TOWN OF SALISBURY
CONNECTICUT

BOF – Minutes – 9.22.2026

The Board of Finance Special Meeting minutes of September 23, 2026.

Present: Pari Forood, Chairman; Emily Vail; Rick Cantele; Michael Voldstad; Joseph Woodard; Keith Moon; Also present: Board of Selectmen – Curtis Rand, First Selectman; Barrett Prinz, Selectman; Katherine Kiefer, Selectman; Salisbury Central School (SCS) Board Clerks – Crystal Ohmen; Taylor Sherwood; Joseph Cleaveland, Comptroller; Charlotte Hower, Assistant Comptroller; Emily Egan, Secretary; members of the press.

The meeting was **called to order** at 5:00pm.

1. J. Woodard made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the April 23, April 27, May 13 and August 19, 2026 meetings. M. Voldstad seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. **To receive the FY 2025-2026 year-end report from the Tax Collector**
   J. Cleaveland mentioned that Jean Bell has retired as Tax Collector; JoAnne Dodge took over the position starting July 1, 2026. Tax Collector was very happy with collections for the year-end 2025-2026, receiving 100.51% of the budgeted collectibles. M. Voldstad made a motion to receive and accept the FY 2025-2026 year-end report from the Tax Collector. K. Moon seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

3. **To receive the FY 2025-2026 year-end report from SCS Board of Education**
   Crystal Ohmen introduced Taylor Sherwood to the Board of Finance members; she has been hired by SCS as Finance/Benefits Specialist. C. Ohmen mentioned that due to new accounting software, they have not finalized the FY 2025-2026 year-end report to come up with the amount of surplus; they will send it to the BOF when finalized. J. Woodard made a motion to receive and accept the presented FY 2025-2026 year-end report from SCS Board of Education. R. Cantele seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

4. **To receive the FY 2025-2026 year-end report from the Board of Selectmen**
   J. Cleaveland gave a brief summary for the FY 2025-2026 year-end report. On the revenue side: They have not done the final calculation for interest income; that will be a sizable income on the revenue side. The Town has also not received the donation from The Hotchkiss School for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. J. Woodard made a motion to receive and accept the presented FY 2025-2026 year-end report from the Board of Selectmen. M. Voldstad seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

5. **To discuss the Bauer fund**
   The board discussed potential uses for the Bauer fund, but decided to create a sub-committee (E. Vail & M. Voldstad) to consult legal counsel before proceeding. In a letter dated January 29, 2002 from Tyler, Cooper & Alcorn, LLP, though the fund belongs to the Town, only its income may be expended for the following purposes as recommended by the Board of Finance; for use in developing and maintaining a "park and recreation center in town and to further the work of Salisbury Family Services (formerly Salisbury Welfare Association).

6. **To discuss CNE Railroad Station relocation/renovation**
   At the September 16th, 2026 Special Town Meeting, the voters approved the expenditure of up to $650,000 for the relocation and improvements of the CNE Railroad Station in Lakeville. C. Rand mentioned the bid received from Burlington Construction for the relocation and new foundation was

nearly $611,000. Even though the expenditure was approved, where the funding is coming from was not voted on. The Town Attorney and Auditor recommend that we have another Town Meeting to vote on the source of the funds. J. Woodard made a motion to use up to $611,000 from the Debt Reduction fund for the relocation and improvements of the CNE Railroad Station in Lakeville. K. Moon seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

7. **To discuss Town Report and dedication**
   The Board of Finance members will submit their nominations to P. Forood for the Annual Report dedication.

8. **To discuss and vote on items to continue in force**
   J. Cleaveland listed the line items to vote on to continue in force, including: (4149) Land Use $25,000, (4370) Tree Care $30,000, (4697) Housing $15,000.
   The Town Auditor has requested that line items that have a surplus be transferred to those that show a deficit. The following division (4160) Employee Benefits (-$96,750) had a surplus which will be transferred to cover the deficits in: (4126) Assessor $17,500; (4141) Legal $5,000; (4161) FICA Taxes $20,600; (4205) Vol. Pension $26,300; (4215) Fire Commission $1,750; (4320) Engineering $4,500; (4410) Sanitation $3,900.
   J. Woodard made a motion to approve the items listed to Continue in Force. R. Cantele seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
   J. Woodard made a motion to approve the Transfers. M. Voldstad seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

9. **To discuss and possibly approve the Town Elected Officials salary adjustment; possible Executive Session**
   The Board of Finance members moved into Executive Session to discuss the Town Elected Officials salary adjustment at 6:12pm.
   The Board of Finance members came out of Executive Session at 6:17pm and voted unanimously to approve the 4% increase retroactive to July 1, 2026 for Town Elected Officials (the Selectmen and Registrars of Voters).

10. **Adjourn:** 6:18pm