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**Town of Suffield**  
**Board of Finance (BOF)**  
 Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
 83 Mountain Road, Suffield, CT

Monday, April 6, 2026 – 7:00 pm Budget Review Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Chris Childs, Tom Frenaye, Eric Harrington, Brian Kost, and Mark Sinopoli **Members Absent:** Michael Haines **Alternates Present:** Brad Belcher, Candace Forman, and Glen Garrity **Alternates Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** Finance Director Amanda Moore and First Selectman Colin Moll

1. Chair Harrington called the budget review meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Chair Harrington conducted the Pledge of Allegiance. **Mr. Kost made a motion to give Mr. Haines voting rights to Mr. Belcher. Mr. Sinopoli seconded. All in favor; motion passed 5:0.**
3. Correspondence/Citizen comment – Victoria Copes – 223 Hickory Street – Ms. Copes asked the Board of Finance to have the mill rate increase no higher than 4%, which would be a decrease of \$800,000 in the proposed budget.
4. Budget Review
  - a. Tax Collector update – Tax Collector Jill Schechtman gave the Board of Finance an update on the Suspense List and tax sales. Tax Collector Schechtman spoke with Tax Collector Association Attorney Adam Cohen. Mr. Cohen will review the properties to determine which ones will be subject to a tax sale. This is a 12-week process and the Town will not incur a cost. There was further discussion regarding this process and Tax Collector Schechtman stated that the process will likely repeat every three years. The Board agreed with Tax Collector Schechtman on moving forward with the tax sales and told her to keep the Board updated as to status.
  - b. Debt Service – Finance Director Amanda Moore spoke regarding Bonded Debt Service. Mr. Kost noted that the totals in the total column were missing in the last five rows. Ms. Moore will adjust the report accordingly.
  - c. General Budget Discussion – Adjustments  
Board of Selectmen proposed budget of \$19,509,306. No adjustments.

Board of Education proposed budget of \$43,692,148. No adjustments.

Capital Expenditures (ACCE) – After discussion, **Mr. Kost made a motion to transfer \$760,000 from CNRE to fund ACCE projects Facility Master Plan Implementation for \$265,000, Police HVAC System for \$300,000, and SHS Auditorium Stage & House Lighting for \$195,000. Mr. Belcher seconded. Motion passed 4:2 with Mr. Childs and Mr. Frenaye voting no.**

Non-Tax Revenue / Reserves - **Mr. Kost made a motion to increase Investment Income from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000. Mr. Childs seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6:0.**

There was discussion regarding cashflow and the paying of bills according to terms, and not as soon as the invoice is received.

**Mr. Kost made a motion to increase the Real Estate Conveyance Revenue from \$275,000 to \$300,000. Mr. Belcher seconded. Motion passed 5:1 with Mr. Childs voting no.**

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**Mr. Kost made a motion to utilize the \$743,546 of Bond Premium as follows: Revenue of \$250,000 in FY 26-27 and the remainder of \$493,546 in FY 27-28. Mr. Belcher seconded. All in favor; motion passed 6:0.**

- d. Potential vote to approve budget for Public Hearing – Mr. Kost asked that the Budget Book and Board of Education Book be available for the public at the meeting.

**Mr. Kost made a motion to approve a FY 26-27 Budget of \$70,099,303 with a proposed mill rate of 24.10 for the Public Hearing to be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Suffield Middle School at 7:00 pm. Mr. Belcher seconded. Motion passed 5:1 with Mr. Childs voting no. The Town Meeting to vote on the budget will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at Suffield Middle School at 7 pm.**

5. **Mr. Kost made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Childs seconded. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Irwin  
Recording Secretary