

BOARD OF FINANCE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, March 19, 2026
Held via ZOOM - meeting ID 831 9403 9429

Regular Members	Others
√ Joe Pryor (CHM)	√ Gordon M Ridgway, First Selectman
√ Kate Ward	√ Rocco Botto, Selectman
√ Zejke Hermann	√ Richard Bramley, Treasurer
N Gary Steinkohl	√ CCS Principal, multiple BoE members and CCS staff
N Simon Hewett	Alternate members
√ Jessica Brackman	√ Richard Wolkowitz
	N Cody Gillotti

Call to Order

7:02 p.m.

1 -Additions

None

2 - Minutes

Minutes for the 2.19.26 meeting were emailed to all members prior to the meeting. Copies of the minutes were also available at the meeting.

Motion

Zejke Hermann Made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.
Kate Ward Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

3- BoE

Board of Education ~ Proposed FY '27 Budget

Leanne Maguire, CCS Principal, presented the Board of Education budget for the 26-27 school year, highlighting the following.

- a) Reductions in chronic absenteeism from over 20% to 1%.
- b) Implementation of play-based learning.
- c) Successful programs like the breakfast program and author visits.
- d) Insurance increases, accounting for 9.8% in 25-26 and nearly 11% in the current year.
- e) Current staff includes 15.5 certified staff and various support positions.
- e) Proposed change to add a full-time school counselor.
- f) Replacement of 3 teacher assistants with 1 full-time and 1 part-time position to manage insurance costs.
- g) Personnel costs which show a \$99,116 (5.21%) increase based on contractual agreements.
- h) Employee benefits show a \$66,314 increase (15.47%) primarily due to healthcare and dental insurance cost increases, along with changes in staff benefit enrollment.
- i) Professional and technical services budget, showing a \$9,169 increase (13.01%).
- j) CCS budget shows a 6.41% increase (7.44% with Region 1 adjustments) 97% of the budget is non-negotiable operating costs.

4- Reports

Board of Selectmen

First Selectman Ridgway provided updates on town projects and upcoming meetings and votes.

- a) Appropriate \$80,000 from the capital projects unallocated interest fund to town buildings and highways.
- b) Ongoing developments regarding of a new municipal website, required by law.
- c) Cornwall potential joining of the Northwest Resource Recovery Agency.
- d) Budget hearing 4/17 with Town Meeting directly following.
- e) Town Meeting 5/15 for taxpayer approval of the proposed budget

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Tax Collector - Transfer to Suspense

Pursuant to GCS 12-165, Tax Collector Rebecca M Juchert-Derungs 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 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

Kate Ward Made a motion to approve the request of the Tax Collector

Zejke Hermann Seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

5- FY '27 budget

Bd of Finance Budget Workshop

General Discussion of the board included the following.

- a) CCS budget presentation information.
- b) BoS request to appropriate \$80,000 from capital projects interest to town buildings and roads.
- c) Budget hearing 4/17 with Town Meeting directly following.
- d) Formal budget discussions planned for the April 2nd Board of Finance meeting

6 - Public

Jen Markow thanked the BoE and praised the BoE budget presentation.

7 - Adjourn

7:58 PM

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

Barbara E. Herbot, Board Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR ANNUAL SUSPENSE REQUEST
PERSUANT TO SECTION Sec. 12-165.**

**1. COLLECTOR'S CERTIFICATION TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE
RECOMMENDING TRANSFER OF UNCOLLECTIBLE UNCOLLECTED PROPERTY
TAXES TO THE SUSPENSE TAX BOOK.**

To the Board of Finance:

The following attached lists of uncollected Personal Property & Motor Vehicle taxes that have been deemed uncollectable for transfer to the suspense tax book. They will remain with the collection agency until the 15 year collection period expires. They are respectfully submitted for your examination and approval.

Number of Accounts #: 10 Total Suspense \$2952.60

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief each tax listed in this statement has not been paid, is not collectible and should be transferred to the suspense tax book.

Dated at Cornwall, Connecticut, the 11th day of March , 2026.

Respectfully submitted, 
Rebecca M Juchert-Derungs, Tax Collector, CCMC

2. ACTION TAKEN BY BOARD OF FINANCE

To Rebecca M Juchert-Derungs, Tax Collector of the Town of Cornwall

A detailed examination has been made of the statement, recommending the transfer of certain uncollected taxes to the suspense tax book. The taxes listed in such statement are believed to be uncollectible and pursuant to section 395c of the 1935 cumulative supplement authority is hereby given you to transfer such taxes, in accord with law, to the suspense tax book.

Dated at Cornwall, Connecticut, the _____ day of _____, 2026.
Board of Finance of the Town of Cornwall,

By _____
Chairperson or Designee, Board of Finance

Ship	Unique ID	Name	Address	REGTAL	Others	Total Due Susp. Amount	S	YR	Reason
2023-02-0020193	200105	OSHAUGHNESSY SALLY	17 PIERCE LANE			19.13	Y	2026	41 - DECEASED
2023-03-0031226	31226	OSHAUGHNESSY SALLY A	PO BOX 52	337RJR	1GNDT 13W21 K2Y466 1	24.48	Y	2026	41 - DECEASED
2024-03-0301271	301271	OSHAUGHNESSY SALLY A	PO BOX 52	337RJR	1GNDT 13W21 K2Y466 1	55.70	Y	2026	41 - DECEASED
2024-03-0301484	301484	SANHUEZA HERNAN L	411 CORNWALL HOLLOW RD	450ZJD	JTDKN 3DU1C 537590 0	80.44	Y	2026	41 - DECEASED
2021-02-0200158	200129	STROBEL ENTERPRISES LLC				441.66	Y	2026	45 - OUT OF BUSINESS
2022-02-0200186	200129	STROBEL ENTERPRISES LLC				560.08	Y	2026	45 - OUT OF BUSINESS
2022-02-0020187	200129	STROBEL ENTERPRISES LLC				728.60	Y	2026	45 - OUT OF BUSINESS
2024-02-0200190	200129	STROBEL ENTERPRISES LLC				474.97	Y	2026	45 - OUT OF BUSINESS
2023-02-0031723	31723	WHITFORD BARBARA E	129 COLLEGE ST	125ZUO	5FNRL 5H2ZB 301699 6	84.92	Y	2026	41 - DECEASED
2023-03-0031724	31724	WHITFORD ROBERT G	129 COLLEGE ST	820767	4YNUL 06196V 094570	7.65	Y	2026	41 - DECEASED