



Town of North Canaan

Board of Finance

Regular Meeting

September 10, 2025

Present: Chairman Doug Humes, Christian Allyn, Bill Minacci, Bryan Johnson, Chris Sorrell, Brian Allyn Sr.

Chairman Humes called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Mr. B. Allyn moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Minacci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Allyn moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting as presented. Mr. Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. B. Allyn moved to accept the financial report. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. B. Allyn moved to accept the tax collectors report. Mr. Minacci seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Auditor update: Chairman Humes received a letter from the auditor explaining the formatting for the budget due to this being questioned at the last meeting. Chairman read the letter into record.

Treasurers' time: Emily Minacci stated it is time to do the budget transfers to ensure all municipal accounts are not over. There is 1 that is over \$20,000 that has to go to town meeting. Ms. Minacci handed out the information to the board members and went through the report with the board. Ms. Minacci further explained that not doing the transfers would make the town non-compliant. **Mr. C. Allyn made a motion to accept the transfers. Mr. B. Allyn seconded the motion. Mr. C. Allyn stated he has questions but thinks it best to compile everyone's questions and send them directly to the departments. He will do his email and send it out to others. Mr. Sorrell verified that the town did receive the LOCIP funds. No further discussion. Motion carried.**

Mr. C. Allyn moved to send the transfers to the Selectmen for a town meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectman's Time: Selectman Whiting (via zoom) spoke regarding the quote for the truck for the highway department. This is a main route plow truck but not a CDL truck which allows anyone with a license to drive it (do not have to rely on just CDL license holders). This will be brought up at the next selectman's meeting to send it to a town meeting. Selectman Whiting also stated that they were informed that there is another lawsuit against the town stemming from the same office. He spoke with the town attorney and the town will need to hire a third-party attorney to represent the current town clerk. He also clarified that at the last meeting it was stated that we were \$70,000 over in attorney fees this past fiscal year, however, that number is from the previous fiscal year. Chairman Humes stated that originally they were going to

discuss the park funding, but after doing some research he was able to determine that it was LOCIP and private funding used which does not fall under this board's jurisdiction. It would only be a problem if they did not receive the LOCIP money, which Selectman Whiting explained the town did receive.

Mr. C. Allyn moved to send the truck purchase to the Selectmen for a town meeting. Mr. B. Allyn seconded the motion. Mr. C. Allyn asked if the truck price went out to multiple bids. It was explained that it is a state contracted price – meaning that the price is negotiated by the State of Connecticut so the pricing is the same regardless of where it is bought. Motion carried.

Board Member's Comments: Mr. C. Allyn stated his only remaining question about the park was if town-aid road money was used, did it go out to bid? Selectman Whiting stated he will look into it; however, he is fairly certain that MetCalf was used because they donated the labor and the town only had to pay for the asphalt (which is state price negotiated as well).

Chairman Humes apologized to the board members for allowing last month's meeting to get out of hand. He explained that public comment should be just the public speaking at the podium and there should not be any comments, answers, or back and forth from the board.

Public comment: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary