



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, MTG RM A, 1 School St., Bethel, CT

Present:

Chairman: Nick Ellis, Board members: John Lennon, Will Duff, Bobbi Jo Beers, Cynthia McCorkindale, Dalene Foster and Bob Manfreda
Also in attendance were First Selectman Carter, Comptroller Brad Heering and Assistant Comptroller Sebbie Preston

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

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

Correspondence: None

First Selectman Carter presents the FY 2024– 2025 budget to the Board of Finance:

First Selectman Carter presented the budget to the Board of Finance noting any changes that were made by the Board of Selectmen.

Board of Finance deliberate FY 2024 – 2025 budget:

Chairman, Nick Ellis, opened deliberation on the FY 2024 – 2025 budget.

Account 70-460 Board of Education Maintenance request: \$626,017

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$526,017

Board of Finance recommendation: \$526,017

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$526,017 for Account 70-460. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 70-450 Board of Education request: \$54,751,132

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$54,751,132

Board of Finance recommendation: \$54,751,132

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$54,751,132 for Account 70-450. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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Account 60-435 Library request: \$988,122
Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$988,122
Board of Finance recommendation: \$988,122

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$988,122 for Account 60-435. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-100 Selectmen request: \$296,386
Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$296,386
Board of Finance recommendation: \$316,386

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$296,386 for the Selectman account. Discussion ensued. Nick Ellis amended the motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to add \$20,000 to the 5101 account, salaries, making the new total for line 5101: \$311,136 and the First Selectman's salary \$129,600. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor, except Will Duff, who voted against. Motion carries.

Motion made by Nick Ellis, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve the new total for Account 10-100 in the amount of \$316,386. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor, except Will Duff, who voted against. Motion carries.

Account 20-360 Police request: \$6,396,543
Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$6,270,753
Board of Finance recommendation: \$6,270,753

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$6,270,753 for Account 20-360. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-380 Parks and Recreation request: \$2,135,511
Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$2,135,511
Board of Finance recommendation: \$2,135,511

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$2,135,511 for Account 10-380. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-105 Economic Development request: \$88,077
Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$88,077
Board of Finance recommendation: \$88,077

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$88,077 for Account 10-105. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-110 Treasurer request: \$5,500
Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$5,500
Board of Finance recommendation: \$5,500

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$5,500 for Account 10-110. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-120 Comptroller request: \$452,057

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$452,057

Board of Finance recommendation: \$452,057

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$452,057 for the Comptroller account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-130 Town Clerk request: \$266,452

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$266,452

Board of Finance recommendation: \$268,913

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve the amount of \$266,452 for Account 10-130. Nick Ellis amended the motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to increase line 5101, salaries, by \$2,461. for the Town Clerk's salary, making the new total for line 5101: \$194,013. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Nick Ellis made a motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$268,913 for Account 10-130. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-140 Assessor request: \$278,459

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$278,459

Board of Finance recommendation: \$278,459

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$278,459 for Account 10-140. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-150 Tax Collector request: \$232,982

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$232,982

Board of Finance recommendation: \$232,982

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$232,982 for the Tax Collector account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-160 Professional Services request: \$306,180

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$306,180

Board of Finance recommendation: \$306,180

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$306,180 for Account 10-160. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-170 Probate Court request: \$7,500

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$7,500

Board of Finance recommendation: \$7,500

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$7,500 for the Probate Court account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-190 Information Technology request: \$429,538

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$429,538

Board of Finance recommendation: \$429,538

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$429,538 for the Information Technology account. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-210 Town Insurance request: \$1,370,371

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$1,370,371

Board of Finance recommendation: \$1,370,371

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$1,370,371 for the Town Insurance account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-250 Planning and Zoning request: \$329,148

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$293,184

Board of Finance recommendation: \$293,184

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$293,184 for the Planning and Zoning account. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-330 Registrar of Voters request: \$156,275

