## **BOARD OF FINANCE**

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 16th 2017

Regular Members Others Y John LaPorta (CHM) Present Y Lisa Lansing John Green, Treasurer N Celia Senzer Barbara Herbst, BoF Clerk Y William Hurlburt K.C. Baird - new alternate member Y Janet Sanders David Hubbard - new regular member N Jack Preston Alternate Members Y Joseph Pryor N Darilyn Woods Call to Order 7:32 p.m. #1 - Minutes Minutes for the 9/8/17 meeting were provided to all members via email as well as distributed at the meeting. **Motion** Bill Hurlburt Made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. **Janet Sanders** Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously Two items of correspondence were covered at the 10/19/17 meeting and briefly reviewed #2 - Correspondence again at this meeting. 1) 9/8/17 letter from Pam Vogel regarding teacher contract negotiations. 2) 10/23/17 email correspondence, DDM articles about State budget impasse. #3 - Chairman Chairman LaPorta gave a brief overview of the cycle of activity for the BoF members. It was noted that the two new member terms start two weeks post election which is 11/21/2017. Three major issues expected to be addressed during the upcoming budget discussions are: 1) West Cornwall Wastewater project and possible funding. 2) Substantial funding for the maintenance and repairs on all town buildings. 3) Educational costs. #4 - Schedules Two schedules for calendar year 2018 were provided to all members. Approved copies are appended to these minutes. **Bill Hurlburt** Made a motion to approve both meeting schedules. Motion **Janet Sanders** Seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously A copy of a newspaper article regarding the State budget and the renter's rebate program #5 - Finance Director was printed on the back of the agendas. Currently the Governor is passing down to the Municipalities 50% of the cost of said program. The bottom line unbudgeted expense to the Town of Cornwall will be less than \$5,000. It is expected that the expense will come through the Social Services budget and be covered by a budget transfer. K.C. Baird suggested the BoF draft a letter for distribution to all other boards and #5 - Public Comment commissions encouraging each entity to consider all options under their purview that would lead to increasing the Grand List. Made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa lansing #7 - Adjournment Seconded the motion **Bill Hurlburt** Asked for any discussion. Motion passed unanimously Motion 8:15 PM Submitted: Barbara E. Herbst, Board Clerk Note: Minutes remain "Draft" until accepted at the next regular scheduled meeting, please see subsequent meeting minutes for any corrections to these minutes.