

Roxanne Maher

From: William Saums
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Osten, Cathy (Osten@senatedems.ct.gov)
Cc: Roxanne Maher; Jason S. Hartling (JHartling@Ledyard.net); Fred Allyn, III; Kevin J. Dombrowski; Matthew Bonin; Donaldson Wayne (wdonaldson@ledyard.net)
Subject: FW: Resolutions required by the State of Connecticut
Attachments: sample resolutions.pdf

Hi Cathy,

I hope you are doing well. Ledyard and I need your help.

I sent the email below to Mr. Ficeto a week ago, with no response. Prior to that our new finance director Matt Bonin pursued the State regarding a vague requirement that the Town pass a resolution increasing the estimate per square foot bid amounts in order to spend the money we have already bonded for to replace our 22 year old leaking roofs on two of our school buildings. Phone call after phone call from our finance director has not been returned.

Finally, Matt was given Mr. Ficeto's email address. Mr. Ficeto's responses were unhelpful, yet he was critical of how our original ordinance authorizing the bonding for these projects months ago were written, and he did not answer Mr. Bonin's question.

The Town Council cannot in good conscience attempt to write a resolution based on what was said to the BOE facilities director in a phone conversation without some form of written evidence supporting the State's 'requirement'. Yet, it is our loss if we take no action.

At a minimum, I would like Mr. Ficeto, or someone at the State level to confirm the two statements highlighted below so that we can proceed with our work.

Can you provide some support in order for us to receive a response from Mr. Ficeto and get him to answer my questions, and provide some clear direction regarding what he requires?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

-Bill

From: William Saums
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 7:46 AM
To: Donaldson Wayne (wdonaldson@ledyard.net) <wdonaldson@ledyard.net>
Cc: Matthew Bonin (finance.director@ledyardct.org) <finance.director@ledyardct.org>; Jason S. Hartling (JHartling@Ledyard.net) <JHartling@Ledyard.net>; Roxanne Maher (council@ledyardct.org) <council@ledyardct.org>; Frederic B. Allyn, III (mayor@ledyardct.org) <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Subject: FW: Resolutions

Wayne,

As mentioned, this is what I sent the State. Matt Bonin finally got this person's email after a week of calling. And he has not been helpful.

-Bill

From: William Saums

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 10:28 AM

To: robert.ficeto@ct.gov

Cc: Matthew Bonin (finance.director@ledyardct.org) <finance.director@ledyardct.org>; Jason S. Hartling (JHartling@Ledyard.net) <JHartling@Ledyard.net>; Frederic B. Allyn, III (mayor@ledyardct.org) <mayor@ledyardct.org>; Dombrowski, Kevin (kjdom@ledyardct.org) <kjdom@ledyardct.org>; Roxanne Maher (council@ledyardct.org) <council@ledyardct.org>

Subject: FW: Resolutions

Dear Mr. Ficeto,

Thank you for replying to our Finance Chair Matt Bonin yesterday with your response below.

I'm the finance chair for the Ledyard Town Council. The Town Council received word that the Board of Education was notified by the State of Connecticut of required changes to our project proposals for the Gales Ferry School roofing project and the Juliet W. Long roofing project. We understand that the State is requiring the Town Council to authorize an increased bid of \$50.00 per square foot for both projects. In addition, The State has determined that the construction of Gales Ferry School was not accepted until 2006, and therefore will receive reimbursement on only 75% of the total approved project cost. Both changes require Town Council approval/acknowledgement.

I'm looking for supporting documentation in the form of written notice from the State regarding these specific requirements. As Mr. Bonin noted in his email to you below, we believe that the Town, by a referendum vote, has already authorized proper funding for this project. That said, the Town Council is prepared to authorize the additional request as stated above but would like some formal documentation from the State because if the dollar amounts do exceed what was bonded, we may be required to go back to the voters for additional funding.

Please confirm the following, or provide the original notice that was sent to the Ledyard Board of Education supporting the State's request:

1. The Town needs to increase the estimated bid price to \$50.00 per foot for both roofs due to inflation.
2. The Town will only receive reimbursement on only 75% of the total approved project cost for the Gales Ferry School because the State did not accept the projects (which were completed in 1999) until 2006, and therefore the State does not consider the roofs to be 20 years old.

The finance committee meets tonight and intends to take action on this matter promptly, and we appreciate your attention to this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William D. Saums
Ledyard Town Council
Finance Committee Chair

From: Ficeto, Robert <Robert.Ficeto@ct.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2022 12:15 PM

To: Matthew Bonin <finance.director@ledyardct.org>

Subject: FW: Resolutions

What was sent in detail to wayne. Everything needed is listed. thanks

From: Ficeto, Robert

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 6:24 AM

To: Wayne Donaldson <wdonaldson@ledyard.net>

Cc: Gelineau, Angela <Angela.Gelineau@ct.gov>

Subject: RE: Resolutions

Funding Resolution

The dates of each funding resolution needs to be listed. The signed minutes of the meetings allocating said amounts need to be uploaded in the respective application section as well. If there was a town meeting include the signed minutes. If there was a referendum, the voting tally must be uploaded sign by town clerk and the actual language as appeared on the voting machine must be uploaded. Make sure that the total amounts satisfy the local share requirement as per state statue.

I have also included the sample language for the initial resolutions for application . thanks

From: Wayne Donaldson <wdonaldson@ledyard.net>

Sent: Friday, September 9, 2022 9:38 AM

To: Ficeto, Robert <Robert.Ficeto@ct.gov>

Subject: Resolutions

You don't often get email from wdonaldson@ledyard.net.

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Bob attached is the resolution for the additional funds and for the acknowledgement of the reduced funding for the Gales Ferry Roof. I will just change the name and dollar amounts for the other two projects for the additional funding. I am going away on the 13th so if you can look these over and suggest or make any needed adjustments I would appreciate it as the town meeting is occurring while I am away.

Wayne Donaldson
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