

# BOARD OF FINANCE

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, February 19, 2026  
Held via ZOOM - meeting ID 886 0628 9210

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| <u>Regular Members</u> | <u>Others</u>                       |
| ✓ Joe Pryor (CHM)      | ✓ Gordon M Ridgway, First Selectman |
| ✓ Kate Ward            | ✓ Rocco Botto, Selectman            |
| ✓ Zejke Hermann        | ✓ Richard Bramley, Treasurer        |
| ✓ Gary Steinkohl       |                                     |
| ✓ Simon Hewett         | <u>Alternate members</u>            |
| ✓ Jessica Brackman     | ✓ Richard Wolkowitz                 |
|                        | Cody Gillotti                       |

Call to Order

7:02 p.m.

# 1 -Additions

None

# 2 - Minutes

Minutes for the 1.15.26 and 2.5.26 meetings were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. Copies of the minutes were also available at the meeting.

**Motion**

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

**Motion passed unanimously.**

# 3- Reports

Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Ridgway presented the Board of Selectmen's proposed FY '27 Budget. Items highlighted and discussed are outlined below.

- a) Health Insurance increase projected to be 13.5%
- b) Funding for a new municipal owned web site as required by statute
- c) Increases in contracted services
- d) Staffing challenges at the DPW
- e) Increase in activity in the Land Use office
- e) New construction projects and the impact on the grand list
- f) Grants to Associations and Organizations and balancing the requested increases with fiscal responsibility and the increased need for the services they provide
- g) CVFD's successful fundraising program and the purchase of two vehicles
- h) Town Hall renovations to include roof insulation, painting and mold repairs

# 4 - Public

No public comment

# 5 - Adjourn

8:08 PM

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

*Barbara E. Herbst, Board Clerk*