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LAURIE E. BURSTEIN
First Selectman

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 11, 2026

Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr. Meeting Hall
and via ZOOM Conferencing

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Laurie Burstein, David Stavens, Su Thanvanthri, James Prichard, Mary Cardin, Charlotte Ward, Jamison Boucher

Town Staff Present: Matthew Reed, Town Administrator; Felicia LaPlante, Assistant Finance Officer/Deputy Treasurer; Tom Modzelewski, Director, Department of Public Works (DPW); *Sue Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library; John Colonese, Assistant Town Planner/Zoning Enforcement Officer; *Rebecca Stack, Human Services Director

Emergency Service Agency Representatives Present: Peter Hany, President/Chief, Alisa Smith, Lieutenant/Scheduler, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps (EVAC); Robert Smith, Chief, Ellington Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD)

Elected Officials Present: Miriam Underwood, Board of Education (BOE); Liz Nord, Board of Finance (BOF)

*Attended via Zoom

III. PUBLIC COMMENT [*Shall not exceed 30 minutes unless extended by majority vote of the Board*]:

No citizens came forward.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 13, 2026 Town Meeting

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2026 TOWN MEETING.

B. April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 13, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Review and Approval of Finance Consultation Agreement

Ms. Ward noted that the agreement doesn't specify Tiffany Pignataro as the sole consultant. Mr. Reed shared that the contract is between the Town and the company Pignataro & Associates, LLC, owned by Ms. Pignataro and her husband; Ms. Pignataro is the only person within the company who is qualified to do municipal consulting work, and she will be the principal provider of services. Mr. Reed added that the drafted contract was reviewed by the Town Attorney. Brief discussion was held on the proposed hourly rate and how many hours of work per week are expected of Ms. Pignataro; it was noted that there is a cap of fifteen hours per week, and this funding is already budgeted within the Finance Officer salary line. Ms. Cardin asked if Mr. Reed has sat down with Ms. LaPlante to discuss how tasks would be allocated; Mr. Reed confirmed this, noting that the workload within the Finance Office would be broken down and handled appropriately. Ms. Ward asked what the long-term plan was. First Selectman Burstein commented that the position needs to be filled, but Ms. Pignataro's expertise is critical right now to bridge the gap. It was noted that while the Staff Accountant position is filled and active, Ms. LaPlante is doing both her and Ms. Pignataro's jobs at the moment. Mr. Reed commented that Ms. LaPlante has been instrumental in taking on these temporary additional tasks. Mr. Reed also added that the next agenda item is tied to how the Town moves forward in filling this vacancy.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (PRICHARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING CONSULTING SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON AND PIGNATARO & ASSOCIATES, LLC.

B. Discussion of Proposed Centralized Financial Services

Mr. Reed shared that the Town is in a unique position with both the Town and Ellington Public Schools Finance Officer positions being open; this presents a good opportunity to examine the concept and possibility of centralizing these financial services. He noted that the Town of Mansfield has had this type of system in place since the mid-1970s. There are opportunities to consolidate things like payroll and HR systems, and while consolidation may not lead to immediate savings of a fulltime equivalent, a portion of current costs could be saved. He shared that the feedback from the BOE was neutral; it was agreed that it is not a bad idea and further investigation into a joint system should be done. It was noted that Matt Hart, who is the current Executive Director of the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), previously served as Town Manager in Mansfield; he is an available resource on the joint finance system as well as Amanda Backhaus, Mansfield's current Director of Finance. It was recommended that a joint BOS and BOE meeting be scheduled, with BOF members and other key stakeholders invited, where speakers can talk about their experience and answer any questions. First Selectman Burstein shared that her biggest concern is avoiding a substantial increase in salaries; this would have to be cost-effective, as she doesn't want to see a negative impact on taxpayers. Ms. Thanvanthri noted that there would be a lot of pieces that would need to shift from these two important positions and asked if it would make more sense to focus on the smaller consolidation efforts and slowly build to a point where it naturally makes sense to consolidate these roles. Her concern is setting up a role that invites conflict between the Town and BOE. Mr. Stavens stated that he is all for this proposal, as the Town may not ever have this opportunity again, and he doesn't think that it would cost more overall. If existing systems are compatible, it makes sense to streamline the various financial procedures and policies. Ms. Cardin has a lot of concerns but is open to learning more about how this would happen; she would want to see specific evaluations of current job descriptions, a clear picture of the new role, and what this would mean for remaining roles on both the Town and BOE side. If it costs more in the short term, there will need to be a clear demonstration of the long-term strategic

plan. Ms. Cardin's other big reservation is that there is a brand new superintendent and a lot of moving parts with these vacant positions, so it may not be in the best interest of the Town to rush into this. She also echoed Ms. Thanvanthri's comments about combining the existing systems to realize those efficiencies. There is a sense of cooperation between the Town and BOE which should be capitalized on. Ms. Cardin appreciates the concept and spirit of sharing and cooperating, but it may not be doable right now. Ms. Ward noted that there are a lot of hypotheticals and stated that it would be helpful to get more specific information about exactly what it would look like and the cost breakdown. She expressed her concern about the timeline, stating that the combined meeting with stakeholders would be a good next step. Ms. Cardin agreed that hearing from others who have and are doing this would be beneficial, noting that another big question mark is finding a qualified candidate, considering the many other open positions in the state. It was confirmed that the BOE does have someone in an acting role temporarily handling these tasks. Mr. Boucher asked if there was a percentage that would be palatable in terms of a temporary increase if it led to more significant savings down the road, adding that this may be the best time to look into this and make the investment into the Town's future. Ms. Ward asked if it would be a reasonable request to get a projection of costs; Mr. Reed said that demonstrating costs, efficiencies and savings would be possible. Mr. Prichard agreed that this was worth looking into.

Liz Nord, 5 Geraldine Drive South, has been on both the BOE and BOF, and stated that there is a lot that the BOE Finance Director does; that individual is responsible for a big portion of the overall budget, and they need someone in place soon. This proposal is worth looking into but doesn't have to happen right now just because both positions are vacant. Ms. Cardin added that in addition to Wilton, East Haddam also had a combined finance position previously but split the positions back out.

Mr. Reed will reach out to the BOS and BOE to come up with dates for a combined meeting and will invite the BOF and other critical parties as attendees.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,093.28 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT DATED MAY 2026 [ATTACHED].

B. Re-establish Ad Hoc Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee

First Selectman Burstein commented that this group works hard to protect the lake.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE FOR ONE YEAR THROUGH MAY 2027.

C. Parachute Activity at Ellington Airport

Ms. Cardin noted that the numbers have gone way down over the years.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RECOMMEND TO THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY THAT THE LICENSE TO PERMIT PARACHUTE JUMPING AT ELLINGTON AIRPORT BE RENEWED FOR ONE YEAR.

D. Request for Acceptance of Warranty Deed – Punkin Drive

Ms. Thanvanthri shared her understanding of the process; the applicant wants to subdivide the existing lot to add another house, which zoning regulations don't allow for right now because there isn't the

necessary frontage. In order to do the subdivision, the applicant is conveying a bit of property to the Town to be considered the needed frontage. Her question is whether or not the Town has any responsibilities for the portion of land being conveyed. Mr. Reed confirmed that the Town would not need to maintain the piece of property at this time; the Town owns a number of similar parcels and is only responsible if a specific hazard is identified and not taken care of. Mr. Colonese confirmed that this plan complies with zoning regulations and will not pose an obstacle to future development.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE WARRANTY DEED ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROAD EXTENSION OF PUNKIN DRIVE AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED ON THE RESUBDIVISION PLAN PREPARED FOR PHILIP BAHLER DATED 3/25/2025 REVISED TO 12/9/2025, AS RECOMMENDED AND APPROVED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.

E. Emergency Management Preparedness Grant Application Approval

Ms. Cardin asked if this is money from the state; Mr. Reed confirmed that this is a federal grant that is allocated to each state and then distributed to the municipalities. For Ellington, this will be around \$9,700 that can be used to reimburse costs associated with the Town's emergency management efforts. While this funding offsets some financial burdens, Mr. Reed noted that the reimbursements can take quite some time, adding that a copy of this resolution is submitted with the application.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ELLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMAN HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE TOWN TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CONNECTICUT DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY FOR THE ANNUAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT LAURIE BURSTEIN, FIRST SELECTMAN OF THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE SUCH AWARD AND ANY ASSOCIATED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH AWARD ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.

F. Neighborhood Assistance Act Proposal – Set Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting

Mr. Reed shared that this a program that the Town has participated in historically, adding that it provides a direct tax credit to vendors that provide services related to the projects, as opposed to receiving invoiced payments. If the BOS approves the project, it will go through the rest of the required statutory process, including a public hearing and town meeting.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM PROPOSAL ENTITLED "STATION 243 HVAC REPLACEMENT," PENDING TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, AT 6:00 PM TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CALL A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2026, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:00 PM, TO PUT FORTH FOR THE FOLLOWING QUESTION: SHALL THE TOWN'S APPLICATION FOR THE 2026/27

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT PROGRAM ENTITLED "STATION 243 HVAC REPLACEMENT" BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN?

G. Proposed Expenditure – Opioid Settlement Committee

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR TO EXPEND \$2,844 IN FUNDING FROM THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND TO SUPPORT UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INITIATIVES, INCLUDING A TRAINING EVENT AND THE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES.

