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October 28, 2026
BOARD OF FINANCE

Special Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Liz Nord, Maurice Blanchette, Doug Harding, Dan Keune, Gomathi Ramachandran, Kelly Fuhlbrigge.

Others Present: Laurie Burstein – First Selectman; Matt Evans – Finance Officer, Matt Reed – Town Administrator, Cole Prato – EVFD, Peggy Busse – Resident/Library, Susan Philips – Library via zoom, David Stavens – BOE via Zoom.

Call to Order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kelly Fuhlbrigge, Liz Nord, Maurice Blanchette, Doug Harding, Dan Keune.

Absent: Gomathi Ramachandran.

Public Comment

None.

Unfinished Business

A. FY2027-28 Budget Guidelines

The Chairman thanked Matt for his assistance in preparing the budget guidelines and providing the Board with the necessary information.

The FY2027-28 Budget Guidelines are attached for review.

Adjournment

MOVED (BLANCHETTE) SECONDED (HARDING) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE AT 6:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Elizabeth Luginbuhl, Recording Secretary

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DATE: October 29, 2026

TO: Boards, Agencies and Departments

FROM: Kelly Fuhlbrigge, Chair, Board of Finance

RE: Budget Guidelines for Fiscal Year 2027–2028

For the Fiscal Year 2027–2028 Budget Process, the Board of Finance asks departments to review operational needs and identify savings and efficiencies. Budget requests should be limited to contractually or operationally necessary increases, with all increases clearly justified. Capital improvement requests must be submitted by filling out a completed Capital Improvements Program Survey Form.

Proposals should consider taxpayer impact, although enhancements benefiting Ellington residents may be considered. The Board encourages ideas for cost savings, shared services, and non-property tax revenue. Proposals incorporating these strategies may receive priority consideration.

The Board of Finance thanks town staff and volunteers for their continued dedication and professionalism in serving the residents of Ellington. Your ongoing efforts to improve and strengthen our financial stewardship helps ensure that Ellington remains a proud community excited about our future.

Thank you for your cooperation and for your service to Ellington.