

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

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

MINUTES

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – 7:05 PM ---- Immediately followed Special Meeting

Minutes are Unapproved. Formal approval takes place at the next Board meeting held and will show changes/ corrections if any)

Call to Order: Chairman Richard Handfield called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: Veronica Calvert, Calli Carboni, Chairman Richard Handfield, Ashley McAuliffe, Vice Chairman Richard Weingart. **Member Absent:** Melissa McGuire. **Alternate Members Present:** Steven Lain. **Alternate Members Absent:** Jeremy Beisiegel, Elizabeth Cook

Chairman Handfield seated Steven Lain for absent member Melissa McGuire

Elections of Officers:

Chairman Handfield opened the floor for nominations for **Chairman:**

MOTION 1: Richard Weingart moved to *nominate* Richard Handfield as Chairman. Calli Carboni seconded. No more nominations. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MOTION 2: Richard Weingart moved to close nominations. Veronica Calvert seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MOTION 3: Richard Weingart moved to *approve* Richard Handfield as Chairman. Calli Carboni seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously

Chairman Handfield opened the floor for nominations for **Vice-Chairman:**

MOTION 4: Richard Handfield moved to *nominate* Richard Weingart as Vice-Chairman. Calli Carboni seconded. No more nominations. Motion Passed Unanimously.

MOTION 5: Richard Handfield moved to close nominations. Veronica Calvert seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously

MOTION 6: Richard Handfield moved to *approve* Richard Weingart as Vice Chairman. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION 7: Richard Weingart moved to approve November 14, 2023 Minutes as presented. Calli Carboni seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Review of Reports: Monthly Tax Collection Report: Kelsey Allard Tax Collector

Oct 2023: Taxes Collected = \$55,192.75

Oct 31, 2023: 2022 Grand List Taxes Collected = 59.28%

- 2,211,815.09 Real Estate Taxes Collected
- 507,353.82 Personal Property Collected
- 644,679.02 Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected
- 38,394.46 Back Taxes Collected
- 11,553.64 Interest & Lien fees Collected

Nov 2023: Taxes Collected = \$43,369.41

Nov 30, 2023: 2022 Grand List Taxes Collected = 59.89%

- 2,239,716.61 Real Estate Taxes Collected
- 507,377.78 Personal Property Collected
- 651,369.35 Motor Vehicle Taxes Collected
- 44,422.50 Back Taxes Collected
- 14,279.20 Interest & Lien fees Collected

Monthly Board of Selectmen Income Report: Reviewed report dated 12.6.23:

Net Income: 3,938,379.71 Budget: 7,272,530.00
(Jul 23 - Nov 23)

Over Budget: -3,334,150.29 % of Budget: 54.2%

Monthly Board of Selectmen Expense Report: Reviewed report dated 12.6.23:

Net Income: -2,148,439.18 Budget: -6,917,996.00
(Jul 23 - Oct 23)

Over Budget: 4,769,556.82 % of Budget: 31.1%

Monthly Board of Education Financial Report: Reviewed report dated 12.6.23:

Net Expense: -1,708,487.25 Budget: -4,365,783.00
(Jul 23 – Nov 23)

Over Budget: 2,657,295.75 % of Budget: 39.1%

Lori Goldstein, Special Education Directory, was present and noted Superintendent Contract & MEIU Union Contract are in negotiations, Special Education outplacement will result in associated cost, Building Committee is working on purchase of new Science Lab cabinets, Security updates continue, Town and School Administrative Staff will meet to bring budgets together to improve accounting management & balancing of books, and Board of Education is planning their next Budget meeting in January.

Richard Handfield noted the BOE is required to notify him of Teacher Negotiations. A BOF member is allowed to attend negotiation meetings.

Monthly Selectman's Report:

There was discussion about Tyler Drive well replacement project. Continuing to dig deeper for a better draw.

Correspondence: N/A

Unfinished Business:

First Selectman's Health Insurance Reimbursement Policy & Obtaining Receipts/Invoices for Reimbursements:
Chairman Handfield met with Auditor. Discussion took place about reimbursements and receipts/paperwork attached. Auditor to review and report back.

New Business:

Approval 2024 Meeting Calendar:

MOTION 8: Veronica Calvert moved to approve 2024 Meeting Calendar as presented -----with the exception "Meetings will begin at 7:00 pm". Motion Passed Unanimously.

Discussion Zoom Meetings after January 1, 2024: There was lengthy discussion on whether to continue ZOOM meetings. Chairman Handfield and some members indicated they do not want to continue using ZOOM for various reasons while some members would like to continue using ZOOM for various reasons. Chairman Handfield indicated he would strongly recommend members whom wish to vote appear in person at meetings. No formal decision was made to stop using ZOOM.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment:

MOTION 9: Chairman Handfield moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Calli Carboni seconded. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Sherry Pollard,
Board Secretary