H. RFP Award: Electrical Services

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AWARD THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE ELECTRICAL SERVICES TO ELLINGTON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR LLC OF ELLINGTON, CT, FOR THREE YEARS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2029. THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT FOR TWO ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR PERIODS.

I. Ellington Public Schools: 89 West Road Lease Agreement – Set Special Town Meeting

First Selectman Burstein noted that these properties are for K-6 behavioral academic and emotional support programs and that they are paid by tuition. It was also noted that these motions are to renew existing leases that are expiring.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH ELLINGTON REALTY, INC, FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 89 WEST ROAD, UNIT 5, ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT, AT A RATE OF \$5,500 PER MONTH FOR THE TERM OF JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2031, PENDING TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING THAT HAS BEEN CALLED FOR JUNE 8, 2026, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 6:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING.

J. Ellington Public Schools: 105 West Road Lease Agreement - Set Special Town Meeting

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR ELLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS WITH ELLINGTON PLACE ASSOCIATES FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 105 WEST ROAD, ELLINGTON, CONNECTICUT, AT A RATE OF \$3,388.56 PER MONTH FOR THE TERM OF AUGUST 1, 2026 THROUGH JULY 31, 2031, PENDING TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING THAT HAS BEEN CALLED FOR JUNE 8, 2026, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 6:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING.

K. Allocation of Open Space Funds for Appraisal: DEEP Acquisition, Carson-Hyde Property

Mr. Colonese provided some background on this item. The parcel is being viewed for acquisition by the State, which doesn't have the manpower to get everything done in a timely manner. If the Town pays for the appraisal, it would expedite the overall timeframe of the purchase. He shared that the Town

has supported open space land purchases by the Northern CT Land Trust in the past; Ms. LaPlante shared that the audited balance of the open space fund is around \$560,000.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ALLOCATE UP TO \$5,000.00 FROM THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON OPEN SPACE FUND ACCOUNT FOR THE APPRAISAL OF A 20-ACRE PARCEL EAST OF SOMERS ROAD KNOWN AS ASSESSOR PARCEL NO. 191-001-0000 TO SUPPORT THE ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RECREATION AND NATURAL HERITAGE TRUST PROGRAM.

L. Ellington Volunteer Fire Department Annual Carnival – Request to Use Robert Tedford Memorial Park

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADD TO THE AGENDA, UNDER NEW BUSINESS, ITEM L. ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL CARNIVAL – REQUEST TO USE ROBERT TEDFORD MEMORIAL PARK.

First Selectman Burstein shared her excitement to see this event come back.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT (EVFD) TO USE THE WEST SECTION OF ROBERT TEDFORD MEMORIAL PARK FROM AUGUST 30, 2026 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 FOR THE ANNUAL EVFD CARNIVAL AND TO ERECT SIGNS PROMOTING THE ANNUAL EVFD CARNIVAL ON THE PARK GROUNDS, ON THE PROPERTY IN FRONT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX ADJACENT TO THE FIREHOUSE, IN FRONT OF THE PINNEY STREET FIREHOUSE ON NUTMEG DRIVE, AS WELL AS SMALLER SIGNS AT MAJOR INTERSECTIONS IN TOWN. ALL SIGNS ARE TO BE REMOVED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE EVENT.

FURTHER, TO DIRECT THE EVFD TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT TO THE FIRST SELECTMAN'S OFFICE A TOWN PROPERTY USE FORM AND NOTICE OF PROPOSED OUTSIDE PUBLIC ASSEMBLY FORM FOR REVIEW BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS' SUPERVISOR, AND THE FIRE MARSHAL, WITH FINAL APPROVAL BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TOWN'S USE OF TOWN PROPERTY POLICY, AND FOR THE EVFD TO ABIDE BY ALL TOWN RULES AND REGULATIONS THROUGHOUT THE ANNUAL EVFD CARNIVAL EVENT.

FURTHER, TO DIRECT THE EVFD TO CONSULT WITH THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR REGARDING THE DETAILS OF THE SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS EVENT.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Nothing was discussed.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DAVID ARZT, JEAN BURNS, LEON VERETTO, RODGER HOSIG, AND VICTOR LAPTIK TO THE AD HOC CRYSTAL LAKE MILFOIL COMMITTEE FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS THROUGH MAY 31, 2027.

B. Town Policies Committee

1. Wall of Honor

The Town Policies Committee met earlier tonight; there were several applicants to review, and members felt that Jim Gage should be presented as the Committee's recommendation, as he has given a lot back related to conservation in Ellington. First Selectman Burstein stated that the Town would look different without Jim's impact, as he has done so much.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SELECT JIM GAGE AS THE WALL OF HONOR RECIPIENT FOR 2026, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN POLICIES COMMITTEE, WITH THE INDUCTION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026, 4:00 PM AT ARBOR PARK.

