



# Town of Hartland

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

Date: January 15, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Remote meeting held VIA Zoom Workplace

Attendance: Tom Kean Chairman, Nicole Bernabo, Philip Groth, Tim Irwin, Fletcher Smith

Alternate: Deborah Gilpin

Others: Magi Winslow 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Imma Canelli School Superintendent, Karen Eseppi Treasurer, Linda Krish

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Kean.

A motion to seat Alternate Deborah Gilpin was made by Fletcher Smith and seconded by Philip Groth.  
Vote: unanimous.

Review/Approve Minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Special Meeting and the December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting:

Philip Groth requested clarification to “..in order to recoup..” language related to \$20,000 from the foreclosure sale of 1 Center St. West Hartland. The language in the minutes of the December 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 Special Meeting should have reflected the intent to “..to try to recoup..” Philip Groth also noted that his last name was incorrectly spelled in said minutes.

Philip Groth made the motion to accept suggested clarification and spelling correction of the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Special Meeting minutes as suggested, Nicole Bernabo seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting as presented was made by Fletcher Smith and seconded by Deborah Gilpin, Alternate. Vote to approve the motion:

Yes: Tom Kean, Tim Irwin, Fletcher Smith Abstain: Nicole Bernabo, Philip Groth.

The Board of Education Report was presented by Superintendent Imma Canelli noting that 42.26% of the allocated budget has been expended. Deborah Gilpin inquired about the pension plan expended year-to-date and Superintendent Canelli noted it is believed to be a single payment and less than original budget due to staff changes. Superintendent Canelli will verify this explanation and report back at the next Board meeting in February. Superintendent Canelli departed the meeting at 7:42 PM.

Board of Selectmen Report was discussed by 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman Magi Winslow. 63.69% of the annual budget has been expended and close monitoring will continue.

Treasurer’s Report was presented by Treasurer Karen Eseppi. Property tax collection is on track. The legislation relative to totally disabled veterans results in approximately \$18,000 reduction in tax revenue. Treasurer Eseppi intends to reach out to State legislators to convey the impact to the Town of Hartland. Chairman Kean requested being copied on said communication.

The Treasurer noted that the receipt of \$30,800 shown on the Special Accounts Report closes out the Peck Orchard Bridge account.

The annual audit is expected to be completed, and the report sent to the State by the end of January 2025. Treasurer Eseppi suggested consideration be given to having the auditors present at the Board meeting in February, the Board concurred. The Municipal Reserve Report is expected next month.



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Nicole Bernabo made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Fletcher Smith seconded the motion.  
Vote: Unanimous.

## Old Business:

Magi Winslow 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman provided a status update on the foreclosure of 1 Center St. West Hartland. It did not take place as scheduled as the owners filed for bankruptcy. However, their filing was incomplete and was not accepted by the Court. The foreclosure proceedings are expected to move forward and additional expenses will be incurred.

The First Selectman provided an overview of the Special Meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, by the Board of Selectmen relative to replacing the West Hartland primary fire truck versus refurbishing it. The existing truck is 20 years old and is mandated by statute to be removed as the #1 truck. The Board of Selectmen approved \$660,000 to replace the truck at the meeting. Treasurer Eseppi is exploring options for financing and the total cost could be partially offset by the sale of the existing truck. She also noted it takes approximately 2 ½ years to manufacture this type of vehicle. Chairman Kean raised the fact that recent California wildfires will increase the overall demand for new fire trucks putting pressure on the availability and driving the costs higher for replacements.

New Business: None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Fletcher Smith and seconded by Tim Irwin. Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda M. Krish