BOARD OF FINANCE

Town Hall
5866 Main Street
Trumbull, Connecticut 06611

Board of Finance Meeting
Council Chambers, Trumbull Town Hall
Unapproved Minutes
July 9, 2026
7:00 pm

Call To Order
Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Present
Chairman Lainie McHugh, David Galla, Massimo Mallozzi, Paul Timpanelli, David Pia, Michael Colohan, Vincent DeGennaro (Alternate), Nathan Tinker (Alternate)

Also Present
Maria Pires, Director of Finance; Anthony Musto, Town Treasurer; George Estrada, Public Works Director; Cindy Katske, Chief Administrative Officer and First Selectman Vicki Tesoro

Public Comment
Richard White, 169 Church Hill Road – commented on the supplemental appropriation to conduct pre-demolition environmental surveys on three Town-owned structures. (Comments attached)

Judith de Graffenried, 323 Unity Road – commented on the Hardy Lane property and the supplemental appropriation to conduct pre-demolition environmental surveys; concerned about transparency. Directed to contact the Clerk for the Town Council regarding agenda items for their meetings. (Comments attached)

Treasurer's Report
Mr. Musto noted he did not receive information on the STIF account until earlier in the day. This account is down $1,000 from the estimate in the report.

<u>FY 2026-2027 Supplemental Appropriation</u>
07-26-01 – from Fund Balance to 01030200-578802 Building Maintenance-Building and Equipment Maintenance to conduct pre-demolition environmental surveys for three uninhabited Town-owned residential structures located at 19 Hardy Lane, 16 Hardy Lane and

26 Hardy Lane. Mr. Galla moved its adoption; seconded by Mr. Mallozzi. Mr. Estrada noted this is the first step in determining the condition of the property. When properties were first purchased, Phase 1 and Phase 2 surveys were conducted on the exterior to determine environmental impacts to the property. Looking to survey the interior for lead paint, asbestos tile, asbestos wrapping. The properties have become challenging and are a public safety concern at this time. The survey will provide information to determine a budget for future steps. Properties were built in the 1940's and 1950's and were not in very good shape at the time of purchase. Mr. Pia discussed the expenditure of funds to purchase these three properties with some additional land, the spending of funds to conduct surveys and the firms used for the surveys. Mr. Estrada explained the process noting funding needs to be in place prior to actively pursuing a process through the Purchasing Department. First Selectman Tesoro clarified that the Town purchased 25 acres of property in this location in 2020. Mr. Colohan discussed his view of the process and questioned if they would be doing the testing and then demolishing the houses. Mr. Estrada noted he will be advocating to demolish the houses. **Motion carried 5-1(Pia)-0.**

FY 2025-2026 Year End Supplemental Appropriation

07-26-02 to 07-26-04 – from Fund Balance to various accounts for a total of $829,409. Mr. Galla moved its adoption; seconded by Mr. Timpanelli. Mrs. McHugh explained these are items where the departments could not make inter-department transfers – Snow removal $555,946; Tree Warden for storm damage $101,523; Debt Services – Interest on Bonds $171,940. Mrs. Pires clarified the Debt Services – Interest on Bonds and will confirm the projects in question. **Motion carried 6-0-0.** (Schedule attached)

FY 2025-2026 Year End Transfers

07-26-05 to 07-26-12 – from various departments to various accounts in those departments, per schedule, for a total of $269,236. Mr. Galla moved its adoption; seconded by Mr. Mallozzi. Mrs. McHugh explained these are year-end inter-department transfers. Update was given on the Tax Assessor's position – open at this time. Mrs. Pires noted these transfers are due to vacancies. **Motion carried 6-0-0.** (Schedule attached)

Discussion Items

Year-To-Date Budget Report – Expenditures FY 2026

Mrs. Pires is waiting for final invoices. Final report will come before the Board in August or September. Elections spending was due to early voting; will provide details.

Year-To-Date Budget Report – Revenues FY 2026

No discussion.

Staff Statistics for PD

Reviewed; ten individuals in the academy at this time.

Approval of Minutes
Mr. Timpanelli motioned to approve the June 11, 2016 minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Galla and approved 5-0-1(Colohan).

Adjournment
There being no further business, Mr. Timpanelli motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Galla and approved by unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Crandall
Clerk

Board of Finance
Public Comments — 7/9/2026

Richard W. White
Trumbull, CT
rww@waldengeographic.com

I'd like to speak in support of the SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION to conduct pre-demolition environmental surveys for three uninhabited Town-owned structures.

This work should have been completed some time ago and might have been included in this year's Five-Year Capital Plan. I respectfully request that the Board consider increasing the supplemental appropriation by approximately **$80,000 to $100,000** to complete additional environmental testing on the Hardy Lane properties.

Recently, there has been a lot of talk on social media about the best use of the Hardy Lane properties. We had an entire Building Committee looking to develop what should be either preserved open space or single family residential fitting with both the neighborhood and existing zoning. And we had an entire question in a recent survey focused on selling various town-owned properties.