C. Liaison Reports

Nothing was discussed.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

First Selectman Burstein went to a CRCOG Strategic Vision Planning meeting where attendees explored strategic priorities and ways to best support members and strengthen the region. Topics of discussion included federal infrastructure funding, economic vitality, regional housing strategies, road safety, shared services and the shortage of firefighters; this was followed by a Policy Board meeting.

Back at Town Hall, members of CRCOG met with Mr. Reed, Lisa Houlihan, and First Selectman Burstein to discuss a site analysis for housing.

She attended a mock car crash with Craig Webb at Ellington High School, where students witnessed a simulation of the consequences of unsafe choices and drinking and driving; high school staff, Ellington Police and State Troopers, Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps and Ellington Volunteer Fire Department all participated. It was a really well-done coordinated effort and hopefully it saves lives.

Earth Day was a success, with over 1000 attendees. She also attended a recent America 250 meeting to plan for Ellington's October 3 celebration; the committee is seeking additional volunteers to help.

She attended the recent BOE meeting where the concept of shared financial services was introduced and discussed. She also accompanied Sgt. Merrill and Officer Martinez to the Hartford Superior Courthouse, where 30 students attended court cases and learned about the justice system process; she thanked Officer Martinez for coordinating this visit.

Lastly, earlier today First Selectman Burstein was a guest speaker at the Rockville Rotary Club, sharing the many exciting happenings coming up in Ellington.

Mr. Reed shared that his report was included in the meeting packet. He reminded attendees that the Annual Town Budget Meeting is Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 7:00 pm at the EHS Auditorium. Two questions are included on the notice; one is required by statute and sets forth how property taxes are paid each year, and the second will refer the budget vote to a referendum later in the month.

Mr. Reed celebrated the accomplishments of Tax Collector Carolina Feliz, who has graduated with her Master of Public Administration from UConn School of Public Policy. The Town is proud to have her. There were about a dozen tax appeals from the revaluation which are working through the system.

Ms. Cardin said that she was really happy to see the 59 Maple Street property going through the suitability analysis. Mr. Reed noted that this parcel was purchased by the Town in 2021 and was selected as part of a program sponsored by CRCOG for a housing suitability analysis, funded through

the Department of Housing. A report is expected by late summer or early fall regarding the suitability of this parcel for this type of housing development.

- X. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOS: Nothing was discussed.
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to CGS 1-200(6) Discussion of strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation to which the public agency is a part – CT State Employees Retirement Commission v. Town of Ellington #HHD-CV23-6164694-S

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 PM, PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. SEC 1-200(6), FOR THE DISCUSSION OF STRATEGY AND NEGOTIATIONS WITH RESPECT TO PENDING CLAIMS OR PENDING LITIGATION TO WHICH THE PUBLIC AGENCY IS A PARTY - CT STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT COMMISSION V. TOWN OF ELLINGTON HHD-CV23-6164694-S.

Present: Laurie Burstein, David Stavens, Su Thanvanthri, James Prichard, Mary Cardin, Charlotte Ward, Jamie Boucher, Matthew Reed

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:32 PM.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Merriam

Julia Merriam, Recording Secretary

Laurie Burstein

Laurie Burstein, First Selectman

TOWN OF ELLINGTON
TAX AND REVENUE COLLECTOR'S REFUND REPORT
May 2026

Amount	Name	Tax	GL Year	Requesting Dept.	Reason
\$ 720.86	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	RE	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 5,322.55	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	RE	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 4,297.67	CORELOGIC CENTRALIZED REFUNDS	RE	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 26.36	GORDEN INEZ	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD 8/25
\$ 137.11	JOY DAVID + BRIDGET	RE	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 7.96	MALIK SOHAIL	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	REG IN TX 8/25
\$ 495.84	SANTOCRISTO JENNIFER + SULLIMAN JENNIFER	PP	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 832.53	TESLA LEASE TRUST	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD 11/24
\$ 265.33	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD 2/25
\$ 252.51	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD 5/25
\$ 83.48	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD 7/25
\$ 75.99	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD 7/25
\$ 575.09	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD 2/25
\$ 13,093.28	REFUND TOTAL FOR MAY 2026				

May 11, 2026

First Selectman's Report

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I attended an Ellington America 250 meeting to plan for the celebration on October 3rd. They are seeking additional volunteers to help with this special event.

I attended a Board of Education meeting where the idea was discussed briefly on exploring shared services with Finance.

This past Friday, I had the privilege of accompanying Sergeant Merrill and Officer Martinez to the Hartford Superior Court house with Ellington High School students and their two AP teachers. 30 students sat in on criminal court cases and later sat in on domestic abuse cases. Thank you Jose Martinez for coordinating this incredible opportunity for the students to see up close our justice system.

This morning I was a guest speaker at the Rockville Rotary Club and shared the many exciting happenings coming up in Ellington.