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Re: Regular Meeting Minutes for the Hartland Board of Finance

Date: June 17, 2026

Time: 7:30pm

Place: Hybrid: Hartland Town Hall and Zoom Workplace

Attendance: Tom Kean, Chairman, Nicole Bernabo, John Ferro, Deborah Gilpin, Mike Ryan, Fletcher Smith

Others: Magi Winslow (First Selectman), Karen Eseppe (Treasurer), Linda Krish (Secretary), Ellen Smith

The meeting was opened at 7:38pm and a motion to seat Deborah Gilpin as an alternate was made by John Ferro and seconded by Mike Ryan. Vote: Unanimous

Review/Approve Minutes from the May 20 Regular meeting and the May 27 Special Meeting Board of Finance (BoF) Chairman Kean confirmed the Board reviewed the minutes.

Treasurer Eseppe submitted the following revisions to the May 20, 2026, Regular meeting minutes related to the Selectmen's and the Treasurer's Reports:

- Under Selectmen's report: *the last sentence, delete the word "prorated".*
- Under the Treasurer Report: following the first sentence, it should be revised to read:
*"Treasurer Eseppe noted that while some individual budget line items are over and some are under, Fiscal 2025-26 income is generally on target.
The Treasurer mentioned that financial reporting and final closure of the books does not take place until mid-August.
She suggested to the Board that should the FY 2026-27 Budget NOT pass at referendum on May 27th, a BoF meeting should be scheduled to further discuss the budget."*

A motion to accept the Treasurer's suggested changes and approve the May 20th BoF Regular meeting minutes as revised was made by Fletcher Smith and seconded by John Ferro.

Vote: Unanimous

A motion to approve the May 27th BoF Special meeting minutes was made by John Ferro and seconded by Mike Ryan. Vote: Unanimous

Expenses/Reports:

The presentation of the Board of Education (BoE) Reports for May 2026 was deferred to the next BoF meeting.

First Selectman Magi Winslow presented the Board of Selectmen (BoS) Report for May 2026. 82.75% of the annual budget has been expended as of the end of May. It was noted that generally expenses are in line with the budget and line items that are over expended can be attributed in part to hiring and benefit costs and State mandated rules relating to elections as well as systems and computer (soft- and hard-ware) issues. The First Selectman is hopeful, barring unforeseen events, the total BoS 2025-2026 FY expenditures will not exceed budget.



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Treasurer Karen Eseppi reviewed the Treasurer's reports and highlighted that nearly 100% of general property taxes have been collected. Building permit and conveyance tax revenues above budget reflect increased home building, improvements and sales.

John Ferro made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Reports as presented; Fletcher Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.

Old Business:

The Board received and discussed a request from the Hartland Tax Collector to place the list of delinquent taxes deemed uncollectable at this time into the Suspense Book. The total amount is \$19,529.09 from the 2023 and 2024 Grand Lists in the amounts of \$1,901.70 and \$17,627.39, respectively. Most of these uncollectible amounts are motor vehicle taxes.

Nicole Bernabo made a motion to approve the transfer of the delinquent taxes list submitted by the Tax Collector to the uncollectible Suspense Book. John Ferro seconded the motion.
Vote: Unanimous

New Business:

John Ferro shared his intention to submit a letter of resignation from the BoF effective June 30, 2026. John noted he was relocating and expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the Board. Led by First Selectman Winslow and Chairman Kean, members thanked John for his many years of exemplary service on various boards and projects that benefitted the Town and its residents; his institutional knowledge and insightful guidance will be very missed.

A motion to accept John Ferro's resignation from the Hartland Board of Finance was made by Mike Ryan and seconded by Nicole Bernabo. Vote: Unanimous

Communication and Public Comment: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda M. Krish