

BOARD OF FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, May 8, 2025
Held via ZOOM - meeting ID 874 0897 1703

Regular Members

- ✓ Joe Pryor (CHM)
- ✓ Kate Ward
- Zejke Hermann
- ✓ Gary Steinkohl
- Simon Hewett
- Jessica Brackman

Others

- ✓ Gordon M Ridgway, First Selectman
- ✓ Ricco Botto and Jennifer Hurlburt, Selectman
- ✓ Richard Bramley, Treasurer

Alternate members

- Richard Wolkowitz
- ✓ Cody Gillotti

Call to Order

7:01 p.m.

1 -Additions

Gates Bequest appropriation

2 - Minutes

Minutes for the 4.3.25 meeting were emailed to all members prior to the meeting.
Copies of the minutes were also available at the meeting.

Motion

Gary Steinkohl Made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Kate Ward Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

3- Suspense

Suspense Tax List from Jean Bouteiller, Cornwall Tax Collector

Pursuant to GCS 12-165, Tax Collector Jean Bouteiller submitted a letter along with a list of unpaid and uncollectible personal property and motor vehicle taxes on the rate books and requested that the 2020 delinquent bills be put on suspense as well as bills that have been returned for individuals who have moved out of state and for deceased individuals. A copy of the letter and the list is appended to these minutes.

Motion

Gary Steinkohl Made a motion to approve the request of the Tax Collector
Cody Gillotti Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

4- Reports

Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Ridgway reported on the following items.

- a) Wastewater project in West Cornwall
- b) \$10,000 appropriation from the Gates bequest
- c) STEAP grant application for a facade improvement program.
- d) Composting project at the transfer station
- e) Regional solution for garbage disposal

5- Budget

FY '26 Proposed Budget

Finance Director, Barbara Herbst presented the recent budget change and reviewed the revenue proposal.

General discussion ensued and covered but was not limited to the following topics.

- a) Interest income, Interest rate trending, current investments
- b) Allocation of funds from the undesignated funds to keep the mill rate below 5%
- c) Financial reserves and the potential economic impact of federal aid cuts

Motion

Gary Steinkohl Made a motion to approve the FY '26 Budget Proposal of \$8,417,014, and to forward the proposal to the electors and citizens for consideration at the Town Meeting of 5.16.25

Kate Ward Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

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Motion

Kate Ward

Made a motion to appropriate \$10,000 from the Gates Bequest to be used for the 250th Celebration, and to forward the appropriation to the electors and citizens for consideration at the Town Meeting of 5.16.25

Cody Gillotti

Seconded the motion.

Motion unanimously

6 - Public

No public comment

7 - Adjourn

7:29 PM

Minutes remain "Draft" until accepted at the next regular meeting, please see subsequent meeting minutes for any corrections.

Barbara E. Kerbot, Board Clerk

OFFICE OF TAX COLLECTOR

TO: Joseph Prior, Chairman Board of Finance

FROM: Jean D. Bouteiller, CCMC, Tax Collector

SUBJECT: Suspense Tax List

DATE: April 7, 2025

COPY: Gordon Ridgway, First Selectman
Barbara Herbst, Director of Finance

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FINANCE OFFICE

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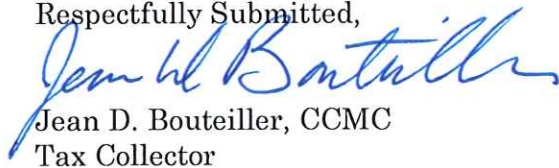
In accordance with Section 12-165 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I request that the attached listing of unpaid and uncollectible personal property and motor vehicle taxes on the rate books of the Town of Cornwall be submitted to the Board of Finance for approval for transfer to the Suspense Tax Book. Last year we put delinquent Motor Vehicle, and Personal Property tax bills from Grand List year 2019 on suspense. This year I am requesting that the year 2020 delinquent Motor Vehicle, Supplemental MV, and Personal Property tax bills be put on suspense.

The accounts presented for transfer to Suspense include \$441.21 in Motor Vehicle Taxes and Interest, \$292.45 in Supplemental Motor Vehicle Taxes and Interest, and \$1,004.20 in Personal Property Taxes and Interest on the Grand List of 2020. This comes to a total of \$1,737.86 in unpaid taxes and interest.

Please note that even though the recommended accounts will be removed from the active tax rolls, they are still collectible. Once these bills are put on Suspense, I forward to them to the collection agency for action. In the past year we have collected \$1,189.02 in taxes and interest from bills that were on Suspense.

Your favorable support for this Suspense List is requested. I am available to answer any questions you may have concerning this agenda item.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jean D. Bouteiller, CCMC
Tax Collector
Attachments: 2

Process Suspense Report

TOWN OF CORNWALL Date: 04/07/2025 Time: 15:33:39

Condition (s): Year: 2023, Type: 02 - PP, Order: Bill Number, Total Only: No, Recap by Dist: No

Bill #	Dst Name	Code	Reason	Date	Town Due/Susp	Dist Due/Susp	Sewer Due/Susp	Total
2020-02-0200016	BEVANS LAKSHMI			04/07/2025			26.05	
2020-02-0200054	DAVAL ENTERPRISES			04/07/2025			78.32	
2020-02-0200068	GORAT PETER M JR			04/07/2025			65.13	
2020-02-0200085	HOUSATONIC RIVER OUTFITTERS INC			04/07/2025			218.78	
2020-02-0200096	JW CONSTRUCTION			04/07/2025			208.76	
2020-02-0200156	STROBEL ENTERPRISES LLC			04/07/2025			407.16	
	PERSONAL PROPERTY						1,004.20	
	# Of Acct: 6							
YR : 2020	TOTAL : 6						1,004.20	

Grand Total: 6

1,004.20

Process Suspend Report

TOWN OF CORNWALL Date: 04/07/2025 Time: 15:29:16

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Condition (s): Year: 2023, Type: 88 - MV/MVS, Order: Bill Number, Total Only: No, Recap by Dist: No

Bill #	Dst Name	Code Reason	Date	Town Due/Susp	Dist Due/SuspSewer Due/Susp	Total
2020-03-0300035	AZARBUEJANI BEHRANG		04/07/2025	70.14		70.14
2020-03-0300181	BROWN JESSIKAH M		04/07/2025	53.27		53.27
2020-03-0300864	KEISMAN JOYCE		04/07/2025	51.44		51.44
2020-03-0301033	MCAVOY GREGORY T		04/07/2025	56.11		56.11
2020-03-0301064	MERWA HENRY K		04/07/2025	8.35		8.35
2020-03-0301324	ROBINSON MELISSA J		04/07/2025	40.58		40.58
2020-03-0301377	SAINZ-XATZIS NICHOLAS W		04/07/2025	161.32		161.32
	MOTOR VEHICLE			441.21		441.21
	# Of Acct: 7					
2020-04-0400001	AGUILAR ELLIOT G		04/07/2025	138.86		138.86
2020-04-0400180	KEMMERER KEVIN J		04/07/2025	24.55		24.55
2020-04-0400238	PARKER CLAUDIA		04/07/2025	10.52		10.52
2020-04-0400251	POWERS SPENCER M		04/07/2025	64.75		64.75
2020-04-0400266	SALITER SAMANTHA G		04/07/2025	53.77		53.77
	MOTOR VEHICLE SUPP			292.45		292.45
	# Of Acct: 5					
	YR : 2020			733.66		733.66
	TOTAL : 12					733.66

Grand Total: 12