



# BOARD OF FINANCE

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting  
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, MTG RM A, 1 School St., Bethel, CT  
Video/ Teleconference video link: <https://zoom.us/j/7360902790>  
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**Present:**

Chairman: Nick Ellis, Board members: John Lennon, Will Duff, Cynthia McCorkindale, and Dalene Foster attended in-person. Bob Manfreda, attended via Zoom.  
Absent: Bobbi Jo Beers

Also in attendance, in-person, were all members of the Board Selectmen, Comptroller Brad Heering and Assistant Comptroller Sebbie Preston.

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:**

Board of Finance Chair, Nick Ellis, and First Selectman Carter, called the special joint meeting to order at 7:01pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2023-2024 Department Budget Presentations:**

**10-250 -Planning and Zoning** **Request \$273,734**  
Planning and Zoning Director, Beth Cavagna, presented the request and noted a 3.90% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**10-130 -Town Clerk** **Request \$252,669**  
Town Clerk, Lisa Bergh, presented the request and noted a 4.21% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**10-330 -Registrar of Voters** **Request \$112,190**  
Registrars of Voters, Tim Beeble and Wendy Cahill, presented the request and noted a 11.23% increase from last year's budget Discussion ensued.

**20-290 Emergency Management** **Request \$45,083**  
Emergency Management Director, Tom Galliford, presented the request and noted a 3.17% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**20-300 -Fire Marshal** **Request \$113,298**  
Fire Marshal, Tom Galliford, presented the request and noted a 2.30% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**60-435 -Library** **Request \$932,283**  
Library Director, Megan Dean, and Robin Kahn, member of the Library Board of Directors, presented the request and noted a 2.06% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**20-360 -Police Department** **Request \$5,774,575**  
Chief of Police, Steve Pugnier, and Amy Mannion, chair of the Police Commission, presented the request and noted a 7.01% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**40-220 -Fleet Maintenance** **Request \$387,240**  
Fleet Coordinator, Ed Hook, presented the request and noted a 5.65% increase from last year's budget. Capital request in the amount of \$79,011 was also presented. Discussion ensued.

**40-230 -Public Works** **Request \$457,789**  
Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, presented the request and noted a 19.69% increase from last year's budget. Capital request in the amount of 175,000 was also presented. Discussion ensued.

**40-240 -Highway Department** **Request \$2,628,517**  
Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 14.26% increase from last year's budget. Capital request in the amount of \$658,190 was also presented. Discussion ensued.

**40-245 -Transfer Station** **Request \$212,387**  
Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 3.33% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**40-260 -Building Maintenance** **Request \$948,882**  
Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 10.07% increase from last year's budget. Capital request in the amount of \$1,287,000 was also presented. Discussion ensued.

**40-270 -Tree Warden**

**Request \$202,900**

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 72.09% increase from last year's budget. Discussion ensued.

**Adjourn:**

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Nick Ellis, to adjourn the meeting at 10:18pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary