



Town of North Canaan
100 Pease Street, North Canaan, CT
Board of Finance
October 14, 2026

Present: Chairman Doug Humes, Christian Allyn, Emily Bottum, John Jacquier, Brian Allyn Sr.

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

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

Mr. Jacquier moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Mr. B. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. B. Allyn moved to accept the monthly financial statements. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Monthly tax collector report was not received by the board for the second month in a row. The first selectman will send her an email and have her send the last 2 months and make sure she sends the report monthly to the board.

Treasurer report was sent via email to the board as she is on vacation. **Mr. C. Allyn moved to accept the report. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Selectman's Time: Selectman Bunce stated that the social worker's workload has increased with fuel assistance needs and increases in snap benefits so there may be a rise in hours worked from 20 up to around 28. This may or may not go over budget. There could be some weeks where she only does about 15 hours so in theory it may even out. This is all based on volume. Budget transfers are with the town attorney and we are waiting to hear back from him. Jim O'Neil the Fire Marshal is going to be trained to be an assistant building inspector. This should not go over budget. There was a FOIA complaint about the Board of Finance and they are working with the town attorney on that currently.

Letter Request from the Board of Education forwarded to the board. Chairman Humes spoke with Sam Herrick and the solution that they have come up with is that the Chairman will meet with the treasurer and the chairman of the BOE and try to get it all straightened out. This is not a new thing; it has happened before. The BOE does have to respond to the State of Connecticut. **Mr. C. Allyn moved to table this until next month. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Board Member concerns: Mr. C. Allyn stated that the Housatonic River Commission is still working on the river landing along the Housatonic. They budgeted \$10,000 for the project originally and this year budgeted \$15,000. Because it is a rolling budget item there is currently \$35,000 available for that project. The project is waiting on the lease agreement between the DEP and the town. Selectman Bunce and Tim Abbott spoke with the state in May and were told the lease agreement should be done around October/November. This would have to go before the Board of Finance and a town meeting. DEP would tear down the old building and make sure that sight lines work. Selectman Bunce spoke with Bryan Johnson about the liability insurance and was told there should be no extra liability on the town. There was a brief discussion of how to enforce people entering the property. One of the entrances would be eliminated and there would be a gate at the other entrance. The Board of Selectmen will not vote on this. It will be put up for a town vote at a town meeting to make it fair.

Public Comment: Jennifer Crane questioned why the reports and letters were not attached to the minutes. Recording Secretary stated that has not been done that way previously and would need to be looked into. Mr. C. Allyn commented it may be because the reports are accepted not approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary