Town of North Canaan

100 Pease Street, North Canaan CT

Board of Finance

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

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

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

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

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

Mr. Johnson moved to accept the monthly financial reports. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motions. Motion carried.

Monthly tax collectors report: Chairman Humes received them but the rest of the board did not get them. **Mr. B. Allyn moved to accept what chairman received. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion**. This is just for October, the board was not given the past few months reports as requested by the chairman. The chairman will address this with the tax collector again. **Motion carried.**

Election of officers: **Mr. B. Allyn nominated Doug Humes to Chairman. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. B. Allyn moved to close nominations. Mr. Jacquier seconded the motion. Motion to close nominations carried. Motion to nominate Doug Humes to chair approved.**

Mr. Johnson nominated John Jacquier to Vice Chairman. Mr. B. Allyn seconded the nomination. Mr. B. Allyn moved to close nominations. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion to close nominations approved. Motion for John Jacquier to be Vice Chair approved.

2027 meeting dates: **Mr. Jacquier moved to approve as presented. Mr. B. Allyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Treasurer report: Melanie Neely asked if anyone had questions regarding the memo she sent to the board. Chairman Humes read into record a message he received from Sam Herrick pertaining to last month's letter for the school reconciliation. The auditor George Sinnamon has been brought up to date and came up with a couple of suggestions that the office intends to follow up on. The reconciliation process as it stands is a very cumbersome process and Mr. Sinnamon believes he can simplify it. Ms. Neely also received a check for over $15,000 for funds that were going to New Canaan instead of North Canaan. Mr. C. Allyn asked about a letter from King and King Associates dated 01/14/2025 referencing the Board of Ed issues as well as lack of separation of duties for the building official and calling for an audit of the building official. They will follow up with King and King as they are not certain this was meant for North Canaan.

Selectman's time: Selectman Bunce followed up with the town attorney and he is ok with the budget transfers as they stand. He will get this in writing and give it to the board. Bridges in town have been inspected and rated fair. There was a discussion of Sodom Bridge scour and the recommendation of an engineer. The chairman stated he would go out with Selectman Bunce and look at the bridges and see if an engineer is needed. Most are in good shape.

Board member's concerns: Mr. C. Allyn asked what the Board of Ed follow-ups were that needed to be done. Ms. Neely stated that they will get back together with Mr. Sinnamon and see if we can implement his suggestions. There was a brief explanation of the process with 2 different systems.

Public Comment: none

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary

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Town Clerk