

# TOWN OF FRANKLIN

## BOARD OF FINANCE (BOF) FRANKLIN TOWN HALL 7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd. Franklin, Connecticut

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, March 12, 2024 -- 7:00 PM

Minutes are Unapproved. Formal approval takes place at the next Board meeting held and will show changes/ corrections if any)

**Call to Order:** Chairman Richard Handfield called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Members Present:** Veronica Calvert (ZOOM), Calli Carboni, Melissa McGuire, Chairman Richard Handfield, Ashley McAuliffe, Vice Chairman Richard Weingart. **Alternate Members Present:** Steven Lain. **Alternate Members Absent:** Jeremy Beisiegel, Elizabeth Cook.

**Also Present:** First Selectman Alden Miner, Selectmen Russ Beisiegel & Tom Craney (both ZOOM), Superintendent of Schools Greg Keith, Board of Education Chair Amy Konow.

**Recognition of Visitors:** Chairman Handfield welcomed visitors.

**Additions to the Agenda:** New Business: First Selectman's Health Insurance Reimbursement Policy & Obtaining Receipts/Invoices for Reimbursements.

**Approval of Minutes:** February 27, 2024 Special Meeting

**MOTION 1:** Richard Weingart moved to approve February 27, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Calli Carboni seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Review of Reports:** Monthly Tax Collection Report: Kelsey Allard Tax Collector

Feb 2024: Taxes Collected = \$221,073.13

Feb 29, 2024: 2022 Grand List Taxes Collected = 94.96%

- 4,038,417.73 Real Estate Taxes Collected
- 710,632.43 Personal Property Collected
- 665,383.22 Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected
- 60,768.05 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected
- 59,232.66 Back Taxes Collected
- 24,997.52 Interest & Lien fees Collected

**Monthly Board of Selectmen Income Report:** Reviewed report dated 3.7.24:

Net Income: 5,964,598.03 (Jul 23 - Feb 23)	Budget: 7,286,530.00
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Over Budget: -1,321,931.97	% of Budget: 81.9%
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**Monthly Board of Selectmen Expense Report:** Reviewed report dated 3.7.24:

Net Income: -4,929,409.05 (Jul 23 - Feb 23)	Budget: -7,174,370.00
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Over Budget: 2,244,960.95	% of Budget: 68.7%
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**Monthly Board of Education Financial Report:** Reviewed report dated 3.7.24:

Net Expense: -2,905,799.82 (Jul 23 - Feb 23)	Budget: -4,365,783.00
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Over Budget: 1,459,983.00	% of Budget: 66.6%
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Greg Keith noted there are unexpected expenses in the FY 23-24 budget due to Lyman increased tuition and special education costs. Special Education alone is an estimated overage of \$186,000. It is estimated FY 23-24 budget will end over budget by \$141,000 (includes special education increase noted above).

**Monthly Selectman's Report:**

**TYLER DRIVE:** Water piping into Tyler Drive is complete. Water will be tested March 18. Results will dictate next steps.

**WATER ROADWAY SAFETY ISSUES:** Working on long term goal to improve water/safety issues along Route 32, Route 610, and other various locations in Franklin. Discussions are taking place with Town/State representatives to gain support for long term fixes.

**TREE CUTTING:** Eversource continues with removal of trees to help with hazards in Franklin.

**SEWER/WATER LINE:** Discussions are taking place with abutting towns on developing looped system to reduce costs of maintaining current system. Current dead end spurs do not have enough use so water/sewer is not getting properly chlorinated and then has to be flushed because it is not usable resulting in a cost that the Town does not want to incur. If systems are looped flushing is not necessary. Loop would go down Murphy Rd to Route 87 and back to Route 32 -- Norwich.

**Correspondence:** N/A

**Unfinished Business:** N/A

**New Business:**

Approve Line-Item Transfers FY 23-24:

**MOTION 2:** Richard Weingart moved to approve Line-Item Transfers as presented. Calli Carboni seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Approve "BOF" Budget Line Items FY 23-24:

**MOTION 3:** Richard Weingart moved to approve BOF Line Items as follows. Calli Carboni seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

0200.10	Annual Town Report	500.00	
0200.20	Advertising/Auditing/Misc.	40,000.00	
0200.40	Board Clerk	1028.00	<b>Total: 41,528</b>

First Selectman's Health Insurance Reimbursement Policy & Obtaining Receipts/Invoices for Reimbursements:

BOF has received copy of First Selectman 's Job Description. Would like copy of Department of Public Works Union Contract. BOF would then forward contract to First Selectman and ask that the job description and contract be sent to Town Lawyer to determine if First Selectman falls under same rules as DPW Union Contract.

**Public Comments:** None

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION 4:** Richard Weingart moved to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Calli Carboni seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Sherry Pollard, Recording Secretary