



BOARD OF FINANCE

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL JOINT MEETING with the Board of Selectmen

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, Mtg Room A, 1 School St., Bethel, CT

Present:

Chair Nick Ellis, Cynthia McCorkindale, Will Duff, John Lennon, Bob Manfreda, and Dalene Foster (joined at 7:02pm). Also in attendance were all members of the Board of Selectmen, Comptroller Brad Heering and Assistant Comptroller Sebbie Preston

Absent: Bobbi Jo Beers

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

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

2024 - 2025 Department Budget Presentations:

10-140 - Tax Assessor

Request \$278,459

Tax Assessor, Izzy Hirt, presented the request and noted a 4.61% increase. Discussion ensued.

10-430 - Senior Center

Request \$263,614

Senior Center Director, Lisa Plumb, presented the request and noted a 1.38% increase. Discussion ensued.

60-435 - Library

Request \$988,122

Library Director, Megan Dean, and chair of the Library Board of Directors, Robin Kahn, presented the request and noted a 5.99% increase. Discussion ensued.

10-380 - Parks and Recreation

Request \$2,135,511

Parks and Recreation Director, Rachael McGrath, and Park and Recreation Commission chair, Lou Valenti, presented the request and noted a 25.95% increase over the original budget and 6.01% increase over the adjusted budget. Discussion ensued.

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30-350 - Health Department

Request \$548,482

Health Director, Laura Vasile, presented the request and noted a 7.09% increase. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Cynthia McCorkindale, and seconded by John Lennon, to take a ten-minute recess starting at 8:30pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Meeting back in session at 8:40pm.

20-360 - Police Department

Request \$6,396,543

Police Chief, Steve Pugner, and Police Commissioner, Tony Rubino, presented the request and noted a 14.18% increase. Discussion ensued.

40-220 - Fleet Maintenance

Request \$407,719

Fleet Coordinator, Ed Hook, and Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, presented the request and noted an 8.51% increase. Discussion ensued.

40-230 - Public Works

Request \$466,191

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, presented the request and noted a 4.58% increase. Discussion ensued.

40-240 - Highway Department

Request \$2,644,547

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 5.79% increase. Discussion ensued.

40-245 - Transfer Station

Request \$216,427

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 1.90% increase. Discussion ensued.

40-260 - Building Maintenance

Request \$936,537

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted a 5.96% increase. Discussion ensued.

40-270 - Tree Warden

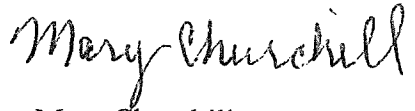
Request \$171,500

Director of Public Works, Eric Swenson, and Highway Superintendent, Bob Dibble, presented the request and noted an increase of 2.14%. Discussion ensued.

Adjourn:

Bob Manfreda made a motion to adjourn and 10:27pm, which was seconded by John Lennon. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary