



**TOWN OF FRANKLIN
BOARD OF FINANCE (BOF)**

**FRANKLIN TOWN HALL
7 MEETINGHOUSE HILL ROAD
FRANKLIN, CT**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

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

Members Present: Thomas Craney, Sue Dombrowski, Richard Handfield, Patricia Osten.

Member Absent: Veronica Calvert. **Alternate Member Present:** Roland Mihok.

Alternate Members Absent: Niels Jeppesen, Wesley Crawford. **Also Present:** First Selectman Richard Matters via Skype, Selectman Russ Beisiegel, and Selectman Charlie Grant.

Mr. Mihok was seated as a voting member for Mrs. Calvert.

2. Recognition of Visitors: Chairman Handfield recognized the visitors.

3. Old Business:

A. Approval of Auditor:

Rich Handfield reported that all references were good for Alex Bancroft, from the firm of Hoyt, Filippetti, Malaghan, LLC. Mr. Bancroft has considerable experience with municipal audits.

MOTION #1: made by Susan Dombrowski **SECONDED BY** Roland Mihok that the Board of Finance approves the annual appointment of Alex Bancroft as the Town Auditor

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

B. Approval Board of Selectmen FY 2017-18 Budget:

The Board of Finance reviewed the Town Municipal Budget Report, dated May 23, 2017, as submitted. It was noted, the State of Connecticut budget numbers continue to be unavailable making the Towns budget planning process very difficult. There was discussion on current numbers as shown on the report, the inability to forecast potential income from the State, the Towns fund balance, and scenarios associated to the setting of a mil rate.

MOTION #2: made by Tom Craney **SECONDED BY** Susan Dombrowski that the Board of Finance approve the Board of Selectman's Budget as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

C. Approval Board of Education FY 2017-18 Budget

The Board of Finance reviewed the Board of Education FY 2017-2018 final numbers as shown on the Town Municipal Budget Report, dated May 23, 2017, as submitted.

MOTION #3: made by Tom Craney **SECONDED BY** Patty Osten that the Board of Finance approve the Board of Education Budget as presented

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

D. Set Public Hearing Date - FY 2017-2018 Budget:

MOTION #4: made by Tom Craney SECONDED BY Roland Mihok that the Board of Finance schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday June 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Municipal Complex, 5 Tyler Drive, with a special meeting immediately following for action on the budget

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

4. Public Comments: None

5. Adjournment

MOTION #5: made by Tom Craney SECONDED BY Susan Dombrowski that the Board of Finance adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: UNANIMOUS;

MOTION CARRIES

Respectfully submitted
Sherry Pollard