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ELIZABETH NORD
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BOARD OF FINANCE

SPECIAL MEETING

June 9, 2026 Minutes

MAURICE BLANCHETTE
DOUGLAS HARDING
DANIEL KEUNE
GOMATHI RAMACHANDRAN

Members Present: Logan Johnson, Liz Nord, Dan Keune, Gomathi Ramachandran, Maurice Blanchette.

Others Present: Matt Reed – Town Administrator, Jennifer Dzen – Board of Education, Cole Prato – EVFD, Felicia LaPlante – Assistant Finance Officer, Angela Moser – BOE, Jenn Mullins – BOE, Dave Stavens – BOS, Jamie Boucher – BOS, Shane Schiller – IT.

Others Present Via Zoom: Scott Noble

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:19 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Logan Johnson, Liz Nord, Dan Keune, Maurice Blanchette, Gomathi Ramachandran.

Absent: Doug Harding.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting – June 2, 2026

A motion to approve the June 2, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

MOVED (RAMACHANDRAN) SECONDED (BLANCHETTE) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE JUNE 2, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

New Business

a. FY2026-27 Budget Discussion

The Chairman stated the budget failed at the referendum, 1025 yes – 1073 no. The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2026, to discuss budget deliberations, and the referendum will be set for Tuesday, June 23, 2026.

He asked what guidance we should give the town and Board of Education moving forward. Mr. Keune stated to look at new vacant positions on the town side before making cuts to the Board of Education.

Mr. Johnson stated we can't cut the budget enough to turn no votes into yes. He suggested we look at the capital reserve fund.

Mrs. Nord agrees with looking at the Capital Reserve Fund.

The Board asked Mrs. LaPlante to bring further cuts totaling about 1.3 million to cut .5 from the mill rate to the next Board of Finance Meeting on June 11th.

Mrs. Dzen stated that if the Board is going to cut from the Board of Education, she suggested cutting items such as the modern classroom furniture and the maintenance vehicle replacement. She stated that cutting from the operating budget will impact students and positions.

Jamie Boucher – BOS (379 Somers Road): Asked what the cost to hold a referendum was. Mrs. LaPlante gave a ballpark of \$10,000-\$12,000.

Adjournment

MOVED (BLANCHETTE) SECONDED (RAMACHANDRAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Luginbuhl

Elizabeth Luginbuhl, Recording Secretary