



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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

Thursday, February 8, 2024 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 7:00pm 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.

**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 Selectman Terzian, and seconded by Selectman Straiton, 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.

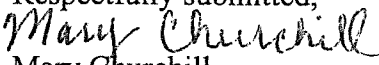
**40-270 - Tree Warden**

**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:**

Selectman Terzian made a motion to adjourn and 10:27pm, which was seconded by Selectman Straiton. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Mary Churchill  
Recording Secretary