



Town of Hartland
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Re: Regular Meeting Minutes for the Hartland Board of Finance

Date: September 17, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Hybrid: Hartland Town Hall
22 South Road, East Hartland
and via Zoom Workplace

Attendance: Tom Kean, Chairman, John Ferro, Philip Groth, Tim Irwin, Frank Monchun, Fletcher Smith

Others: Greg Sotile, Third Selectman, Imma Canelli, Karen Eseppe, Linda Krish, Mike Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 7:33pm by Chairman Kean. A motion to seat Frank Monchun as alternate was requested and made by Philip Groth, seconded by John Ferro.

Review/Approve Minutes of the June 18, 2025, Regular and Special Meetings:

Board members indicated review and no comments, questions or concerns regarding the minutes of the June 18th Regular and the Special Meetings. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by John Ferro and seconded by Fletcher Smith.

Vote: Unanimous.

Expenses/Reports:

The Board of Education (BOE) Reports for June, July and August 2025 were provided by Superintendent Imma Canelli. She stated that the BOE returned \$80,000 to the Town after the close of FY2025. Superintendent Canelli noted that the new school year is off to a great start with 22 new students. The FY2026 budget is tight and will need very careful monitoring as enrollment and student needs can fluctuate especially with unanticipated special circumstances. As of August, 9.11% of the annual BOE budget has been expended. Board of Finance (BOF) Chairman Kean is planning to attend an upcoming BOE meeting.

The Selectmen Reports for June, June with year-end transfers, July and August 2025 were presented by Karen Eseppe, Hartland Treasurer, on behalf of Magi Winslow, First Selectman. Treasurer Eseppe noted an ending budget balance of approximately \$170K for Fiscal Year 2025 and more than \$64K was able to be returned to Hartland's General Fund. She also detailed the recommended budget changes/ transfers for FY2025. As of the end of August, the Board of Selectmen budget was 33.61% expended.

The Treasurer and Special Account reports for June, July and August 2025 were submitted and presented by Treasurer Eseppe. She noted that without their fiscal austerity and the return of FY2025 funds from the Boards of Selectmen and Education, Hartland's FY2026 mil rate increase would have been significantly higher. Treasurer Eseppe stated the new fiscal year was starting off well but cautioned that there are numerous new requirements for upgrades and mandates that



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will impact annual costs of the East and West Hartland Fire Departments. BOF Chairman Kean emphasized the need for all departments to manage budgets carefully as the year progresses since costs keep increasing. Board members discussed the real property revaluation currently underway and acknowledged the unknown impact it will have on next year's mil rate. The valuation is to be certified in January 2026 and will affect the property tax bills issued in July, 2026. Treasurer Eseppi made note that the FY2025 financial audit has started, and the auditors are in the testing and review phases of their audit plan.

As of August, General Property Tax collections were 52.62% of the annual budgeted amount. Treasurer Eseppi noted that building permits totaled approximately \$27K last fiscal year and are already \$15K thus far this year.

A motion to approve the budget transfers for FY2025 and to accept the Treasurer's reports was made by Frank Monchun and seconded by Philip Groth.

Vote: Unanimous

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Frank Monchun raised a question regarding the solar panels that used to be on the roof of the Hartland school; the Board was unaware of why they were no longer in place and determined this question should be directed to/addressed by the BOE via Superintendent Canelli.

Communication and Public Comment:

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Ferro and seconded by Frank Monchun

Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Krish