In my opinion, the Town of Trumbull knows the proper sequence of actions to take with the Hardy Lane properties:

- Place an **Environmental Use Restriction (EUR)** on all five properties with the Tax Assessor. This was a key recommendation of the environmental engineer who conducted the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the properties.

- Complete the "partial" Phase II ESA on the properties. This was noted repeatedly by the architect during multiple public meetings; we basically don't know the true extent and depth of the contaminated soils on the property.

  Soil testing should be expanded to include asbestos and beryllium given the nature of the fill and the recent findings in the Katz Pond dredging material.

- Once the environmental conditions are fully understood, the Town should pursue appropriate state and federal agency environmental cleanup grants. These grants could include demolition of the existing structures as part of the remediation.

- Donate the areas of steepest slope to either the state or some other agency as recommended in the Trumbull Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD), our Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), and the State's Pequannock River Initiative (PRI).

Then, and only then, can the town even discuss selling these properties, with deed restrictions, as single family residential homes. The sooner the Town acknowledges this sequence, the sooner we can begin pursuing the environmental cleanup grants needed to properly remediate these properties.

Judith de Graffenried

323 Unity Rd

What is the plan for the Hardy Lane property as we consider approving this expense?

Was any environmental testing done prior to the town purchasing the property?

What are the expected cost to remediate?

Did the town get more than one bid for 30K?

Why did the town purchase this property and then let it go neglected? Would we not be fined if we had done that?

If this funding for pre-demolition survey is approved, the approval should stipulate that the full results must be shared with the taxpayers when received by posting on the town's website.

How does one get an item of concern added to the agenda in the spirit of protecting our democracy?

TOWN OF TRUMBULL					
PROPOSED YEAR END SUPPLEMENTALS					
FY 2026					
				BOF/TC	BALANCE
ITEM #	ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AVAIL BUDGET	SUPPL	AFTER SUPPL
07-26-02	FROM:	FUND BALALNCE		555,946.00	
	TO:	SNOW REMOVAL			
	01-0301-01-501105-	SALARIES-OT	(253,384.54)	253,385.00	0.46
	01-0301-01-534402-	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	(302,560.33)	302,561.00	0.67
				555,946.00	
		DUE TO VARIOUS STORMS DURING THE WEEKENDS			
07-26-03	FROM:	FUND BALALNCE		101,523.00	
	TO:	TREE WARDEN			
	01-0808-00-522205-	PROGRAM EXPENSES	(57,635.50)	57,650.00	14.50
	01-0808-00-578806-	EMERGENCY SERVICES	(43,872.50)	43,873.00	0.50
				101,523.00	
		DUE TO TREE STORMS			
07-26-04	FROM:	FUND BALALNCE		171,940.00	
	TO:	DEBT SERVICES-INTEREST ON BONDS			
	TO:				
	01-0600-00-595888-	BOE-INTEREST ON BONDS	(58,935.83)	58,940.00	4.17
	01-0900-00-595888-	TOWN-INTEREST ON BONDS	(112,985.65)	113,000.00	14.35
				171,940.00	
		DUE TO ADDITIONAL BORROWING			
		TOTAL-ALL SUPPLEMENTALS		829,409.00	

