TOWN OF EAST HADDAM
Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2025
Municipal Office Building – Room 1 & 2
Via Zoom and YouTube Live

Participating:

Board of Finance Members:
William Barney
Eric Kolasinski
Joseph Corbett
Todd Gelston
Maureen Goff
Harvey Thomas

Others: Valerie Belles, Finance Director
Lori D'Aquila, East Haddam Ambulance Association
Denise DiStefano, Citizen
And other members of the public

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Gelston called the meeting to order at 8:31 p.m. and the attendees said the pledge of allegiance.

GUESTS & AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Mr. Gelston reviewed the agenda and opened the meeting to comments from guests and audience.

Lori D'Aquila wanted to thank everyone for the work done on the budget. Requested to be put on the agenda on the June 9th Regular Meeting so EHAA can do their presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. May 12th Minutes – Mr. Gelston called the Board's attention to the minutes of the May 12, 2025, Public Hearing in their meeting packets.

Mr. Gelston noted on page 3, Mr. Gelston was spelt without a "t".

Mr. Barney made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12th, 2025 meeting minutes as written. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion it was approved unanimously. Motion carried. Mr. Kolasinski abstained.

2025-2026 BUDGET

a. Set mil rate – The budget did not pass however there was a recount of ballots.

Motion made by Mr. Barney to stand in recess until the recount results are available. Seconded by Mr. Thomas and it was approved unanimously. Motion Carried.

b. Continue deliberation on 2025-2026 Budget and set future meeting dates

The board continued discussion on exit poll results and how the board plans to review them. The board decided each member would take home exit poll results over the weekend to review them and report back on Monday. The board continued discussion on Public Hearing and Town Meeting dates. The board planned to meet again on June 2nd at 7pm to continue deliberation on the 2025-2026 budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mr. Barney to adjourn the meeting at 11:49pm. Mr. Kolasinski seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous aye vote. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/
William Barney
Secretary