



STATE OF CONNECTICUT – COUNTY OF TOLLAND  
INCORPORATED 1786

# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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Chairman

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DANIEL KEUNE  
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## BOARD OF FINANCE

BARRY C. PINTO  
MAURICE BLANCHETTE  
LOGAN JOHNSON  
ELIZABETH NORD

## Regular Meeting March 5, 2024

### MINUTES

**Members Present:** Douglas Harding - Chair, Daniel Keune, Barry Pinto, Maurice Blanchette, Logan Johnson, Liz Nord.

**Others Present:** Tom Modzelewski – DPW Director, Lori Spielman – First Selectman, John Rainaldi – Town Assessor, Matt Reed – Town Administrator, Tiffany Pignataro - Finance Officer – via zoom, Sam Saunders – Recycling Manager, Tom Palshaw – Resident.

#### Call to order

Chairman Douglas Harding called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

#### Public Comment

None came forward.

#### Approval of Minutes

#### Special Meeting Minutes February 7, 2024

Motion to approve the February 7, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (PINTO) SECONDED (JOHNSON) AND PASSED (AYE - PINTO, JOHNSON, KEUNE, BLANCHETTE; ABSTAIN – NORD) TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 7, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

## **Presentation**

### **Recycling and Refuse Presentation**

Sam Saunders, Recycling/Refuse Manager presented to the board. He stated they will be joining the CREOC organization – saving the town money in the upcoming year. They started a leaf disposal agreement with South Windsor as well. Mr. Modzelewski stated they are starting with educating the schools on food waste and planning to offer as many in house programs as they can. Mr. Saunders stated we need to be ahead of mandates that may come in the future.

## **Financial Report**

Mrs. Pignataro presented the financial highlights for the fiscal period ended January 31, 2024. As of January 31, 2024 all town bank accounts have been reconciled. Property tax has been collected at 97.1% of the budget including \$226,301 of back taxes and interest/lien revenue, compared to a collective budget of \$160,000. Prior year tax collections at this point were 97.8% of budget. Investing earnings received \$898,545 YTD compared to budget of \$250,000.

## **New Business**

### **Permanent Building Committee Appointment**

Move to recommend to the Board of Selectman that Liz Nord be appointed to serve as the Board of Finance's representative on the Permanent Building Committee.

MOVED (KEUNE) SECONDED (BLANCHETTE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN THAT LIZ NORD BE APPOINTED TO SERVE AS THE BOARD OF FINANCE'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **2023 Grand List**

Mr. Rainaldi stated the next revaluation will be in 2025 – bids have started going out. He stated they have started an audit going back three years. They have selected 25 accounts including 3 utility companies as requested per the Board of Finance last year. A new program is going out for senior residents. He encourages residents to take advantage of this.

## **Committee/Liaison Updates**

### **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)**

No update.

**Shared Services**

No update.

**Deferred Compensation**

No update.

**Ad Hoc Emergency Services**

No update.

**Permanent Building**

Mrs. Nord stated she attended the last meeting and bids are coming in lower than they have budgeted.

**Board of Education Liaison**

No update.

**Hall Memorial Library Liaison**

No update.

**Adjournment**

MOVED (KEUNE) SECONDED (BLANCHETTE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Phelps".

Elizabeth Phelps, Recording Secretary