



# BOARD OF FINANCE

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## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT, Meeting Room B

Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>

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Materials can be viewed at: <https://www.bethel-ct.gov/Zoom-Documents>

**PRESENT:** Nicholas Ellis chaired the meeting for Chairperson, Cynthia McCorkindale, who was absent. Also attending in person were: John Lennon, Bobbi Jo Beers, Dan Carter, and Bob Manfreda. Attending via Zoom was: Dalene Foster. Comptroller: Brad Heering, Tax Collector: Paula Usher, and Highway Superintendent: Bob Dibble attended in person. Director of Public Works: Eric Swenson attended via Zoom.

Absent: Chairperson: Cynthia McCorkindale

Nick Ellis called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

**Public Input:** None

**Correspondence:** None

### **Election of Officers for 2023:**

Motion made by Bobbi Jo Beers and seconded by John Lennon to nominate Nick Ellis for chairman. No other nominations were made for chairman. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries. Nick Ellis took over as chairman for the remainder of the meeting.

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Dan Carter, to nominate Cynthia McCorkindale as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made for Vice Chair. Vote in favor: Dan Carter, Nick Ellis, and John Lennon. Vote against: Bob Manfreda and Dalene Foster. Abstention: Bobbi Jo Beers. Motion carries.

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**Consideration of approval of minutes for Regular Meeting minutes of BOF from December 13, 2022:**

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Dan Carter, to approve the minutes as written. Vote: Abstention, Bob Manfreda. All others voted in favor. Motion carries.

**Consideration of Tax Relief for the Elderly:**

Tax Collector: Paula Usher and Tax Assistance Coordinators: John Sarver and Bob Kozlowski gave an overview of the program and answered questions from the members of the Board. Paula Usher will follow up with Town Counsel because, moving forward, the Town of Bethel is getting close to reaching the 1% of the program limit. No action required on the part of the BOF. The presentation was for informational purposes only.

**Consideration of approval from CNR fund for one chassis for \$128,810.00 and one loader for \$241,190.00 for the Department of Public Works. These figures represent a 40% discounted rate. (Approved by the BOS at their 12/20/2022 meeting.)**

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, gave a brief overview of the current vehicle situation with the DPW. Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, answered questions from the board members. Motion made by Nick Ellis, and seconded by Dan Carter, to send the request back to the BOS requesting the funds be taken from ARPA funds instead of the CNR fund for the purchase of a chassis for a plow truck in the amount of \$128,810.00. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Bob Manfreda, to approve an amount not to exceed \$241,190.00 from the CNR fund to purchase one John Deere loader. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Consideration of approval of a new generator for the Highway Garage from CNR fund in the amount of \$45,591.00. (Approved by the BOS at their 12/20/2022 meeting.):**

Motion made by Nick Ellis, and seconded by Dan Carter, to send the request back to the BOS requesting the funds be taken from ARPA funds to pay for the generator for the Public Works Garage in the amount of \$45,591.00. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Comptroller's Report:**

Comptroller Heering went over the report. Discussion ensued. Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Bob Manfreda, to accept the Comptroller's Report as written. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Bobbi Jo Beers, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Churchill*

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Recording Secretary