

BOARD OF FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, August 21, 2025

Held via ZOOM - meeting ID 896 3789 5047

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

None

2 - Minutes

Minutes for the 4.8.25, the 5.16.25 and the 5.21.25 meetings were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. Copies of the minutes were also available at the

Motion

Gary Steinkohl

Made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Kate Ward

Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

3- Reports

Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Ridgway reported on the following items.

- a) Wastewater project in West Cornwall
- b) Town Hall maintenance, principally roof and insulation
- c) CoG level efforts to establish a regional waste authority
- d) Main Street Program in W/C and C/B to address vacancies and economic challenges
- e) Housing in Cornwall and increased construction activity

4- Budget

FY '25 Budget Transfers

Budget transfers # 1-11 were provided to members prior to the meeting and are appended herewith.

First Selectman Ridgway reviewed the budget transfers that were approved on 8.5.25 by the Board of Selectmen

Motion

Gary Steinkohl

Made a motion to approve the Budget Transfers 1-11 for FY '25 as presented.

Kate Ward

Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

5 - Public

Mention was made that CVFD is undertaking a fundraising program to replace two fire trucks. The aim is to raise over \$500,000

7 - Adjourn

7:52 PM

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

Barbara E. Kerbot, Board Clerk

| | <u>From</u> | Amount | <u>To</u> | Amount |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|---|-----------|
| One | Contingency (10000) | 995.00 | H Beach (69103) | 995.00 |
| Two | Contingency (10000) | 950.00 | DPW: Vehicle Maintenance (63016) | 950.00 |
| Three | DPW Reg Labor (61603) | 32,800.00 | Sanitation and Recycling (multiple lines) | 23,000.00 |
| Four | | | Town Office Contracted (57116) | 9,800.00 |
| Five | Contingency (10000) | 26,240.00 | Land Use: ZEO and clerk hours | 7,990.00 |
| Six | | | Town Celebrations (71480) | 470.00 |
| Seven | | | SS Office Supplies (67905) | 1,200.00 |
| Eight | | | Public Safety CVFD exams: (65016) | 6,730.00 |
| Nine | | | Public Safety Firehouse Maint (65035) | 5,800.00 |
| Ten | | | RoV: Early voting Wages (56601) | 4,050.00 |
| Eleven | EE Health Insurance (57544) | 38,300.00 | BoE (80080) | 38,300.00 |

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| TOTALS | 99,285.00 | 99,285.00 |
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- 1

Budgeted \$38,190 (spent \$39888) seasonal wages and seasonal care of bath/kitchen house
- 2

Budgeted \$55,000 (spent \$55,940)
- 3

Budgeted \$211,272 (spent \$233,890) due to staff coverage, MIRA Contract, and Hazardous Waste
- 4

Budgeted \$17,000 (spent \$31,140) increasing costs for IT support
- 5

Budgeted \$15,216 (spent \$25,006) Transition due to retirement and new hire
- 6

Budgeted \$500 (spent \$967) Memorial day markers and plaque to honor Town Clerk
- 7

Budgeted \$1,200(spent \$3,660) Increased costs for Telephone services
- 8

Budgeted \$6,000 (spent \$12,725) new vendor, increased costs and participation
- 9

Budgeted \$30,000 (spent \$35,794) increased utility costs and maint on compressor
- 10

Budgeted \$8,032 (spent \$19,332) Unbudgeted, mandated early voting
- 11

Budgeted 4,772,108 (spent \$4,810,406) see over for information

Approval

Board of Selectmen

8.5.25

Approval

Board of Finance



FY '25 economic pressures on the Bd of Education

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| \$4,925 | A teacher was out for 3 months which required a substitute for that time period, while also paying for the sick leave for the teacher | | | |
| \$9,270 | A missed invoice for heating fuel in 23-24 is now being deducted in 24-25 | | | |
| \$6,300 | Unusual amount of storms occurring on the weekends which resulted in an increase in overtime pay for the custodians | | | |
| \$9,000 | Started the year approximately \$9,000 behind, as a budget transfer at the end of last year forced the BoE to have items from FY 23-24 paid for in FY 24-25 | | | |
| \$26,177 | Reducing the FY '25 budget by 1% pursuant to the Board of Finance request back on 3/21/24 | | | |
| \$8,600 | Region 1 food service consultant costs (unbudgeted) | | | |
| | Region 1 not returning and surplus funding from the prior year pursuant to Substitute House Bill No. 5437, Public Act No. 24-45, Section #8, approved 5.21.24 | | | |
| \$7,000 | Electricity cost increases | | | |
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| \$71,272 | | | | |