



Town of Hartland

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Re: Regular Meeting Minutes for the Hartland Board of Finance

Date: June 18, 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Hybrid: Hartland Town Hall

22 South Road, East Hartland

and via Zoom Workplace

Attendance: Tom Kean, Chairman, Nicole Bernabo, John Ferro, Debra Gilpin, Philip Groth, Tim Irwin, Fletcher Smith

Others: Imma Canelli, Karen Eseppi, Linda Krish, Mike Ryan

The meeting was called to order at 7:39pm by Chairman Kean.

Review/Approve Minutes of the May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting:

Board members indicated review and a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Nicole Bernabo and seconded by Philip Groth.

Vote: Unanimous.

Expenses/Reports:

The Board of Education Reports were provided by Superintendent Imma Canelli. She highlighted that graduation has been held, and another successful school year was over. She noted that 88.64% of the allocated budget has been expended through the end of May 2025 and as FY2024-2025 comes to an end, the expectation of returning \$80,000 to the Town from the Education Budget is on track. Superintendent Canelli also indicated that the ECS grant was not cut therefore Hartland will not lose ECS grant funds for the 2025-2026 school year.

The Board of Selectmen Report was presented by Karen Eseppi, Hartland Treasurer on behalf of Magi Winslow, First Selectman. As of the end of May, 82.36% of the annual budget has been expended and it was noted that several line-item overages should level out by fiscal year end. The final insurance reimbursement for damages caused by the lightning strike is expected in early July 2025. The #1 Center Street, West Hartland property foreclosure was postponed again, and the Town costs are mounting.

Nicole Bernabo requested a member(s) from the Hartland Public Library Board of Trustees attend a future meeting and Treasurer Eseppi affirmed the request would be made.

The May 2025 Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Eseppi. Tax collections are at 101.67% (including penalties and interest) and at least \$8,000 additional collections are possible before the fiscal year-end. Treasurer Eseppi noted positive progress has been made toward enabling the Town to accept electronic (on-line) payments for tax bills. She stated this option may be operational in time for the upcoming July payments. System modernization is also moving forward for the Assessors' Office to provide an on-line means for mapping and securing property cards; this is anticipated to be in place after the property revaluation process is completed.

Fletcher Smith made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Philip Groth seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

Old Business:

None



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New Business:

Members discussed approving Hartland's tax suspense list as provided by the Tax Collector. This list includes likely uncollectible delinquent taxes for the 2022 and 2023 Grand List years totaling \$15,323.01. Chairman Kean indicated if the Board approved the list, he would sign it and return it to the Tax Collector.

Nicole Bernabo made a motion to approve the suspense list, and Philip Groth seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Communication and Public Comment:

None

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Ferro and seconded by Mike Ryan.

Vote: Unanimous.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda M. Krish