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Amended Minutes of Suffield Town Meeting

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The Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield was called to order by Town Clerk Michele Urch, at 7:04 PM. The Town Meeting was held at the Suffield Middle School, 350 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT.

Melissa Finnigan, 50 Cedar Crest Lane, with a second by Kris Lambert, 22 Old Farms Lane, nominated Ed McAnaney, 85 Wren Drive, to serve as moderator.

Tom Frenaye, 489 Warnertown Road, with a second by Kristen Kling, 7 Strathmore Lane, nominated Ernie Begin, 50 Cross Street, to serve as moderator.

There were no additional nominations for moderator from the floor.

Derek Donnelly, 988 Russell Avenue, with a second by Lee Corbert, 815 Mountain Road, made a motion to waive paper ballots and vote by a show of hands for moderator. The motion passed by voice vote.

Ernie Begin received 38 votes. Ed McAnaney received 65 votes. Ed McAnaney was elected moderator.

Moderator McAnaney asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Clerk Michele Urch read the Legal Notice into record as published in the Hartford Courant on April 30, 2025.

Kathleen Dunai, 1510 North Stone Street, with a second by David Shute, 1165 Halladay Avenue, presented the following motion.

- **Resolved:** That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield approve the report and Town budget recommendations of the Board of Finance and to make such appropriations in connection therewith as may be advisable.

Moderator McAnaney invited the Board of Finance Chair Eric Harrington, First Selectman Colin Moll, Superintendent of Schools Matthew Dunbar, Board of Education Chair Maureen Sattan and Business Manager Eric Remington to present tonight's Power Point.

Questions and comments were addressed accordingly.

Tom Frenaye, 489 Warnertown Road, presented the following motion: **Moved that the budget proposed by the Board of Finance for 2025-26 be modified to reduce the amount of money being transferred from the General Fund to the Capital & Non-Recurring Fund (CNRE) by \$450,000 to \$1,550,000 and the Board of Education budget be increased by \$450,000 to \$42,025,928.**

The motion was called out of order by Moderator McAnaney prior to a second.

The original motion passed by paper ballot. 103 yes and 27 no.

Derek Donnelly, 988 Russell Avenue with a second by Don Miner, 1855 Mapleton Avenue, made a motion to waive paper balloting and vote by show of hands. The motion passed with a voice vote.

Melissa Finnigan, 50 Cedar Crest Lane, with a second by, Derek Donnelly, 988 Russell Avenue, presented the following motion.

- **Resolved:** That the Town Meeting of the Town of Suffield authorizes the Board of Finance to print and distribute explanatory texts concerning the budget, if the budget is petitioned to referendum. Such texts may not advocate approval or disapproval of the budget and must conform to the Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 9-369b.

The motion passed unanimously.

Derek Donnelly 988 Russell Avenue, with a second by Ernie Begin, 50 Cross Street, motioned to close the May 7, 2025 Town Budget Meeting.

The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Urch, CCTC

Town Clerk