



Town of North Canaan
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
March 31, 2026

Present: First Selectman Jesse Bunce, Selectperson Melissa Pinardi

Selectman Bunce opened the meeting at 3:03pm

Selectman Bunce moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Selectman Bunce explained that he just wanted to go through the changes made to the draft budget since the last meeting.

After speaking with the Tax Collector, Selectman Bunce confirmed that the amount can remain at \$6000 because it flows into the general fund and then back out if somebody has an escrow account or something like that.

The telephone line was bumped that back off a little bit after breaking down the bill and figuring out exactly what charges went to. There were four or five lines in here that weren't going anywhere with the new system and the fire alarm was using a phone line, but after speaking with Berkshire Alarm it is actually a better system to use a radio and that is cheaper as well. The telephone at the town garage went up a little. There was \$1800 for the TV which was taken off.

Selectperson Pinardi had no questions regarding the changes but did have other questions.

Selectperson Pinardi asked about the line item which includes the administrative secretary and the part-time position. Selectman Bunce explained that originally Terri would be a float, but that role has expanded to a part time position. One day she will be a float and help whoever needs her. Another day will be for overflow things like FOIA requests and things of that nature. And the other day is to help the selectman's office with the building official. So, she is a part-time position not just a float. There is savings there because right now neither of them is taking any benefits. The Town Clerk will keep her assistant one day a week as well, but Terry will be able to help out there when needed too.

Selectman Pinardi requested a breakdown of the money for the AHA program. Selectman Bunce explained currently what they get in program fees covers their operating expenses, but does not cover things like worker's compensation, fire inspections, CPR training, water leak testing, radon testing etc. It is unclear if this amount will be able to be adjusted down in the coming years, but Selectman Bunce also stated that they will be working with the grant committee to hopefully find some funding there as well. Selectman Pinardi mentioned that she agrees that giving them the money to keep their doors open is the right thing to do and parents will be grateful for that.

Selectman Bunce explained this draft budget will go to the Finance Committee and barring any objections from them, will go to a town meeting to be adopted.

Selectman Bunce moved to place the proposed budget into the record for presentation to the Board of Finance. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was nothing further to come before this board meeting.

Selectman Bunce moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectperson Pinardi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted

Ayrslea A Odell

Recording Secretary