

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, September 14, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order: Chairman Handfield called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Nate Boyden, Vice Chairman Veronica Calvert, Susan Dombrowski, Chairman Richard Handfield, Richard Weingart. **Members Absent:** Calli Carboni. **Alternate Members Present:** Roland Mihok. **Alternate Members Absent :** Jeremy Beisiegel, Wesley Crawford.

Also Present: Board of Education Chairman Peter Calvert, Town Clerk Lynda Craney, First Selectman Charlie Grant, Treasurer Patti Osten.

2. Recognition of Visitors: None
3. Additions to the Agenda: None
4. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. July 13, 2021 (cancelled)
 - b. August 10, 2021:

MOTION #1 (09.14.21): made by Susan Dombrowski SECONDED BY Veronica Calvert that the Board of Finance approve August 10, 2021 meeting minutes – as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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5. Review of Reports:

- a. **Monthly Tax Collection Report:** Kelsey Allard reported on Tax Collection data.

- b. **Monthly Board of Selectmen Income & Expense Report:**

Income: Charlie Grant reviewed FY20-21 Income Report as submitted. Some line items are under budget such as sand/salt, highway maintenance, and curb/pavement related issues as the result of a mild winter. Additionally, school bus fuel usage is down as well as Fire Department and Library operation costs. All due to COVID. These items as a cumulative, reduced the Town Budget considerably.

Expense: Charlie Grant reviewed FY20-21 Expense Report as submitted. Some expenses included, but were not limited to, installation of a new roof at Town Hall, installation of new fire alarm systems at Town Hall and Municipal Complex, installation of internet capabilities at the Senior Center, and maintaining clean air quality at Town Hall.

- c. **Monthly Board of Education (BOE) Report:**

Peter Calvert reviewed FY 20-21 end-of-year budget. There was discussion about current and future COVID related expenses and state & local government re-imbursements and how these funds would affect current and future BOE Budgets.

Mr. Calvert noted there are increases in their budget due to, but not limited to, expenses related to maintaining clean air quality, increase in operational costs because Green Valley continued to use the Elementary School Building during June, July, August, and September, replacement of failed compressor/A/C unit, and unanticipated increase of needs for Special Education.

There was lengthy discussion about how the BOE accounts for Grant Revenue on their side of the budget. The First Selectman and Town Treasurer provided a worksheet showing how Grant Revenue information should be accounted for on both sides of the budget.

d. Monthly Selectman's Report: Charlie Grant noted Murphy Road has been completed but not billed, Town is saving for reclamation of the town roadway from the tracks on Murphy Road to Route 32, Tree removal on Route 32 and Holton Road was being done by the State of CT and not the Town and Giddings Park tree removal is being done through the Town.

6. Correspondence: None

7. Unfinished Business: None

8. New Business: None

9. Public Comments: None

10. Adjournment:

MOTION #2 (09.14.21): made by Susan Dombrowski SECONDED BY Richard Weingart that the Board of Finance adjourn at 7:55 PM.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

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Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Pollard,
Board Secretary