



Town of North Canaan

Board of Finance

August 13, 2025

Present: Chairman Doug Humes, Christian Allyn, Brian Allyn Sr., Chris Sorrell

Chairman Humes called the meeting to order at 7:24pm. (meeting was delayed unexpectedly)

Mr. B. Allyn moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Allyn moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. B. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. B. Allyn moved to accept the financial reports for the last 2 months. Mr. C. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Allyn moved to accept the tax collector reports of the last 2 months. Mr. Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor report - no updates

Treasurer report – the board was emailed the report. **Mr. B. Allyn moved to accept the treasurer report. Mr. C. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Selectman's Time: Selectman Whiting read a quick report received from Selectman Ohler who could not be in attendance. The town highway lead Mike Simmons received 2 bids for pavement work on North Elm Street. There were no other bids. MetCalf was selected due to price and job proposal. Town road aid money will pay for this. The town will potentially be under budget for last fiscal year. Mr. Simmons also received information from Everest regarding an all-season body for the new truck which would make it consistent with the rest of the town fleet. Cost would be \$175,000 which would need to go to a town meeting but could then have it in 5-8 months instead of 18. Chairman Humes had some questions regarding expenditures which Selectman Ohler sent information to the board about. Chairman Humes would like to table this until next month when Selectman Ohler can be in attendance. Mr. C. Allyn stated that he supplied the board with information he got from the state and he also has questions about expenditures. **Mr. B. Allyn moved to table the discussion to next month. There was a discussion between the members of the board on whether they could speak about it among themselves anyways this month and then with Selectman Ohler next month. Chairman did not feel this was advisable. There**

was a brief discussion regarding the regulations for LOCIP funds. The chairman explained that the State could come in unannounced and do an audit on any money they give the town. After more discussion Mr. Sorrell seconded the motion to table the discussion. Mr. C. Allyn voted no. Motion carried with majority vote.

Board members' comments: Mr. C. Allyn read into record a list of questions he has received from members of the public.

Public Comment:

Stacy Dodge asked how much money was spent on the Bunny McGuire Park. Mr. Sorrell stated he believes the total was \$73,000. There was a discussion of donations and state funds being used. There were comments made regarding whether the use of funds for paving that parking area was needed more than other places in town that are used more frequently.

There was a question regarding who sets the tax collector/town clerk salaries moving forward with incoming people. If it is over the budgeted line, the Selectmen would set it and then it would come to the Board of Finance. There was further discussion regarding the overage/underage of the budget.

There was a question regarding how people are able to compare the auditor report vs the internal reporting. How does the auditor categories compare? After a lengthy discussion Mr. C. Allyn suggested that the board look into it and have an answer for next month.

Maribeth Marchi asked questions regarding the tax collector position and subsequent hiring of a company to fill in and how that is being paid. Chairman did not respond due to a personal conflict with that topic. Other board members and Selectman Whiting and Selectman Bunce made brief statements. The discussion became heated and the chairman stated they would not answer any more public comment questions.

Mr. B. Allyn moved to adjourn. Mr. Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

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