



TOWN OF LEDYARD
CONNECTICUT
LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 WORK SESSION
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026; 4:00 P.M.
HYBIRD MEETING FORMAT
VIDEO CONFERENCE & IN-PERSON
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ANNEX BUILDING

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Chairman Gary St. Vil

- I. CALL TO ORDER – The Work Session was called to order by Committee Chairman Councilor Buhle at 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Buhle welcomed all to the Video Conference Meeting; and he noted that the remote meeting information for the Town Council Finance Committee Budget Work Session and members of the Public to participate in this afternoon’s meeting was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town’s Website – Granicus/Legistar Meeting Portal.

- II. ROLL CALL –

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Location
Jessica Buhle	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Carmen Garcia-Irizarry	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Tim Ryan	Town Councilor	Excused	
Gary St. Vil	Town Council Chairman	Present	Remote
Fred Allyn III	Mayor	Present	In-Person
Matthew Bonin	Finance Director	Present	Remote
Ian Stammel	Assistant Finance Director	Present	In-Person
Christine Dias	Director of Human Resources	Present	Remote
Jennifer Reguin	Board of Education Chairman	Present	Remote
Roxanne Maher	Administrative Assistant	Present	Remote

- III. FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET WORK

1. Discussion regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget.

Councilor Buhle stated the Finance Committee held Budget Work Sessions on March 5, 9, & 12, 2026 meeting with each of the Department Heads to review their proposed Operational Budgets and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Budgets line by line. She noted that the Finance Committee asked questions during the Budget Work Sessions and agreed to use this afternoon’s Budget Work Session to address the following:

- Capital Additions
- Capital Reductions
- Operating Additions
- Operating Reductions
- Revenue Adjustments

Councilor Buhle stated although Councilor Ryan was not able to attend this afternoon’s Budget Work Session that in his March 19, 2026 email he suggested beyond the edits and updates the Finance Committee discussed during their previous Work Sessions he suggested following Budget Adjustment:

- **Board of Education proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget** - Reduce the \$1,470,093 increase by \$470,093 for a Board of Education Budget increase of \$1,000,000, providing for a new Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$41,462,242.

The Finance Committee reviewed their work to-date and by consensus agreed to the following Expenditure and Revenue Adjustments to the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget:

BWS Adjustments 3/19/2026					
Expenditures	Account	Town	BOE	Combined Total Budget	Justification
Mayor's Budget as submitted		31,878,334	41,932,335	73,810,669	
Additions					
Mayors Office – Mayoral Asst.	10110201-51607	1,747		1,747	To reflect 3% wage adjustment
Mayors Office – Employee Reimbursement	10110201-58300	1,000		1,000	To add mileage reimbursement
EDC – Dues & Fees	10114305-58100	150		150	adjust for updated cost
Ledyard Fire Company – Repairs & Maintenance	10120501-54300	3,000		3,000	Requested by Councilor Buhle
Gales Ferry Fire Company – Repairs & Maintenance	10120551-54300	2,000		2,000	Requested by Councilor Buhle
Parks and Rec – Contract Maintenance	10160101-53700	300		300	to align with contracts in place
Total Additions		8,197	-0-	8,197	

Expenditures	Account	Town	BOE	Combined Total Budget	Justification
Deductions					
Town Council – Accounting Services/Audit	10110251-51606	(14,860)		(14,860)	to align w/RFP results
Employee Expenses – Health Care	10110253-52000	(9,500)		(9,500)	to reduce increase down to 12.7%
Employee Expenses – Health Care BOE	10110253-52100	(45,500)		(45,500)	to reduce increase down to 12.7%

Expenditures (Continued)	Account	Town	BOE	Combined Total Budget	Justification
Deductions					
Employee Expenses – BOE Retiree Health Care	10110253-52106	(25,000)		(25,000)	to reduce increase down to 12.7%
Contribution to Capital	10110253-52106	(96,500)		(96,500)	see capital details below
Total Deductions		(191,360)	-0-	(191,360)	
Finance Committee Adjusted Totals		31,695,171	41,932,335	73,627,506	

BWS Adjustments 3/19/2026			
Revenues		Combined Total Budget	Justification
Mayor's Budget as submitted		73,810,669	
Additions		-0-	
Deductions			
General Gov Charges for Services - Emp Health Premiums	1011401-47041	(25,000)	To agree with BOE Retiree expense line
Public Safety Grant - DUI Grant Reimbursement	1012002-42034	(4,000)	To match corresponding expense line
Property Taxes - Current	1019501-41000	(154,163)	To reflect impact of all other adjustment
Total Deducts		(183,163)	
Finance Committee adjusted totals		73,627,506	

Councilor Buhle stated that the Finance Committee would continue to discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget at their April 1, 2026 meeting. She explained that the Committee would need to forward a proposed Budget to the Town Council for action at their April 8, 2026 meeting in order to meet the schedule to present a preliminary Budget to the residents at the April 21, 2026 Public Hearing.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

The Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Work Session adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Buhle.
Committee Chairman
Finance Committee