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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
July 13, 2026
Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr. Meeting Hall
and via ZOOM Conferencing

Prior to the meeting, the following Board/Commission/Committee members were recognized for ten, twenty, and thirty years of service to the Town of Ellington:

THIRTY YEARS OF SERVICE
Gordon Oliver, Parks and Recreation Commission

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE
Tom Adams, Permanent Building Committee
Ron Stomberg, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate
John Streiber, Deputy Emergency Management Director

TEN YEARS OF SERVICE
Joe Boucher, Patriotic Committee
Donna Resutek, Economic Development Commission
Derek Reed, Ethics Commission
Deanna Wambolt-Gulick, Human Services Commission

First Selectman Burstein also sent a card of thanks to each member who has served for five and fifteen years and expressed appreciation for all who volunteer to serve the Ellington community.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. 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, Perry Dikeman, Mechanic II, Brian Novak, DPW Union President/Lead Mechanic [left 8:04 pm], Keith Jarvis, Maintainer I [left 8:04 pm], Department of Public Works (DPW); Craig Webb, Director of Emergency Medical Services; Dr. Sue Nash, Superintendent, Ellington Public Schools; Mary Bartley, Director, Kevin Barrett, Assistant Director [left 7:53 pm], Recreation Department; Shane Schiller, Manager of Tech Support ; *Sue Phillips, Director, Hall Memorial Library

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

*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. June 8, 2026 Public Hearing

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2026 PUBLIC HEARING.

B. June 8, 2026 Town Meeting

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2026 TOWN MEETING.

C. June 8, 2026 Regular Meeting

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business to discuss.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $1,435.86 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT DATED JULY 2026 [ATTACHED].

B. Board of Education Membership – Elected Position

1. Resignation of Michael Young

Ms. Ward thanked him for his service; First Selectman Burstein noted that he served for a long time and his work was appreciated.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MICHAEL YOUNG FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

2. ERTC Recommendation to Fill Vacancy

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE THIS ITEM, PENDING THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ELLINGTON REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE.

C. BOS Submission – 2025-26 Annual Report

Ms. Cardin asked if there was an updated version available, based on discussions that were had. Mr. Reed noted that the BOS members had the version that had been initially circulated, adding that if there were further recommendations or revisions, they could be brought up now. Historically, the annual report has included a chronological listing of actions taken by the BOS over the fiscal year; Mr. Reed noted that Ms. Merriam had also created a summary document this year, adding that the BOS could submit whichever format or document they wanted. The submission can also be reviewed further and other adjustments can be shared with the First Selectman's Office prior to publication.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO TABLE THIS ITEM.

D. Appointment of Director and Assistant Director of Recreation

First Selectman Burstein noted that Ms. Bartley has worked in the Department for many years and has done a great job; she shared that the Department is in very good hands and expressed appreciation for her work.

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MARY BARTLEY AS DIRECTOR OF RECREATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

First Selectman Burstein shared that Mr. Barrett is another asset to have in the Department; she expressed her appreciation for everything he does, adding that it was nice to see him in this position.

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF KEVIN BARRETT AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF RECREATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF RECREATION AND THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

Mr. Reed had asked Ms. Bartley and Mr. Barrett to be present so they could be formally introduced to the BOS; both stood briefly and were acknowledged by those present.

E. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement – Town/DPW Local 1303-009

Ms. Cardin asked if this was something that needed to be approved tonight. Mr. Reed said that approving it tonight would be best; salary increases were effective July 1, and the union has already voted to approve the contract, so it is up to the BOS to ratify it. If not formally ratified within 30 days, it will go into effect automatically.

Mr. Stavens shared that he doesn't like the fact that this contract gets staff members back into the CMERS system. Mr. Reed clarified that this contract maintains the status quo with regards to the pension systems that different DPW members are involved in; some remain in CMERS and some are in the alternative plan, and this contract does not change that.

Ms. Cardin remarked that there should be an ongoing executive session item on BOS agendas in case there are items that need to be discussed privately. Mr. Reed shared that there is no new information at this time.

Ms. Cardin brought up the introductory section of the agreement, noting that she would have expected it to say that the Town Administrator was directed by the First Selectman/BOS to negotiate the agreement; she wanted to understand why the proposed language of the second paragraph had been included. Mr. Reed noted that this has consistently been included in other union contracts, including Town Hall, EVAC, and Police, since his position has been established, as the Town Administrator is the negotiating agent of the Town. Ms. Cardin asked if there was language stating that he was negotiating at the direction of the BOS; Mr. Reed noted that it was state statute that governs collective bargaining negotiations, and the Town Charter indicates that he works at the direction of the BOS. Ms. Cardin suggested that the contract language be changed to reflect the language of the Charter. Ms. Thanvanthri noted that within the grievance procedure, it states that the matter shall be submitted to the First Selectman, who shall arrange a meeting with all those concerned. Under Safety and Health, it states that the Committee shall include the First Selectman or his/her designee. She added that the Town Administrator is always available to provide assistance as needed. Ms. Cardin expressed her feeling that as the BOS is responsible for directing the Town Administrator to negotiate, the First Selectman designation should remain in the contract. Mr. Reed shared that since he is responsible for the negotiation of contracts, he doesn't feel that the proposed language impacts the process. Ms. Cardin expressed her feeling that the BOS should maintain their proper authority. She feels that this new paragraph that includes reference to the Town Administrator any time the term First Selectman is used implies authorities of the Town Administrator that the BOS have not designated to him.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO STRIKE THE SECOND PARAGRAPH OF THE PREAMBLE WITHIN THE CONTRACT.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED [AYE: THANVANTHRI/PRICHARD/ BURSTEIN/CARDIN/ WARD/BOUCHER; NAY: STAVENS] TO APPROVE THE BARGAINING UNIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND ELLINGTON PUBLIC WORKS UNION LOCAL 1303-009, AS AMENDED, SUCH AGREEMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2030. FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT.

F. Approval of Job Descriptions – EMT (Revised) and Transportation Specialist (New)

Ms. Ward asked if the draft EMT job description included in the meeting packet was a work in progress; Mr. Webb offered to forward the fully revised document. Ms. Cardin asked for an explanation of the overall purpose of the revisions. Mr. Webb shared that the original description was approved in 2004 and was last revisited in 2019; since then, there have been changes within the Department, and these revisions reflect the updated hierarchy and provide up-to-date expectations for new candidates. It also reflects new competency and mentorship focuses. It was noted that this will not impact the existing personnel, and Mr. Webb added that he handles many ancillary and administrative responsibilities.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO POSITION DESCRIPTION NUMBER 725, EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE EMS DIRECTOR AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

First Selectman Burstein noted that this is for the Senior Center transportation program which is very needed. Ms. Grady was unable to attend this meeting, but Mr. Reed shared that this position was discussed during the budget process. These duties have previously been handled by the Administrative Secretary; First Selectman Burstein noted that this individual has many other responsibilities to focus on but that she can continue to offer support to the new staff member. Ms. Thanvanthri commented that the policy had been limited to taking calls on certain days and times since it was becoming overwhelming for the current staff, and she is hopeful that the new position will allow for expansion of scheduling. Ms. Cardin said that it would be great if Ms. Grady could keep stats on the specific data points of the calls that are received, like the time of day calls are made and the types of service that are requested, so that the BOS can understand exactly how these needs are being met.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE POSITION DESCRIPTION 580, TRANSPORTATION SPECIALIST, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR AND THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

G. Procurement of Fire Apparatus [Center Fire Chief to be present]

Chief Prato noted that this was heavily discussed during budget deliberations and he provided a brief overview; after a thorough review of current equipment, they are looking to move forward with a smaller, more specialized apparatus which doesn't require a special endorsement license and will entail fewer repairs and maintenance needs. In researching lease proposal options as recommended by the BOF, he found a demo stock unit that would be available very quickly, with only a couple of minor tweaks that may be needed, including lettering. This item was removed from the budget as a capital purchase. Mr. Stavens asked about the money that had been set aside the previous year; Chief Prato shared that this can be used to procure any additional equipment or to cover the cost of lettering, adding that the EVFD is looking to sell the rescue truck that is being replaced and will hopefully recoup some funding from that sale as well. Mr. Boucher asked if there was any funding for maintenance of the current truck; Chief Prato said that it was all removed from the budget, noting that it would be an estimate of $20,000-$30,000 to repair something like the air system in the current truck. Mr. Boucher asked about the turnaround time to get the new vehicle in service; Chief Prato said that once the process is complete and the truck is in their possession, it should be ready to go in thirty days, noting that they already have preliminary estimations for the equipment that will be needed. Ms. Cardin asked for clarification on this item, as it was cut from the budget but is now being approved through lease financing; Ms. LaPlante shared that this was removed from the capital budget with the understanding that the EVFD would present this leased option. Ms. LaPlante does not have the exact cost of the lease financing; the proposed motion includes the purchase price of the vehicle, and the interest would be handled through the debt service line. Based on quotes that were obtained six months ago, the total interest payment would range between $33,000-$66,000 over the life of the five-year lease. Ms. LaPlante's concern with the timing of this action is that the company has already held this vehicle for a month and will need to hold it for another month to await the Town Meeting vote; she does not want the EVFD to lose this opportunity. Ms. Cardin asked about the cost of the original capital proposal, which was $360,000 based on an October 2025 quote. Mr. Boucher asked if there was a drop-dead date where a decision had to be made before the vehicle would potentially be released to another buyer; Chief Prato shared that if the EVFD can provide an intent to purchase in good faith, the company will hold the truck.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPLACEMENT OF RESCUE 143 (R-143) THROUGH THE ACQUISITION OF THE DEMONSTRATION MODEL FIRE APPARATUS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $377,630, AND FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE FINANCING AGREEMENT, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL BY TOWN MEETING OF THE MULTI-YEAR LEASE FINANCING.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR AUGUST 10, 2026 AT 6:15 PM IN THE NICHOLAS J. DICORLETO, JR. MEETING HALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING AND ACTING UPON THE MULTI-YEAR LEASE FINANCING AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPLACEMENT OF RESCUE 143 (R-143).

H. Closing of the Solid Waste Collection Fund

Ms. Cardin asked for an explanation on this item. Ms. LaPlante shared that during the budget deliberations, a lot of creative ideas were presented to reduce the tax burden; one of these proposals involved taking the salary and benefits of the Recycling/Refuse Manager out of the operating budget and utilizing the DPW Special Revenue Fund to cover these costs. To do so, the fund would need seed money to initially support this proposal. The closing of the Solid Waste Collection Fund had already been discussed within the Finance Office, as the trash bill is now built into the general fund budget and is no longer a separate fee that is collected. The funding of this position was removed from the operating budget for this year, so if the position is not covered by the fund balance, a budget appropriation will be needed. Delinquent funds can still be collected and will go into the general fund – miscellaneous revenue account. The ultimate goal is that this position would be self-sustaining from the DPW Special Revenue Fund, from the increased revenue from additional recycling initiatives and material sales. While this would no longer be reflected in the budget, related activity could be included in the monthly financial reports. Ms. Cardin expressed that she does not like the idea of taking expenses out of the public eye and removing them from the budget process. Ms. Thanvanthri agreed that residents should be able to see how funding is being used. If this is not the direction that the BOS wishes to go, Ms. LaPlante urged them to close the trash fund and move that money to the unassigned fund balance so that the Recycling/Refuse position does not create an unexpected budgetary impact. Ms. Ward shared some feedback that she has received about the Town being "notorious for just finding money." Ms. LaPlante noted that she has been very open and welcomes residents to reach out if they have any questions, adding that the yearly audit, which results in a public document, would include documentation on this activity, making it very transparent. Ms. Ward shared that the perception of the public is that this item was cut and is now being funded; Mr. Prichard commented that it was cut with the very clear understanding that this was the solution that was being pursued. Ms. Cardin reiterated her desire to see monthly reporting on this if it moves forward, which Ms. LaPlante could easily provide. Ms. Thanvanthri noted that residents should be able to look up salary information for all town employees and she doesn't like that the information for this position wouldn't be readily available if paid through a separate fund. Ms. LaPlante noted that the information would be readily available through the meeting packet reports. Mr. Stavens asked Mr. Modzelewski if there was enough revenue in the fund to offset Mr. Saunders' salary and benefits without the seed money, and Mr. Modzelewski said that it would not be possible without this initial transfer of funding. Mr. Modzelewski stated that during budget deliberations, it was made clear that the BOF was supportive of this proposal, and if the fund was not able to generate enough revenue to offset the position, it would be returned to the general operating budget; however, the goal is to increase material sales and explore all other revenue avenues, including the money from the nip sales. Ms. LaPlante noted that she was thorough in developing this proposal, and there is a plan in place where the position could be able to fund itself. Mr. Boucher noted that without this position in place, the revenue from recycling and other related activities would dwindle. Ms. Cardin asked if this position could be returned to the general operating budget and supported by the special revenue fund; Mr. Prichard expressed his feeling that this seems to be an overcomplicated solution, which Ms. LaPlante agreed with. If the BOS does not want this position to be paid through the fund, an appropriation will need to be approved next month and next year's budget proposal can be a fresh start.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED [AYE: STAVENS/PRICHARD/BURSTEIN/ WARD/BOUCHER; NAY: THANVANTHRI/CARDIN] TO CLOSE THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION FUND EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2026, AND TO TRANSFER ALL RETAINED EARNINGS AS OF JUNE 30, 2026, TO THE DPW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND, PENDING BOARD OF FINANCE APPROVAL.

I. Discussion Regarding Sale of 138 Windermere Ave, Referral to P&Z § 8-24

Mr. Reed shared that a resident had inquired about purchasing a parcel that the Town has owned for a number of years; he provided the resident with the Town's policy on selling property, and an offer has been made. CGS § 8-24 requires any sale of property to be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Mr. Reed clarified that the draft motion is just to take the next step in that process; the offer would be formally presented to the BOS for approval at a later date and would also require a Town Meeting vote. Mr. Stavens commented that he is favor of selling the property but was curious if there were others who may be interested who weren't aware that the property was available. Mr. Reed noted that the policy allows for the current scenario, adding that it will require notification to abutting landowners. Ms. Thanvanthri asked if there was a way to announce that the Town is offering the parcel for sale so the public as a whole is aware of the opportunity; Mr. Reed noted that if the Town wanted to formally list it for sale, there are additional processes including inspections and hiring a realtor, and there are no funds set aside for that at this time. When the Town entertains an offer, the current policy puts those types of costs on the offering party. There is no requirement for competitive bidding; the Town has the right to sell the property at the discretion of the BOS. Mr. Prichard asked how long the Town has owned the parcel; Mr. Reed shared that it has been in the Town's possession since February of 2010. Ms. Cardin feels that other parties should be advised that the Town is willing to sell the parcel, noting that the supporting material was not included with the other packet information. Mr. Reed noted that he is not opposed to publishing the information, but if the BOS was not interested in selling the property, he wanted to be respectful to the offering party. Mr. Prichard commented that the abutters will be notified, and if no one else expresses interest, the Town should proceed with the current offer. It was reiterated that regardless of if this sale is pursued or if it is presented to a wider audience, the 8-24 report will still be required.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REFER THE SALE OF 138 WINDERMERE AVENUE TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A REPORT PURSUANT TO CONN. GEN. STAT. SEC. 8-24.

J. Budget Transfer Request FY 2025-26 – Capital Reserve/Mill Rate Stabilization Funds

First Selectman Burstein shared that this was reviewed by the BOF.

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (STAVENS) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF $200,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FROM ACCOUNT 1011-60851 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND TO ACCOUNT 1046-60250 MILL RATE STABILIZATION FUND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER.

K. Closeout of Capital Projects FY 2025-26

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE OUT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL PROJECT TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FY2025-26: BOE-CL GYM FLOOR $609.65. FURTHER, MOVE TO CLOSE OUT THE FOLLOWING CAPITAL PROJECTS TO THE GENERAL FUND UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR FY 2025-26: DPW-PARKS EQUIPMENT $408.99, EVFD-RESCUE TOOLS REPLACEMENT $647.21, DPW-AERATOR/SEEDER $1,666, DPW-EQUIPMENT TRAILER $948.01, AND DPW-HEAVY EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT $1,983.80.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Nothing was discussed.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JAMISON BOUCHER FROM THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT LOIS TIMMS-FERRARA TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING MARCH 31, 2029.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT THOMAS BROPHY TO THE AD HOC PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT DAVID HURLEY AND CYNTHIA SOTO TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION TO SERVE FOUR-YEAR TERMS THROUGH JULY 31, 2030.

B. Liaison Reports: Nothing was discussed.

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

First Selectman Burstein shared the following monthly report:

“I’m pleased that our budget has passed. I want to thank all our departments, as well as Finance, the Board of Education, and the Board of Finance, for their hard work and collaboration throughout this process. Everyone sharpened their pencils, made thoughtful adjustments, and remained mindful of the town’s needs. This budget reflects a shared commitment to fiscal responsibility while continuing to support the services our community relies on.

I attended the Ellington High School Graduation Ceremony. Congratulations to the Class of 2026! It was a beautiful graduation ceremony. The students did an outstanding job, delivering thoughtful, inspiring, memorable speeches that also made us laugh.

I visited Sand Meadow Farms located on Frog Hollow Rd. Katherine Nelson, along with her family, gave me a wonderful tour of their farm. They have a Farm Stand that has locally raised meats for sale as well. During the visit Katherine shared concerns on Desri Company (Saltbox Solar) in anticipation of an application. Her farm will directly abut the proposed site. It threatens vital conservation efforts for her farm. It degrades the agricultural capacity, disrupts wildlife and obstructs the established wildlife corridors with the stream running through it.

On the Fourth of July, I had the privilege of attending the Connecticut America 250 celebration at the State Capitol. During the event, I joined representatives from many surrounding towns in signing a recommitment to our Constitution.

The ceremony continued with a flag presentation and a procession to the Old State Library, where the official Recommitment Ceremony was held.

The goal of this statewide initiative is to have all 169 Connecticut towns sign the recommitment as we commemorate America’s 250th anniversary. I was honored to represent our community.

We still have more 250 celebrations coming up with Ellington America 250 celebration on October 3rd. They are looking for sponsors, volunteers and participants to celebrate our country. Please visit our website for details on how you can be a part of this. They have a QR Code.

This Historical Society and the Library has been in full swing with numerous America 250 Celebrations.

Crystal Lake had to close briefly for unsafe water due to heavy rainfall. The Department of Health retested a few days later and was safe for swimming.

In accordance with Charter Section 1303 Conflict of Interest which states any elected official or board member doing business with the town must disclose to the Board of Selectmen. I want to make the Board aware that the WPCA has awarded the Windermere Avenue Sewer Extension project to Selectman Dave Stavens company -Barber Utilities, a local business following a formal competitive bid process. Barber Utilities was the lowest responsible bidder among five submissions, with a bid of $397, 776. We look forward to this work beginning.

Visit our town website for information on summer events happening around town."

Mr. Reed noted that his report had been included in the packet; he also took a moment to acknowledge the new Superintendent, Dr. Sue Nash, who was present. He shared that Dr. Nash has over 25 years of educational leadership experience, most recently as Superintendent in Killingly, having previously served as Principal at Crystal Lake School.

Ms. Ward had a question for Mr. Modzelewski about when the playgrounds would be available for use. Mr. Modzelewski shared that he had hoped to get the contractor on site this week, but with some recent unfavorable weather conditions, some jobs have been pushed back; he's hoping that they'll get to Ellington in the next week or two, and then there will be about a week of construction, with the ultimate goal to have everything set and available before school starts up again.

X. CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER COMMUNICATION FROM THE BOS: Nothing was discussed.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Merriam	Laurie Burstein
Julia Merriam, Recording Secretary	Laurie Burstein, First Selectman

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

Amount	Name	Tax	GL Year	Requesting Dept.	Reason
$ 100.00	DIORIO LARISSA A + DIORIO MARK G JR	MV	2023	ASSESSOR	MOVED
$ 190.87	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD
$ 216.18	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD
$ 432.79	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD
$ 242.64	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD
$ 253.38	TOYOTA LEASE TRUST	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD
$ 1,435.86	**REFUND TOTAL FOR JULY 2026**				