



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Tuesday, February 18, 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 7:02pm and led the Boards in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

### **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 Pugner 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:**

Selectman Terzian made a motion to adjourn and 8:51pm which was seconded by First Selectman Carter. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary