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Town Administrator

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 14, 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 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Town Staff Present: Matthew Reed, Town Administrator; Matt Evans, Finance Officer/ Treasurer; Tom Modzelewski, Director, Department of Public Works (DPW); Sgt. Tim Merrill, Resident State Troopers Office Supervisor; Dr. Sue Nash, Superintendent of Schools; Craig Webb, EMS Director; *Lisa Houlihan, Town Planner; Mary Bartley, Director of Recreation

Elected Officials Present: Doug Harding, Board of Finance; *Miriam Underwood, Vice Chair, *David Stavens, Board of Education

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

*Attended via Zoom

III. PUBLIC COMMENT [*Not to exceed 30 minutes unless extended by majority vote of the BOS*]

No residents came forward.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 10, 2026 Town Meeting

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED [AYE: THANVANTHRI/PRICHARD/BURSTEIN/CARDIN/WARD/BOUCHER; ABSTAIN: SPIELMAN] TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2026 TOWN MEETING.

B. August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED [AYE: THANVANTHRI/PRICHARD/BURSTEIN/CARDIN/WARD/BOUCHER; ABSTAIN: SPIELMAN] TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2026 REGULAR MEETING.

C. August 17, 2026 Special Meeting

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Board of Selectmen Committee, Liaison, and Representative Assignments

Mr. Boucher, as a point of order, asked for an explanation on why there is a reorganization at this time as opposed to just filling vacancies, as this typically only takes place at the organizational meeting every two years. First Selectman Burstein stated that with the change of membership, she wanted to be thoughtful with the recommended appointments. There was some debate about whether or not Section 602 of the Town Charter provided the BOS with the authority to “reorganize” at a time other than the organizational meeting. Mr. Boucher brought up that these appointments have not historically been restructured mid-term, noting that when Mr. Madru filled a vacancy a few years ago, he was appointed to the vacant spots with no other reorganization. First Selectman Burstein reiterated that she wanted to fit the right people in the right positions; Ms. Cardin was fully supportive of First Selectman Burstein making the changes that she found appropriate, given the new makeup of the BOS. Ms. Ward commented that there were two interpretations of the language in Section 602, but there was no real clarity to give either side a strong argument, and she noted that just because it hasn’t been done before doesn’t mean that it can’t happen moving forward. Mr. Reed commented that the assignment of committees and liaisons is vague in the Charter, noting that Section 601 provides that the First Selectman may appoint individuals to serve as ex-officio or non-voting members to certain committees. He also noted that it doesn’t need to be voted on, just presented, even if it was voted on in the past. Mr. Prichard noted that the issue at hand relates to regular members of committees, not liaisons, adding that the proposal includes a change to the Personnel Committee when it wasn’t impacted by a vacancy. Mr. Boucher also noted that he is specifically being removed from two committees. First Selectman Burstein shared that he was added to a new committee as well, adding that she was trying to balance things better. Mr. Prichard stated that Mr. Boucher had a reason to bring this up, as he was being removed from two committees where he has experience. Ms. Spielman commented that perhaps this could be tabled so that the BOS could get clarification on what should be done. Mr. Boucher confirmed his feeling that there is an organizational meeting once every two years, with the appointment of these committees as part of its structure, and that shuffling membership should not occur outside of that meeting. First Selectman Burstein once again noted that due to the vacancy and subsequent new member, there were needed changes; she recalled that something similar happened many years ago with no issues.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED [AYE: THANVANTHRI/BURSTEIN/CARDIN/WARD; NAY: SPIELMAN/PRICHARD/BOUCHER] TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN COMMITTEE, LIAISON, AND REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS [ATTACHED].

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Tax Refunds/Abatements

MOVED (WARD), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE TAX REFUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,176.77 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE TAX & REVENUE COLLECTOR AND AS SPECIFIED IN THE REFUNDS/ABATEMENTS STATEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 2026 [ATTACHED].

B. Re-establish Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion

Brian Cocuzzo of the Committee couldn’t attend, but he provided a document that shares the group’s mission and activity. Ms. Cardin noted that this hadn’t been included in the packet and she shared the following mission statement on the record: *To promote a community that ensures welcoming attitudes,*

inclusion, equity, affirmation, and respect of diversity in Ellington. She also asked that it be attached to the minutes when they are posted.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO RE-ESTABLISH THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION FOR ONE YEAR THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2027.

C. Disposal of DPW Asset via Auction/Sale

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE DISPOSAL OF ONE (1) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS ASSET: (1) 2007 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK, AS DESCRIBED IN A MEMO DATED AUGUST 19, 2026 FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. FURTHER, MOVE TO APPROVE THE DEPOSIT OF RECEIVED ASSET SALE FUNDS TO THE CAPITAL RESERVES ACCOUNT TO OFFSET FUTURE DPW ASSET EXPENDITURES.

D. Request to Close Town Roads for Recreation Department Road Race

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT THE REQUEST OF THE ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CLOSE THE FOLLOWING ROADS FOR THE OCTOBER 17, 2026 ROAD RACE, PROVIDED ALL THE NECESSARY TOWN AGENCY APPROVALS AND STATE PERMITS ARE OBTAINED:

- CLOSE SADDS MILL ROAD (ROUTE 140) FROM TOMOKA AVENUE HEADING NORTHWEST TO MUDDY BROOK ROAD;
 - CLOSE MUDDY BROOK ROAD FROM SADDS MILL ROAD (ROUTE 140) HEADING EAST TO JOBS HILL ROAD;
 - CLOSE JOBS HILL ROAD FROM MUDDY BROOK ROAD HEADING SOUTH TO SADDS MILL ROAD (ROUTE 140);
 - CLOSE HATHEWAY ROAD FROM MUDDY BROOK ROAD TO SADDS MILLS ROAD (ROUTE 140).
- FURTHER, THAT ALL ACTIVITY BE COORDINATED WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS' OFFICE.

E. Authorization for Town Administrator to Sign Axon Contract

Mr. Reed shared that state law requires all police officers to carry tasers, and the Town's devices are old and are no longer supported by the vendor; all police departments across the state are going through this process. This item was approved in the capital budget for \$52,000; however, when Sgt. Merrill looked more closely at the request, it was realized that it only covered ten of the thirteen officers. The quote had also expired, so when the quote was updated to thirteen, plus associated training and ancillary equipment, it ended up being around \$33,000 more than what was budgeted. Ms. Thanvanthri noted that there were different estimated shipping dates for various items within the quote, some three years down the road. Sgt. Merrill noted that those later dates likely refer to software items, confirming that all of the physical equipment will be in by December; he added that everything was covered for the full five-year duration of the contract, so if anything is out of date within that time, it will be covered at no cost. First Selectman Burstein noted that the current equipment was not compliant, which is why this upgrade is necessary. Ms. Cardin noted that some of the items only had quantities of two as opposed to the full thirteen; Sgt. Merrill confirmed that those items are part of the training system and will cover the whole department. Ms. Ward asked if the tasers were transferrable if an officer retired and a new hire came in, which was confirmed. Sgt. Merrill added that down the road, the Town will need to acquire Axon bodycams and equipment for the vehicles; if an officer is involved in a critical incident or use of force situation, everything will directly

link to that officer, and the data will be instantly retrievable and available. Mr. Reed also added that the BOS members will be welcome to attend the training once the new equipment is in.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT BETWEEN AXON ENTERPRISE, INCORPORATED AND THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON FOR THE PURCHASE OF THIRTEEN TASERS AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE, AND TRAINING AS SET FORTH IN QUOTATION Q-905327-006.

F. Appointment of Matthew Evans, Finance Officer/Treasurer

Mr. Reed introduced Matthew Evans, who is an accomplished municipal finance professional with more than a decade of experience in government budgeting, financial planning, and public administration; he comes to Ellington from North Carolina. He led major budgeting and financial reporting initiatives, holds a Master of Public Affairs and is a certified local government budget officer. He emerged head and shoulders above the other candidates and has been a dedicated and remarkable asset so far in his time here.

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW EVANS AS FINANCE OFFICER/TREASURER, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FIRST SELECTMAN AND THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

G. Acceptance of Open Space – 53 Wapping Wood Road

Ms. Cardin asked if there was access to the open space from the road; Mr. Reed answered that there is a right-of-way that provides access. Ms. Spielman asked how wide the access area was; it is fifty feet wide, which Mr. Modzelewski confirmed is sufficient for their purposes.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT A 9.89-ACRE PARCEL OF LAND, AS SHOWN ON THE BOUNDARY PLAN, WAPPING WOOD ESTATES, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION ON JULY 27, 2026. THE OPEN SPACE DEDICATION IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF 28.79 ACRES, LOCATED AT 53 WAPPING WOOD ROAD, ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 005-006-0000, IN THE RESIDENTIAL (R) ZONE.

FURTHER, MOVE TO REQUEST THE DEVELOPER, MANNARINO BUILDERS, INC., TO PROVIDE THE TOWN PLANNER'S OFFICE WITH A WARRANTY DEED FOR THE DESIGNATED OPEN SPACE PARCEL AND TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICIAL RECORDING OF THE REQUIRED LEGAL DOCUMENTS UPON SUCCESSFUL REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY.

H. Discussion Item-FOI Act Compliance & Charter Section Review

First Selectman Burstein had asked Mr. Reed to provide a brief review on these topics. He shared that the Town was visited by the First Amendment Auditors group a few years ago, and Ellington was one of the few towns that proved itself open and accessible, getting a good result. Mr. Reed noted that the CT Freedom of Information Act focuses on guaranteeing public access to public records and public meetings. Members of the public are free to attend all public meetings, excluding executive sessions. Meetings are noticed with a properly filed agenda, and any convening of a quorum is deemed a public meeting. Any texts or emails pertaining to Town business, even if they are on personal accounts or devices, are subject to FOIA discovery and must be retained and made available if requested.

Mr. Reed provided members with a standard primer of applicable sections of FOIA, including a meeting matrix that outlines requirements for regular, special, and emergency meetings. He also briefly

mentioned caucusing, which is excluded as a public meeting. Registered members of any one political party are allowed to meet, even if those members form a quorum of a particular body, such as the BOS. The law allows for the planning and arranging of future actions during such a caucus.

First Selectman Burstein also asked Mr. Reed to highlight Section 608 of the Town Charter, which he read into the record: *No member of the Board of Selectmen, except the First Selectman, shall give orders, either publicly or privately, to any administrative officer or employee as defined by Sections 803 and 1001 of this Charter, except that a properly constituted meeting of the Board of Selectmen may call before it any employee or officer for the purpose of information or investigation.* He noted that individual members of the BOS should not be calling departments and tasking them with specific assignments or providing instruction, though they are encouraged to ask questions if needed. This hasn't been a problem in the past, but it is important to continue operating in an orderly manner.

First Selectman Burstein shared that Mr. Reed was being honored by the Connecticut Foundation for Open Government with the Mitchell W. Pearlman Freedom of Information Award in the public official category, and she congratulated him on this wonderful recognition.

Ms. Ward thanked First Selectman Burstein for organizing this presentation, noting that it was helpful.

I. EVFD R-143 Replacement Lease Agreement

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (SPIELMAN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A FIVE (5) YEAR LEASE FINANCING AGREEMENT WITH TD EQUIPMENT FINANCE, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$377,630, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE ELLINGTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPLACEMENT RESCUE 143 (R-143), AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE LEASE FINANCING.

J. Board of Education Unexpended Education Fund Ordinance

MOVED (CARDIN), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REFER THE BOARD OF EDUCATION UNEXPENDED EDUCATION FUND PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO THE TOWN OF ELLINGTON ORDINANCE COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

K. Budget Execution FY 2026-2027

Ms. Cardin asked if this just shows the split budget amounts across the year, which Mr. Evans confirmed, noting that this process is a requirement in the Charter. He added that since there was an amendment after the budget adoption, the second document identifies the additional appropriation for Hall Memorial Library. Mr. Reed commented that this Charter section is something that the previous Charter Revision Commission identified to be reviewed during the next revision process.

MOVED (THANVANTHRI), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BUDGET EXECUTION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 AS PREPARED BY THE ASSISTANT FINANCE OFFICER/DEPUTY TREASURER.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

A. EMS Update – Director Webb

Mr. Reed had asked Mr. Webb to provide an update, as Ellington EMS services are rapidly evolving. Mr. Webb provided an overall picture of the department, noting that Peter Hany Sr. recently resigned after 46 years with EVAC; Mr. Webb thanked him for his decades of service and wished him well in his future endeavors. Mr. Webb shared that he is working with an administrative, operational, and fiscal

focus. The third ambulance has been added to the fleet and should be online in a few weeks. The goal is to have two ambulances in service regularly, one 24/7, and the other covering peak hours, typically weekdays from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm; the third vehicle will be available during times of maintenance and service as well as standby and training situations. Mr. Webb shared that he is working to consolidate vendors and renegotiate certain contracts in an effort to streamline operations and recognize savings. There have been some staffing challenges in the recent past; Human Resources has advertised for one of the two full-time EMT positions and had around 50 applicants, with interviews scheduled over the next week or two. Mr. Webb shared that he is focused on maintaining fiscally responsible and efficient operations. EVAC does currently bill for calls; the process hasn't changed, but it is getting more streamlined, and revenue has slowly increased over the years.

VIII. SELECTMEN COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS

A. Personnel Committee

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JONATHAN KACZMAREK FROM THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF KALAGENA SULLIVAN FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES AND CONSERVATION COMMISSIONS.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED [AYE: SPIELMAN/PRICHARD/BURSTEIN/WARD/BOUCHER; NAY: THANVANTHRI/CARDIN] TO REAPPOINT RON STOMBERG AND RODGER HOSIG AS ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO SERVE TWO-YEAR TERMS THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2028, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT TED CONKLIN TO THE AD HOC TRAILS COMMITTEE TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH APRIL 31, 2027.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (CARDIN) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT STEPHEN LOGAN TO THE INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH APRIL 30, 2029.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT MATTHEW BANVILLE TO THE INSURANCE ADVISORY BOARD TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH APRIL 30, 2027.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROMOTE EUGENE LEDUC FROM ALTERNATE TO FULL MEMBER OF THE INLAND WETLANDS AGENCY TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2029.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (WARD) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT CHRISTAL BANVILLE TO THE HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2030.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT DONNA ALLEN TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO COMPLETE AN UNEXPIRED TERM THROUGH MARCH 31, 2028.

MOVED (PRICHARD), SECONDED (THANVANTHRI) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO REAPPOINT BRIAN COCUZZO, LENORA WILLIAMS, ANTHEA GROTON, AND TAMMIE MANGOLD TO THE AD HOC

COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TO SERVE ONE-YEAR TERMS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2027.

Wil Duchesneau, 200 West Road, shared a few comments regarding the reappointments of the two longstanding ZBA alternates. He stated that even if the alternate members aren't always seated at meetings, they should be attending and contributing, noting that one of the current alternate members has attended fewer than half of the meetings over the past six years. He stated that somewhere along the line, an attendance policy for committee members was implemented, and he questioned why it seemingly isn't being followed.

B. Liaison Reports: None

IX. FIRST SELECTMAN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

First Selectman Burstein shared the following report: *I, along with our Town Administrator, Director of Public Works and CERT Deputy Emergency Management Director attended the Eversource CT Exercise on emergency management events as we learned about different levels of emergency management.*

I attended the Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness initiative exercise and educational event at EVAC Emergency Operations Center.

The day included realistic simulations of weather-related disasters designed to strengthen our preparedness, response and coordination in the event of an emergency. It was valuable to work alongside department heads and members of the Office of the First Selectman as we put our emergency planning efforts into practice.

A special thank you to John Streiber (CERT) and Matt Reed for running such a smooth and informative day with the Governor's Office online.

The week before I attended a CERT meeting. New members were also sworn in. I want to take a moment to say how much I appreciate all they do and they are ready when called upon in any event.

The Senior Center and Ellington High School worked collaboratively to have an Intergenerational program where students connect with senior citizens as the seniors share their stories. The stories will be written and bound in a book that will be part of the National Achieves. WFSB recently interviewed many of the people involved in this special project, and the story aired on the evening news. I was fortunate to attend the recording and witness firsthand the recognition this meaningful program received. It's great to see generations come together.

The Senior Center also hired a new chef. Starting this month, I will be at the senior center for Lunch with Laurie that takes place monthly where residents can ask me questions or share concerns. I will bring a sweet treat that hopefully will make me a better baker!

Our town was chosen for the Lindsay Legacy Foundation Be Happy 1K, 5K and 10K that took place on Foster & Dunn Farms last week. It was a wonderful event that sold out and supported Yale Cancer research. TJ McKenna organized this with his wife and family that lost her sister in her twenties to cancer. It was a great day to honor her, support cancer research and spread positivity and be happy, which was what Lindsay wanted.

This past weekend, we had the Wall of Honor Celebration of Jim Gage followed by the Fireman's Parade. The Fireman's Carnival ran September 10-11-12 with a lot of wonderful new vendors. She thanked the firemen for everything that they do.

The EVFD hosted a 9/11 remembrance ceremony on Friday morning, which was very moving.

The Community Voice Channel has chosen Ellington Market Park for their fundraiser family concert. Unfortunately, it was rained out this past weekend, but they are looking at a new date in October. All donations will help support the CVC and the important work they do for so many communities. The CVC has been a wonderful supporter of Ellington, recording and editing the Ellington News and Events show each month. We are happy to welcome this event.

Lastly, the Ellington America 250 event will take place on Saturday, October 3.

Mr. Reed congratulated the EVFD on another successful carnival. He had provided his report in the BOS packets and had no additional information to share.

Ms. Spielman asked for an update on the CMERS situation. Mr. Reed provided brief background on the item and it was confirmed that the appeal, which was submitted while Ms. Spielman served as First Selectman, is still pending. Ms. Cardin expressed concern about discussing too much about this in open session, and she asked that a standing executive session item be included on future agendas.

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 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Merriam

Julia Merriam, Recording Secretary

Laurie Burstein

Laurie Burstein, First Selectman

*Updated 9/14/2026

2025-2027
Selections of the Board of Selectmen

Selectmen Committees (3 Members)	
Meets as needed	
Capital Improvements Committee	Spielman, Boucher, Thanvanthri
Personnel Committee	Prichard, Cardin, Ward
Personnel Policies Committee	Ward, Boucher, Thanvanthri
Town Ordinances Committee	Spielman, Cardin, Thanvanthri
Town Policies Committee	Ward, Prichard, Cardin
Deferred Compensation Committee First Selectman, BOF Chair, IAB Chair	Burstein, BOF Chair, Kubas

Selectmen Liaison Assignments (1 Member)	
Attend meetings and/or review meeting minutes. Report back to BOS.	
Board of Finance	Burstein
Board of Education	Ward
Conservation Commission	Cardin
Crystal Lake Fire Department	Cardin
Crystal Lake Milfoil Committee	Thanvanthri
Economic Development Commission	Thanvanthri
Ellington Fire Department	Boucher
Ellington Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Inc.	Ward
Hall Memorial Library	Ward
Housing Authority	Cardin
Human Services Commission	Boucher
Inland/Wetlands Agency	Spielman
Insurance Advisory Board	Prichard
Parks & Recreation Commission	Boucher
Planning & Zoning Commission	Prichard
Water Pollution Control Authority	Spielman
Zoning Board of Appeals	Thanvanthri

Selectmen Representatives - Voting Members	
Attendance required at meetings	
Permanent Building Committee (1)	Thanvanthri
Emergency Services Committee (2)	Boucher, Ward
Shared Services Commission (1)	Cardin

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

VI.A

Amount	Name	Tax	GL Year	Requesting Dept.	Reason
\$ 99.95	NICHOLSON JONATHAN B + NICHOLSON KATHERINE	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 76.69	HINKEL SELENA S	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 34.57	CLEAR VIEW GLASS + MIRROR LLC	PP	2025	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 641.54	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2023	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 467.47	HYUNDAI LEASE TITLING TRUST	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 274.29	THIBODEAU MATTHEW D	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 74.32	THIBODEAU MATTHEW D	MV	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 193.19	THIBODEAU MATTHEW D	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 255.47	HOYSALL DHRUV C	MV	2025	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 486.79	HOYSALL DHRUV C + KIM KYUNGJIN	MV	2025	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 572.20	WHITBREAD MARGARET E	MV	2025	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 12.41	BARKASY MARK + BARKASY CAROL M	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 416.41	DANG VU P + TRAN VIVIAN	MV	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 115.20	FRIEDMAN ADAM J	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 15.76	DZEN ROBERT A	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 60.14	DZEN ROBERT A	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 35.89	FOX TERRENCE E	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 26.67	ESTATE OF JAYSON K. SMITH	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 273.65	MILLIGAN DONALD M	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	TRADE-IN
\$ 10.42	KILGORE LAWRENCE R	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 4.65	HOFFMAN ARLO P	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 33.50	HOFFMAN ARLO P	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 174.64	DAKERS JASON R	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	TOTAL LOSS
\$ 38.41	BARBER JEFFREY E	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 217.88	DODD KELLI LYNN	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 118.20	DIGGINS WILLIAM M + DIGGINS MICHELE M	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	TOTAL LOSS
\$ 32.82	CATON GARY G + CATON MICHELE S	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 392.74	BOWE PATRICK F + BOWE ANDREW T	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SENT TO MANSFIELD
\$ 99.26	GERBER REBEKAH L	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	REGISTERED IN IA
\$ 4,342.02	EDUCATIONAL PLAY CARE LTD	PP	2024	TAX	OVERPAYMENT
\$ 77.99	RADY BRENDA M	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 166.06	BAIN TAYLOR	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	REGISTERED IN WV
\$ 93.46	REDEKAS LINDA B + REDEKAS DAVID J	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	TOTAL LOSS
\$ 62.20	PERKINSON BRIAN T	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 116.04	CARROLLTON PROPERTIES LLC	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 29.89	YUN KYUNG J	MV	2025	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 400.46	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2023	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 641.54	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2023	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 991.98	VW CREDIT LEASING LTD	MV	2024	ASSESSOR	SOLD
\$ 12,176.77	REFUND TOTAL				



What is the Ellington Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion?

The Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion (ADHCDI) is an Ellington town committee whose members are appointed by the Board of Selectman and who are supported by Ellington Human Services. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

Starting in October 2020, we have strived to find ways to support individuals and groups who might not feel that they have a voice in our community and, to celebrate how diversity helps to make Ellington special. This quote from Margaret Wheatley reflects the values that we try to exhibit:

There is no power greater than a community discovering what it cares about.
Ask: "What's possible?" Not "What's wrong?" Keep asking.

Our mission is:

To promote a community that ensures welcoming attitudes, inclusion,
equity, affirmation, and respect of diversity in Ellington.

How do we do this?

- By examining our values and striving to make Ellington a great place for all to live.
- By understanding that Ellington is not just one pie for us to share, instead, it has many, many pies.
- By creating an Ellington that is not just a place where people live, but a place where people feel they belong.
- By making equity and inclusion a priority now.
- By asking ourselves, why do people want to live here? And why do people not want to live here? What are the experiences that people have when they come to Ellington to live, visit, eat, work and play? Do their experiences align with our values?

What has the committee done to live out its mission?

- Established an online presence through Human Services, using both their website and social media connections.
- Advocated to the Board of Selectman for public equity in health care.

- Created a Signing Day Event for the high school seniors. Signing Day is held the day before graduation. It is a time for them to celebrate the accomplishment of graduating just among themselves and to cheer each other on for whatever is happening next in their life's journey. We mark this milestone by providing a gift of a school themed water bottle or t-shirt. The student's sign a banner which is hung in Hall Library.
- Hosted family movie events at Hall library with themes of inclusion and acceptance.
- Hosted book studies that look at stereotypes and how we can be better informed about other people's life experiences, so that we can be more empathetic and supportive as a community.
- Worked with the Girl Scouts in creating a Cultural Diversity Night, with music, food and other vendors. We hope to make this one-time event that celebrated the diversity of our community into an annual event.
- We have just started a video project where we're asking townspeople to give us a 2-minute video that tells their family's story of coming to America. We plan on editing this into a video that can be shared throughout the community.
- We are currently planning panel discussions that illuminate life experiences that many of us have not had or even be aware of. Topics being considered are raising children who are neurodivergent, aging, living with disabilities, etc.

We thank Human Services for their support and look forward to continuing to expand our mission in Ellington.