

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 12, 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, Calli Carboni, Susan Dombrowski, Chairman Richard Handfield, Richard Weingart. **Alternate Members Absent:** Jeremy Beisiegel, Wesley Crawford. Roland Mihok.

Also Present: Town Selectman Russ Beisiegel, Town Clerk Lynda Craney, First Selectman Charlie Grant

2. Recognition of Visitors: None
3. Additions to the Agenda: None
4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. September 14, 2021:

MOTION #1 (10.12.21): made by Susan Dombrowski SECONDED BY Nate Boyden that the Board of Finance approve September 14, 2021 meeting minutes – as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS; MOTION CARRIES

5. Review of Reports:

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

As of Sept 30 2021:

- 57.02% 2020 Grand List Taxes Collected
- \$45,534.81 Prior Year Taxes Collected
- \$17,234.42 Interest and Lien Fees Collected

Current Grand List Prior Year Taxes & Interest & Lien Fees collected \$3,115,215.32 since July 2, 2021

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

Income: Charlie Grant reviewed FY20-21 Income Report as submitted. Approximately 50% of Town Aide Road funds have been received, Educational Cost Sharing funds have not been received and 63% of Adult Education Funds have been received.

Expense: Charlie Grant reviewed FY20-21 Expense Report as submitted.

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

Peter Calvert, Board of Education Chairman, informed BOF he was not going to be present this evening. No other representative from School Administration was present.

BOF members asked questions related to why the early retirement line item was budgeted at 25,000 while 30,000 was expended, why the Capital Outlay line item was over-expended by 30,000 at this point in the fiscal year, has the legal bill from Shipman been received by the Town, what type of benefits are being provided for the previous superintendent after his retirement, what is the Special Education Directors role in dealing with financial situations related to incoming and outgoing special education students, how budgeted line items will be affected due to the change in Superintendent and Principal re-positioning and more specifically, how are salary and benefits affected.

Additionally, BOF members asked questions about the Maintenance Director/Consultant position for the Franklin Elementary School. Chairman Handfield asked for and has received the contract for this position. The contract is very vague and does not actually state what the job responsibilities are. It was noted, the contract was only just officially signed August 21, 2021 by Larry Fenn. The Maintenance Director has been working for the school system for a number of years.

BOF members asked how the Maintenance Director can operate an elementary school if he does not live in the State of CT. BOF is checking with Town Treasurer to verify if travel invoices were submitted by the Consultant.

- d. Monthly Selectman's Report:** Charlie Grant noted the Department of Public Works continues on the large tasks of roadside mowing and Murphy Road project is complete.

6. Correspondence: None
7. Unfinished Business: None
8. New Business: None
9. Public Comments: None
10. Adjournment:

MOTION #2 (10.12.21): made by Susan Dombrowski SECONDED BY Richard Weingart that the Board of Finance adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

VOICE VOTE:

UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Pollard,
Board Secretary