

**BOARD of FINANCE
MEETING NOTICE
August 11, 2011
7:30 PM
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM**

Present: Chairman O'Brien, members Bob Atkinson, Michael Carter, Melissa Koller and Steve Ezzes also attending First Selectman Gayle Weinstein, Town Administrator Tom Landry, Finance Director Rick Darling and secretary for the meeting Donna Anastasia.
Not attending members Kopas and Sargent.

Chairman O'Brien call the meeting to order at 7:33 PM

1. Discussion/decision regarding notice from Moody's that CT AAA rated communities in New Haven and Fairfield counties will have their ratings reviewed.- Gayle Weinstein, First Selectman

First Selectman Weinstein went over the conference call held with Moody's VP Jordy Thompson, Managing Director Naomi Richmond and approximately thirteen other municipalities. The "negative outlook" as expressed by Moody's is a result of four factors which were considered:

- a) Macroeconomic outlook
- b) Market risk
- c) Federal spending redemption
- d) Federal reserves

Ms. Weinstein also had discussions with several other towns including New Canaan and Norwalk.

The overriding factor for Weston as expressed by Moody's is the town's financial reserves. Historically for Weston to maintain its AAA rating reserves were to fall between 8-10 % (currently reserves are at 12%) The current position Moody's has taken is that reserves should fall around 28% reflecting a nationwide average.

There was general discussion regarding the questions to ask prior to the next review.

2. Discussion/decision regarding allocation of the \$172,119.47 settlement received from J.P. Morgan related to previous bond issuance costs.- Tom Landry, Town Administrator

There was discussion as to how the funds should be allocated. Several suggestions were discussed; offset Debt Service especially in light of a tight budget; First Selectman Weinstein suggested that the 5K removed from legal counsel be put back. Mr. Darling said the funds can be held in a dedicated account until a decision is reached.

This item was not voted upon and will be discussed at a later meeting possibly during budget discussions.

3. Discussion/decision regarding performance of General Fund investments through June 30.- Rick Darling, Treasurer

Mr. Darling went over current investments; some accounts have been eliminated due to the return. We are in the process to build up to the 5M with the Janney account. See Janney printout. There was discussion regarding the current market climate's effect on OPEB.

4. Discussion/decision regarding GASB 54 requirements and Town Auditor recommendations in response to new requirements related to Fund Balance designations.- Rick Darling

Mr. Darling said efforts are being made to provide consistency in reporting. Non-spendable, restricted and committed (Unassigned, current, unreserved and undesignated) accounts. Auditors look at particular items without attachments however most accounts will be classified committed or assigned with the exception of certain restricted accounts i. e. Greylegde.

General discussion about the investment fund policy draft and voting on a new policy once finalized.

With no other items to come before the board Chmn O'Brien made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Koller seconded and meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Donna M. Anastasia, Town Clerk