

## Town of North Canaan Board of Finance November 12, 2025

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

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

Mr. C. Allyn moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. B. Allyn moved to approve the minutes from last month. Mr. Sorrell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Allyn moved to accept the monthly financial reports. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. C. Allyn moved to accept the monthly tax collector's reports (2). Mr. B. Allyn seconded the motion. There was a discussion as the members did not receive via email the tax collector's report. Chairman Humes will ask the Selectman's office to have them sent to them each month. Motion carried.

Auditors update: Chairman Humes called the auditor but did not get a response.

Treasurer report: none

Selectman's time: Selectman Bunce stated that he will be reviewing the truck purchase more before sending it to a town meeting. Chairman Humes stated there still needs to be a town meeting for the LOCIP funds. Selectman Bunce will schedule a town meeting at the next Selectman's meeting in December. Mr. C. Allyn congratulated Selectman Bunce and requested for the next finance meeting a better understanding of how the tax collector's salary will be handled as the line is already over. Mr. Johnson asked how Selectman Bunce feels the town counsel expense will be going forward as almost all of the budgeted amount has been used and there is still more than ½ a year left. Selectman Bunce is hopeful that items related to town counsel will be handled in the next few months and then hopefully there will not be anything further this year but cannot be sure something will not come up. Mr. Johnson thinks it needs to be looked at this budget season. Mr. C. Allyn had suggested to split out the attorney expenses by department or something similar. Mr. Johnson agrees it would be nice to know but not sure if splitting it out is necessary as it still comes from the same bucket. Maybe a list/report at the end of the year would be ok. Information used to

come from the Selectman's office. Selectman Bunce also stated he wanted to look into the possibility of a land use attorney for Planning and Zoning. Mr. Johnson questioned if everyone needs to go through the selectman's office in order to use the town counsel. Selectman Bunce stated generally yes they would go through the selectman's office.

Chairman Humes congratulated Emily Bottum and John Jacquier for being newly elected to the board. They will join next month's meeting.

Public Comment: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary