

# TOWN OF FRANKLIN

## BOARD OF FINANCE (BOF)

FRANKLIN TOWN HALL  
7 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.  
Franklin, Connecticut

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**  
**7:30 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order: Chairman Richard Handfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: First Selectman Charlie Grant, Treasurer Patty Osten, & Board of Education Chairman Peter Calvert.

2. Recognition of Visitors: Chairman Richard Handfield recognized visitors.
3. Additions to the Agenda:

**MOTION #1 (03.10.20):** made by Veronica Calvert SECONDED BY Nate Boyden that the Board of Finance add the following to the Agenda

1. Norwich Area Chamber of Commerce
2. Personal Note to BOF & Town

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

4. Approval of Minutes:

- a. February 11, 2020:

**MOTION #1 (03.10.20):** made by Veronica Calvert SECONDED BY Susan Dombrowski that the Board of Finance approve meeting minutes of February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting – as presented

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

5. Review of Reports:

- a. **Monthly Tax Collection Report:** Kelsey Allard presented the Tax Collectors Report.

- 95.75% of taxes collected on the 2018 Grand List
- \$50,961.47 prior year taxes
- \$23,862.05 interest and lien fees

- b. **Monthly Board of Selectmen Income Report:** Mr. Grant reviewed the report as submitted for FY19-20. He indicated Education Cost Sharing State Aid received is about 60% while Municipal Aid is 19%. There are a few businesses showing interest in renting space at the Tyler Drive Municipal Complex. There is hope LOSUP funds will be coming to the town soon. Mason Dump truck was sold and the income went to the CIP portion of the budget.

- c. **Monthly Board of Selectmen Expense Report:** Mr. Grant reviewed the report as submitted for FY19-20. He reviewed line items within the budget exceeding 60%. Town Staff and the Fire Department are in the process of updating turn-out gear and discussion will take place on how to best manage associated costs. The library underwent a re-organization and improved all services and discussion will take place on how to best manage associated costs.

d. **Monthly Board of Education (BOE) Report:** Peter Calvert provided an update on the BOE FY19-20 and FY 20-21 Budgets. School Staff and the BOE are working diligently on developing ways to best manage increasing Special Education Costs. There are ongoing efforts to keep special education students in-house by providing the program with excellent staff.

e. **Monthly Selectman's Report:** Charlie Grant gave a brief update on town activities.

6. Correspondence: N/A

7. Old Business: N/A

8. New Business:

1. Susan Dombrowski outlined Chamber of Commerce Community Breakfast event.
2. Susan Dombrowski indicated she has changed her party status to Unaffiliated.

9. Public Comments: N/A

10. Adjournment

**MOTION #3 (03.10.20):** made by Susan Dombrowski SECONDED BY Veronica Calvert that the Board of Finance adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

**VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;**

**MOTION CARRIES**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sherry Pollard*  
Board Secretary