

BOARD OF FINANCE

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Daniel E. Carter, First Selectman
Bryan Terzian, Selectman
Richard C. Straiton, Selectman

MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the Board of Selectman

Thursday, February 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. – Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center – Meeting Room A – 1 School St., Bethel, CT
Video/Teleconference video link: <https://zoom://zoom.us/j/7360902790>
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Present:

Chair Nicholas Ellis, Cynthia McCorkindale, Robert Manfreda, Dalene Foster, John Lennon, BobbiJo Beers, and William Duff. Also in attendance were members of the Board of Selectmen, and Comptroller Brad Heering

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Board of Finance Chair Ellis and First Selectman Carter called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Commission's in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2023-2024 Department Budget Presentations:

10-380 – Parks and Recreation

Request \$1,695,533

Parks & Recreation Director Eileen Earle and Park & Recreation Commission Chairman Lou Valenti presented the request and noted a 7.3% increase from last year's budget. Also presented were proposed capital expenditures in the amount of \$4,335,080. Discussion ensued.

10-150 – Tax Collector

Request \$222,996

Tax Collector Paula Usher presented the request and noted a 6.44% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

10-140 – Tax Assessor

Request \$266,191

Tax Assessor Elizabeth Hirt presented the request and noted a 6.10% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

10-430 – Senior Center

Request \$260,015

Senior Center Director Lisa Plumb presented the request and noted a 3.82% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

- 30-200 – Social Services** **Request \$92,795**
Social Services Director Megan Khazadian presented the request and noted a 0.92% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 20-180 – Building Inspector** **Request \$348,348**
Building Official Chris Baldwin presented the request and noted a 4.68% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 30-350 – Health Department** **Request \$532,957**
Health Department Director Laura Vasile presented the request and noted a 11.73% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-100 – Selectmen** **Request \$333,918**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 4.87% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-110 – Treasurer** **Request \$5,500**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 0.0% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-120 – Finance** **Request \$433,324**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted an 8.93% decrease from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-160 – Legal/Professional Services** **Request \$286,180**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 7.63% decrease from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-190 – Data Processing** **Request \$418,972**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 15.19% increase from last year's budget. Also presented were proposed capital expenditure in the amount of \$50,000.00. Discussion ensued.
- 10-210 – Town Insurance** **Request \$1,352,987**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 1.90% decrease from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-340 – Boards and Commissions** **Request \$68,600**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 27.99% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-390 – Employee Benefits** **Request \$6,679,813**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 6.64% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.
- 10-405 – Intra Government Agencies** **Request \$483,068**
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 0.97% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

10-410 – Utilities & Other Charges

Request \$2,924,928

Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 11.01% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

10-420 – Misc. Charges & Transfers

Request \$1,086,716

Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted an 8.39% decrease from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

50-440 – Debt Service

Request \$5,427,044

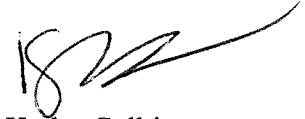
Comptroller Heering presented the request and noted a 0.69% decrease from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

Adjourn:

Board of Finance Chairman Nicholas Ellis made a motion, seconded by J. Lennon, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

Selectman Straiton made a motion, seconded by First Selectman Carter, to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary