



# BOARD OF FINANCE

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

Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting  
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Mtg Room A, 1 School St., Bethel, CT

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### Present:

Chair Nick Ellis, Will Duff, John Lennon, Bob Manfreda, James Hancock, Cynthia McCorkindale, and Karen Foster. Also in attendance were all members of the Board of 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 meeting to order at 7:02pm and led the Boards in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Correspondence:** two emails received from [budget@bethel-ct.gov](mailto:budget@bethel-ct.gov)

### Consideration of approval of regular meeting minutes from January 14, 2025:

Motion made by John Lennon, and seconded by Will Duff, to accept the minutes, as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

### Consideration of approval of special joint meeting minutes from February 11, 2025:

Motion made by Will Duff, and seconded by Bob Manfreda, to accept the minutes, as written. Vote: Cynthia McCorkindale abstained; all the rest voted in favor. Motion carries.

### 2025 - 2026 Department Budget Presentations:

#### 10-250 Planning and Zoning

**Request \$336,694**

Planning and Zoning Director, Beth Cavagna, presented the request and noted a 14.84% increase. Discussion ensued.

#### 10-430 Senior Center

**Request \$265,657**

Senior Center Director, Lisa Plumb, presented the request and noted a 0.77% increase. Discussion ensued.

#### 20-180 Building Inspector

**Request \$361,408**

Building Official, Chris Baldwin, presented the request and noted a 1.38% increase.  
Discussion ensued.

**60-435 Library**

**Request \$1,021,223**

Library Director, Megan Dean, presented the request and noted a 3.35% increase.  
Discussion ensued.

**30-350 Health Department**

**Request \$544,902**

Bethel Health Director, Laura Vasile, presented the request and noted a 0.82% increase.  
Discussion ensued.

**20-360 Police Department**

Chief Pagner was unable to present his budget. He will present it on 2/25/2025.

**40-220 Fleet Maintenance**

**Request \$437,826**

Fleet Mechanic, Ed Hook, presented the request and noted a 7.38% increase. Discussion ensued. Capital requests were discussed.

**40-230 Public Works**

**Request \$472,486**

Public Works Director, Eric Swenson, presented the request and noted a 1.35% increase.  
Discussion ensued. Capital requests were discussed.

**40-240 Highway**

**Request \$2,852,320**

Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 9.94% increase.  
Discussion ensued. Capital requests were discussed.

**40-245 Transfer Station**

**Request \$227,572**

Public Works Director, Eric Swenson, presented the request and noted a 5.15% increase.  
Discussion ensued.

**40-260 Building Maintenance**

**Request \$930,639**

Public Works Director, Eric Swenson, presented the request and noted a 0.44% increase.  
Discussion ensued. Capital requests were discussed.

**40-270 Tree Warden**

**Request \$171,500**

Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted an increase of 0.00%. Discussion ensued.

**Adjourn:**

Will Duff made a motion to adjourn at 8:51pm, which was seconded by John Lennon.  
Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Churchill*

Mary Churchill, Recording Secretary