Ms. Gifford seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.**

#### **5. Other Business**

There was no other business discussed.

#### **6. Public Comment**

Vice Chair Mazzucco opened the floor to Public Comment.

First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton asked the BOF about Capital Items and their possible funding sources.

Vice Chair Mazzucco asked Mr. Parkin to clarify if the BOE or Region 9 will need any funding sources in the 2022-2023 budget. Mr. Parkin said the schools will not need any funding in FY 2022-2023.

Discussion followed concerning the use of ARP Funds for the Body-Worn Cameras for the Police Department. The \$113,000 Body-Worn Camera expenditure was approved on the Referendum. The funding source for this item is yet to be determined.

The other capital items addressed on the Referendum have specific funding mechanisms. Here is a listing of the items using existing Capital Accounts.

- Replacement Crane for WPCC \$25,000
- Replacement Roller \$25,000
- Chipper \$60,000
- Town Hall Roof Replacement \$88,000
- Highway Department Roof \$90,000

The Tennis Court Replacement at the Community Center, \$575,000, will use the Capital Non-Recurring Reserve Account.

**Motion:**

Mr. Barickman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dean seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at **9:07PM**.

Submitted by,  
Zachary Smith