TOWN OF TRUMBULL							
PROPOSED YEAR END TRANSFERS							
FY 2026							
					Needed	BOF	Balance
ITEM #		ACCOUNT	A/C DESCRIPTION	AVAIL BUDGET	to 6/2026	TRANSFER	AFTER TRNSFR
07-26-05		FINANCE					
	FROM:	01 -01-0110-00-501101-	SALARIES-FULL TIME	82,287.55	16,100.00	(40,400.00)	24,687.55
	TO:	01 -01-0110-00-501102-	SALARIES-PART TIME	(778.46)	2,380.00	3,200.00	41.54
		01 -01-0110-00-501103-	SALARIES-SEASONAL	(34,434.50)	1,750.00	37,200.00	1,015.50
						40,400.00	
			TO COVER PT AND SEASONAL DUE TO VACANCIES				
07-26-06		TAX ASSESSOR					
	FROM:	01 -01-0116-00-501101-	SAALRIES-FULL TIME	17,077.51	5,100.00	(11,000.00)	977.51
		01 -01-0116-00-522202-	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	38,820.53	10,000.00	(18,850.00)	9,970.53
						(29,850.00)	
	TO:	01 -01-0116-00-501102-	SAALRIES-PART TIME	10,679.20	12,000.00	1,400.00	79.20
		01 -01-0116-00-501103-	SALARIES-SEASONAL	(5,500.00)	2,250.00	7,750.00	-
		01 -01-0116-00-501105-	SALARIES-OT	(18,682.86)	2,000.00	20,700.00	17.14
						29,850.00	
			TO COVER PT, SEASONAL AND OT DUE TO VACANCIES				
07-26-07		PURCHASING					
	FROM:	01 -01-0122-00-501101-	SALARIES-FULL TIME	7,758.90		(7,700.00)	58.90
		01 -01-0122-00-501102-	SAALRIES-PART TIME	29,134.25	900.00	(22,390.00)	5,844.25
						(30,090.00)	
	TO:	01 -01-0122-00-501103-	SALARIES-SEASONAL	(25,087.50)	3,000.00	28,100.00	12.50
		01 -01-0122-00-501105-	SALARIES-OT	(1,984.44)		1,990.00	5.56
						30,090.00	
			TO COVER SEASONAL AND OT DUE TO VACANCIES				
07-26-08		TOWN CLERK					
	FROM:	01 -01-0136-00-501101-	SALARIES-FULL TIME	44,053.12	6,000.00	(25,420.00)	12,633.12
	TO:	01 -01-0136-00-501103-	SALARIES-SEASONAL	(16,848.70)	2,100.00	18,950.00	1.30
		01 -01-0136-00-501105-	SALARIES-OT	(255.60)	100.00	360.00	4.40
		01 -01-0136-00-545501-	LEGAL NOTICES	(1,507.20)		3,510.00	2,002.80
		01 -01-0136-00-556601-	PROFESSIONAL DEV-SEMINARS	(1,199.65)		1,200.00	0.35
		01 -01-0136-00-578803-	PROGRAM RELATED	(1,368.24)		1,400.00	31.76
						25,420.00	
			TO COVER SEASONAL AND OT DUE TO VACANCIES AND OTHER OVERAGES				
07-26-09		PLANNING & ZONING					
	FROM:	01 -01-0142-00-501101-	SALARIES-FULL TIME	58,680.46	7,600.00	(18,600.00)	32,480.46
	TO:	01 -01-0142-00-501103-	SALARIES-SEASONAL	(17,662.50)	900.00	18,600.00	37.50
			TO COVER SEASONAL DUE TO VACANCIES				
07-26-10		ANIMAL CONTROL					
	FROM:	01 -02-0224-00-501887-	UNIFORM CLEANING	400.00		(400.00)	-
		01 -02-0224-00-522202-	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	1,122.22		(1,000.00)	122.22
		01 -02-0224-00-522203-	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES-ANCILA	300.00		(300.00)	-
		01 -02-0224-00-534402-	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	2,362.31		(2,000.00)	362.31

TOWN OF TRUMBULL							
PROPOSED YEAR END TRANSFERS							
FY 2026							
					Needed	BOF	Balance
ITEM #		ACCOUNT	A/C DESCRIPTION	AVAIL BUDGET	to 6/2026	TRANSFER	AFTER TRNSFR
		01 -02-0224-00-545501-	COMMINICATIONS-LEGAL	750.00		(750.00)	-
		01 -02-0224-00-556603-	PROFESSIONAL DEV-INSERVICE	150.00		(110.00)	40.00
		01 -02-0224-00-578801-	MAINTENANCE REPAIR-SERV CON	(10.00)		10.00	-
		01 -02-0224-00-590012-	UTILITIES-ELECTRICITY	1,516.25		(1,500.00)	16.25
						(6,050.00)	
	TO:	01 -02-0224-00-501101-	SALARIES-FULL TIME	1,705.24	2,000.00	300.00	5.24
		01 -02-0224-00-501102-	SALARIES-PART TIME	(2,519.43)	2,380.00	5,000.00	100.57
		01 -02-0224-00-501105-	SALARIES-OT	(249.89)	500.00	750.00	0.11
						6,050.00	
			TO COVER PT, SEASONAL AND OT DUE TO VACANCIES				
07-26-11		EMS					
	FROM:	01 -02-0226-00-501101-	SALARIES-FULL TIME	130,077.52	33,600.00	(96,000.00)	477.52
		01 -02-0226-00-501888-	UNIFORM ALLOWANCE	8,163.56		(7,650.00)	513.56
						(103,650.00)	
	TO:	01 -02-0226-00-501104-	SALARIES-VAC, WEEKEND	(13,377.60)	25,000.00	38,400.00	22.40
		01 -02-0226-00-501105-	SALARIES-OT	(61,838.06)	3,000.00	64,900.00	61.94
		01 -02-0226-00-522202-	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	(348.84)		350.00	1.16
						103,650.00	
			TO COVER VAC/WEEKEND AND OT DUE TO VACANCIES				
07-26-12		LIBRARIES					
	FROM:	01 -07-0700-00-501101-	SALARIES-FULL TIME	71,158.80		**(15,176.00)**	55,982.80
	TO:	01 -07-0700-00-501105-	SALARIES-OT	(5,098.37)	2,000.00	7,100.00	1.63
		01 -07-0700-00-534401-	OFFICE SUPPLIES	(1,655.26)		1,656.00	0.74
		01 -07-0700-00-534402-	PROGRAM SUPPLIES	(1,597.05)		1,600.00	2.95
		01 -07-0700-00-578801-	SERVICE CONTRATS	(885.00)		885.00	-
		01 -07-0700-00-578804-	REFUSE REMOVAL	(3,932.03)		3,933.00	0.97
		01 -07-0700-00-581888-	CAPITAL OUTLAY	(1.70)		2.00	0.30
						15,176.00	
			TO COVER OT DUE TO VACANCIES AND OTHER YEAR END OVERAGES				
			TOTAL			**269,236.00**	