

September 28, 2016

- I. Call to order: The special meeting of the Board of Finance was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by David Shippee, Chairman. Other members' present-Bruce Lindberg, Robert Lassar, Neil Cook, and Neil Delmonico (6:52 p.m.). Members' absent-Dale Clark.
Staff present- Joyce Gustavson, Judy Gooslin, and Lincoln Cooper (6:52 p.m.)

- II. Consider and Act on Request for Additional Appropriation of \$20,000 to Board of Selectmen's 2016-2017 Budget to Sterling Recreation Authority, Athletic Facilities & Programs: The Board of Selectmen are requesting an additional appropriation of \$20,000 to offset the start up costs for an After School Activities Program (ASA). Judy Gooslin, Chairman, Sterling Recreation Authority stated that she has been approached by many families expressing a need for an after school program due to the lack of available daycare. The Town currently has two (2) daycare providers, each with a long waiting list. If no one is home, a driver is not allowed to drop a child off. Having an after school program will alleviate this issue and this program will be set up similar to the summer recreation program. J. Gooslin also stated that this is not a daycare program; it is strictly a supervised playtime activity program. The ASA program will consist of one (1) program coordinator, two (2) counselors, and cap off at no more than thirty (30) children. Background checks would be done prior to hiring counselors. The Recreation budget for FY 2016-2017 cannot accommodate the wages needed to pay the coordinator and counselors. The ASA program will be self-sufficient, funded by each family who participates. The cost shall be \$40 per child and a family of three (3) or more children will be charged \$100 per week. The anticipated startup date is 10/31/2016. The request for an additional appropriation of \$20,000 is for startup costs and any unused monies would go back to the General Fund. J. Gooslin has contacted Betsy Chamberland of Frank Chamberland Agency regarding the liability and has not heard back. The biggest challenge is getting the children to the Sterling Town Hall/Municipal Building Gym. N. Cook made a motion, seconded by N. Delmonico to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the fund balance to the 2016-2017 Selectmen's Budget Recreation Authority – Athletic Facilities & Programs for startup costs for an After School Activities Program. All voted in favor of the motion.

- III. Schedule Tri-Board Meeting to Discuss Current School Bus Program vs. Outsourcing Bus Service: D. Shippee scheduled a Tri-Board meeting for Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sterling Community School, 251 Main Street, Sterling, CT.

- IV. Adjournment: N. Delmonico made a motion, seconded by B. Lindberg, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

Attest: _____
Joyce A. Gustavson, Board of Finance Clerk