



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT, Meeting Room A
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: Chairman Nicholas Ellis, , John Lennon, Will Duff, Bobbi Jo Beers, Cynthia McCorkindale, and Bob Manfreda. Dalene Foster was present via Zoom.
Also present were: Comptroller; Brad Heering, Director of Parks and Recreation; Rachael McGrath, and Park and Recreation Commission Chair; Lou Valenti.

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

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Consideration of approval of minutes for Board of Finance Regular Meeting on August 8, 2023:

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Will Duff, to approve the minutes for the Board of Finance Regular Meeting on August 8, 2023. Nick Ellis amended the motion to approve the minutes with one change. The minutes currently read:

Consideration of approval to purchase 2 complete chassis and body packages in the amount of \$257,273. from CNR (approved by BOS on 8.1.2023):

Motion made by Will Duff, and seconded by John Lennon, to approve \$257, 273. from CNR to purchase two complete chassis and body packages. Discussion ensued. Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, gave an overview of the request and answered questions from the Board. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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The amended version:

Consideration of approval to upfit 2 chassis in the amount of \$257,273. from CNR (approved by BOS on 8.1.2023):

Motion made by Nick Ellis , and seconded by Will Duff, to amend the wording as written (underlined above). Vote: D. Foster abstained, all the rest in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of Park and Recreation Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Review and Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Projection:

Park and Recreation Commission Chair, Lou Valenti, spoke. The commission was taken aback at the department's overage in respect to the budget. The Commission is committed to changing procedures moving forward in order to provide more transparency. Each and every program is being reviewed and how best to close the gap moving forward. Director McGrath stated most of the overages came down to five issues:

1. Summer Camps
2. Before and After School Care
3. Theater programs
4. In-Town Basketball program
5. Road Races

There have also been five minimum wage raises from 2020 to the present which may have not been factored into the budget correctly. The Park/Rec maintenance budget was also discussed. It appears that some items from that budget need to be reviewed to see if they are in the right place. Recommendation for the Park and Recreation Director to come back to the Board of Finance in November, 2023 to share updates.

Comptroller's Report:

Comptroller Heering reviewed the report. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Will Duff, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to accept the Comptroller's report as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Will Duff, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary