

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 8, 2021 7:00 p.m.**

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

**Members Present:** Nate Boyden, Calli Carboni, Vice Chairman Veronica Calvert, Susan Dombrowski, Chairman Richard Handfield, Richard Weingart

**Alternate Members Present:** Roland Mihok

**Alternate Members Absent:** Jeremy Beisiegel, Wesley Crawford

**Also Present:** Tax Collector Kelsey Allard, Selectman Russ Beisiegel, Board of Education Chairman Peter Calvert, Selectman Tom Craney, First Selectman Charlie Grant, Treasurer Patti Osten.

2. Recognition of Visitors: Amy Konow, Melissa Savigny.

3. Additions to the Agenda: none

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. May 11, 2021:

**MOTION #1 (06.08.21):** made by Susan Dombrowski SECONDED BY Nate Boyden that the Board of Finance approve May 11, 2021 meeting minutes – as presented

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

5. Review of Reports:

- a. **Monthly Tax Collection Report:** Deferred to later in the meeting.

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

**Income:** Charlie Grant reviewed FY20-21 Income Report as submitted. Funds associated to the Local Capital Improvement Program (LoCIP) have been received. Combined COVID relief funds have been received in the estimated amount of \$238,000.

Highway Maintenance line item has increased to approximately at 18,000 - chip sealing is about to begin and will be expended from this line item. Sand and salt line item has increased to approximately 15,000 due to the mild winter. Equipment maintenance line item has increased to approximately 36,000 due to recent purchases of new equipment resulting in less required maintenance.

**Expense:** Reviewed routine maintenance items.

- c. **Monthly Board of Education (BOE) Report:** Peter Calvert reviewed FY 20-21 end-of-year budget numbers. There was discussion about current and future COVID related expenses and state & local government re-imbursements.

**\*\* Tax Collectors Report:** Kelsey Allard reviewed report as submitted.

Richard Weingart, Roland Mihok, and Lynda Craney entered the meeting at this point.

- d. **Monthly Selectman's Report:** No report.

6. Correspondence: None

## 7. Unfinished Business:

- a. Approve Proposed Board of Selectmen & Board of Education Budgets Fiscal Year 2021-2022

There was lengthy discussion about different financial scenarios that could be used in balancing the budget and how each scenario would affect the Mil Rate / Taxes for town residents and businesses.

The Budget as presented would require \$213,459.00 to be moved from the Undesignated Fund Balance to the income side of the Budget as an offset to expenses; therefore, reaching a balanced budget. There was discussion on either reducing or keeping budgets the same for Board of Selectmen and Board of Education and how this would impact Mil Rate and Taxes.

**MOTION #2 (06.08.21):** made by Richard Handfield SECONDED BY Veronica Calvert that the Board of Finance approve the Board of Selectman's Budget and the Board of Education Budget as proposed and recommends sending it to the Annual Town Meeting

Discussion ensued:

**MOTION #3 (06.08.21):** made by Richard Weingart SECONDED BY Richard Handfield to move the question

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

**MOTION CARRIES**

**VOICE VOTE ON ORIGINAL MOTION: 3:2:0**

**In favor: Ronnie Calvert, Nate Boyden, Richard Weingart**

**Opposed: Calli Carboni, Richard Handfield**

**MOTION CARRIES**

## 8. New Business:

- a. Schedule Public Hearing: Board of Selectmen & Board of Education Proposed Budgets FY 2021-2022:

**MOTION # 4 (06.08.21):** made by Richard Weingart SECONDED BY Veronica Calvert that the Board of Finance schedule a special meeting to set the Mil Rate immediately following the Annual Town Meeting on June 21, 2021

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

## 9. Public Comments: N/A

## 10. Adjournment:

**MOTION #5 (06.08.21):** made by Calli Carboni SECONDED BY Nate Boyden that the Board of Finance adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

Respectfully submitted,

*Sherry Pollard,*  
Board Secretary