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$156,275

Board of Finance recommendation: \$156,275

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$156,275 for Account 10-330. Nick Ellis amended the motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to increase each Registrar's salary by \$1000. which will not change the amount of line 5101. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries. Nick Ellis made a motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve the amount of \$156,275 for Account 10-330. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-340 Boards and Commission request: \$68,600

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$68,600

Board of Finance recommendation: \$68,600

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$68,600 for the Boards and Commissions account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-390 Employee Benefits request: \$6,942,518

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$6,942,518

Board of Finance recommendation: \$6,942,518

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$6,942,518 for the Employee Benefits account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-405 Intergovt Agency Subs request: \$649,659

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$574,659

Board of Finance recommendation: \$574,659

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$574,659 for the Intergovt Agency account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-410 Utilities Charges request: \$3,053,208

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$3,053,208

Board of Finance recommendation: \$3,053,208

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$3,053,208 for the Utilities Charges account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-420 Misc. Charges and Transfers request: \$850,400

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$850,400

Board of Finance recommendation: \$827,939

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$850,400 for Account 10-420. Nick Ellis amended the motion, which was seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to reduce line 5353, wage adjustments, by \$22,461. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Nick Ellis, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$827,939 as the new total left in the Misc. Charges and Transfers account. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 10-430 Senior Center request: \$263,614

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$263,614

Board of Finance recommendation: \$263,614

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to accept the Senior Center request of \$263,614. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 20-180 Building and Inspection request: \$356,482

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$356,482

Board of Finance recommendation: \$356,482

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to accept the Building and Inspection request of \$356,482. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 20-290 Emergency Management request: \$46,455

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$46,455

Board of Finance recommendation: \$46,455

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to accept the Emergency Management request of \$46,455. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 20-300 Fire Marshal request: \$114,234

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$114,234

Board of Finance recommendation: \$114,234

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to accept the Fire Marshal request of \$114,234. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 20-310 Bethel Fire Department request: \$217,142

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$212,142

Board of Finance recommendation: \$212,142

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve the amount of \$212,142 for Account 20-310. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 20-320 Stony Hill Fire Department request: \$197,450

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$192,450

Board of Finance recommendation: \$192,450

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$192,450 for Account 20-320. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 30-200 Social Services request: \$111,000

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$111,000

Board of Finance recommendation: \$111,000

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to accept the Social Services request of \$111,000. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 30-350 Health Department request: \$548,482

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$540,482

Board of Finance recommendation: \$540,482

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve the amount of 540,482 for Account 30-350. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 40-220 Fleet Maintenance request: \$407,719

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$407,719

Board of Finance recommendation: \$407,719

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$407,719 for the Fleet Maintenance account. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 40-230 Public Works request: \$466,191

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$466,191

Board of Finance recommendation: \$466,191

Motion made John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$466,191 for the Public Works account. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 40-240 Highway Request: 2,644,547

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$2,594,547

Board of Finance recommendation: \$2,594,547

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$2,594,547 for the Highway account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 40-245 Transfer Station request: \$216,427

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$216,427

Board of Finance recommendation: \$216,427

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$216,427 for the Transfer Station account. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 40-260 Building Maintenance request: \$936,537

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$926,537

Board of Finance recommendation: \$926,537

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$926,537 for the Building Maintenance account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 40-270 Tree Warden request: \$171,500

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$171,500

Board of Finance recommendation: \$171,500

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$171,500 for Account 20-270. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Account 50-440 Debt Service request: \$5,269,569

Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$5,269,569

Board of Finance recommendation: \$5,269,569

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve \$5,269,569 for the Debt Service account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to approve the Town Budget which includes Operating Budget, Debt Services, and the Board of Education Maintenance Budget in the amount of 37,482,097. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by Nick Ellis, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to set the date for the Public Hearing on the FY 2024 – 2025 budget for March 19, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Bethel High School Auditorium. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of funding Tax Stabilization Fund:

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to fund the Tax Stabilization Fund in the amount of \$500,00 from the fund balance as per the fund balance policy. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Nick Ellis, and seconded by Cynthia McCorkindale, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary