



BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Richard C. Straiton, Selectman

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the Board of Finance

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Mtg Room A, 1 School St., Bethel, CT

Present:

First Selectman Dan Carter, Selectman Richard Straiton, and Selectman Bryan Terzian. Also in attendance were members of the Board of Finance, Comptroller Brad Heering and Assistant Comptroller Sebbie Preston

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

First Selectman Carter and Board of Finance Chair, Nick Ellis called the special meeting to order at 7:00pm and led the Boards in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2025 - 2026 Department Budget Presentations:

10-380 – Parks and Recreation

Request \$2,192,508

Parks and Recreation Director, Rachael McGrath, presented the request and noted a 2.67% increase. Discussion ensued.

10-330 Registrar of Voters

Request \$146,835

Registrar of Voters Tim Beeble and Wendy Cahill, presented the request and noted a 6.04% decrease. Discussion ensued.

10-130 Town Clerk

Request \$275,967

Town Clerk, Lisa Bergh, presented the request and noted a 2.62% increase. Discussion ensued.

10-140 Tax Assessor

Request \$291,049

Tax Assessor, Izzy Hirt, presented the request and noted a 4.52% increase. Discussion ensued.

10-150 Tax Collector

Request \$241,482

Tax Collector, Paula Usher, presented the request and noted a 3.65% increase. Discussion ensued.

30-200 - Social Services

Request \$115,750

Social Services Director, Megan Alworth-Khazadian, presented the request and noted a 4.28% increase. Discussion ensued.

20-290 - Emergency Management

Request \$45,938

Emergency Management Director, Tom Galliford, presented the request and noted a 1.11% decrease. Discussion ensued.

20-300 - Fire Marshal

Request \$132,120

Fire Marshal, Tom Galliford, presented the request and noted a 15.66% increase. Discussion ensued.

20-310 - Bethel Fire Department

Request \$256,132

Fire Commission chair, Doug Cuny, and Chief Bill McAllister, presented the request and noted a 20.74% increase. Discussion ensued.

20-320 - Stony Hill Fire Department

Request \$263,750

Fire Commission chair, Doug Cuny, and Chief Doug Evanuska, presented the request and noted a 37.05% increase. Discussion ensued.

10-105 - Economic Development

Request \$91,000

Economic Development Director, Janice Chrzysjanek, presented the request and noted a 3.32% increase. Discussion ensued.

At 9:04pm a motion was made by Selectman Terzian , and seconded by First Selectman Carter, to take a 5-minute recess. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

The meeting resumed at 9:10pm.

10-100 – Selectmen:

Request \$321,316

Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 1.56%. Discussion ensued.

10-110 – Treasurer:

Request \$5,500

Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted a 0% increase. Discussion ensued.

10-120 – Finance:

Request \$477,222

Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 5.57%. Discussion ensued.

10-160 - Legal / Professional Services: Request \$366,180
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 19.60%.
Discussion ensued.

10-170 – Probate: Request \$8,000
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 6.67%.
Discussion ensued.

10-190 - Data Processing: Request \$433,503
Comptroller, Brad Heering, and Network Administrator, Jack Grace, presented the
request and noted an increase of 0.92%. Discussion ensued.

10-210 - Town Insurance: Request \$1,345,371
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 0%.
Discussion ensued.

10-340 - Boards & Commissions: Request \$68,600
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 0%.
Discussion ensued.

10-390 - Employee Benefits: Request \$7,308,038
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 6.80%.
Discussion ensued.

10-405 - Intra Government Agencies: Request \$657,359
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 14.39%.
Discussion ensued.

10-410 - Utilities & Other Charges: Request \$3,615,100
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 18.40%.
Discussion ensued.

10-420 - Misc. Charges & Transfers: Request \$1,403,781
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted an increase of 19.17%.
Discussion ensued.

50-440 - Debt Service: Request \$5,002,425
Comptroller, Brad Heering, presented the request and noted a decrease of 5.07%.
Discussion ensued.

Consideration of appointments to Boards/Commissions:

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint Melissa Willmott to the Library Board of Directors. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to appoint Krista Swanson-Fiorini to the Sustainable Bethel Commission. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Selectman Terzian made a motion to adjourn and 9:57pm which was seconded by Selectman Straiton. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Churchill".

Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary