



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Richard C. Straiton, Selectman  
Bryan Terzian, Selectman*

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**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING**  
Monday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 pm - Hybrid Meeting  
Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT  
Meeting Room A  
Google Meet Link

**Present:** First Selectman Dan Carter, Selectman Richard Straiton, Selectman Bryan Terzian, Comptroller Brad Heering, and Assistant Comptroller Sebbie Preston

Meeting called to order at 8:43pm by First Selectman Carter.

**FY 2024 – 2025 budget deliberations:**

**Account 10-100 Selectmen request: \$296,386**

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$296,386**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Selectmen request of \$296,386. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Account 10-105 Selectmen request: \$88,077**

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$88,077**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Selectmen request of \$88,077. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

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

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept \$54,751,132 as the approved amount for the Board of Education. Vote, all in favor.

Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$526,017**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to open this topic from discussion. Discussion ensued. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to remove \$100,000 from this account. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Account 10-110 Treasurer request: \$5,500**

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$5,500**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Treasurer request of \$5,500. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$452,057**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Comptroller request of \$452,057. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$266,452**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Town Clerk request of \$266,452. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$278,459**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Assessor request of \$278,459. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$232,982**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Tax Collector request of \$232,982. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$306,180**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Professional Services request of \$306,180. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$7,500**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Probate Court request of \$7,500. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$429,538**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Information Technology request of \$429,538. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

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

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Town Insurance request of \$1,370,371. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to open for discussion:

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$293,184**

Discussion ensued. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to reduce line 5101, salaries, by \$35,964. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to recommend to the Board of Finance \$293,184 as the new amount for Planning and Zoning account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$156,275**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Registrar of Voters request of \$156,275. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$68,600**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Boards and Commission request of \$68,600. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Account 10-380 Parks and Recreation request: \$2,135,511**

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$2,135,511**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Park and Recreation request of \$2,135,511. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

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

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to approve the Employee Benefits amount of \$6,942,518. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$574,659**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to reduce line 5366, Paramedic Intercept, by \$75,000. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance \$574,659 as the new amount for account 10-405. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

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

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept the Utilities Charges request of \$3,053,208. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Account 60-435 Library request: \$988,122**

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$988,122**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Library request of \$988,122. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$850,400**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Misc. Charges and Transfers request of \$850,400. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$263,614**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, 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**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, 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**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, 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**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, 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**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Bethel Fire Department request of \$217,142. Discussion ensued. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian to reduce line 5202, equipment and supplies, by \$5,000. for a new total of \$73,966. Discussion ensued. Vote, First Selectman Carter and Selectman Terzian in favor. Selectman Straiton against. Motion carries. First Selectman Carter amended his original motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance an amount of \$212,142 for Account 20-310. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$192,450**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance to fund Account 20-320 in the amount of \$192,450. which is a decrease in line 5202 by \$5,000. for a new line total of \$71,800. Discussion ensued. Vote: First Selectman Carter and Selectman Terzian in favor. Selectman Straiton against. Motion carries.

**Account 20-360 Police request: \$6,396,543**

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$6,270,753**

Motion made by Selectman Terzian, and seconded by First Selectman Carter, to reduce line 5101, salaries, by \$10,000. for police overtime to bring line 5101 to 5,723,499. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to reduce line 5403 by \$115,790. for a new total of \$141,790. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to accept \$6,270,753. as the new amount for 20-360 Police account. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$111,000**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, 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**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to decrease line 5101 from the Health Department by \$8,000. for a new total for line 5101 of 381,236. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to recommend to the Board of Finance funding in 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**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Fleet Maintenance request of \$407,719. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$466,191**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Public Works request of \$466,191. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Account 40-240 Highway request: \$2,644,547**

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

Motion made by Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to reduce line 5404 by \$50,000. Selectman Straiton amended the motion, which was seconded by First Selectman Carter, to reduce line 5404 by \$100,000. Discussion ensued. Vote, Selectman Straiton in favor. First Selectman Carter and Selectman Terzian were opposed. Motion fails. Voting on the original motion of reducing line 5404 by \$50,000. : First Selectman Carter and Selectman Terzian in favor. Selectman Straiton opposed. Motion carries. Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance that \$2,594,547 be funded for Account 40-240. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$216,427**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Transfer Station request of \$216,427. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$926,537**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to recommend to the Board of Finance to fund Account 40-260 in the amount of \$936,537. Discussion ensued. First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to reduce line 5207 by \$10,000. making the new total for line 5207, \$205,000. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries. First Selectman Carter amended his original motion, which was seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance to fund Account 40-260 is the amount of \$926,537. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

**Board of Selectmen recommendation: \$171,500**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to fund Account 40-270 in the amount of \$171,500. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

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

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

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to accept the Debt Service request of \$5,269,569. Discussion ensued. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

**Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Terzian, to recommend to the Board of Finance the total Town Budget of \$37,482,097 which includes the Town Operating Budget, Debt Services, and the Board of Education Maintenance Budget. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.**

**Adjourn:**

Motion made by First Selectman Carter, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, to adjourn the meeting at 10:28pm. Vote all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary