

**MINUTES OF MEETING
FINANCE COMMITTEE
November 8, 2023**

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(Meeting starts at Time Code 01:31:42)

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A meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by the Chair, Jeron Alston.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeron Alston, Chair; Sarah Gallagher, Vice-Chair; Cory O'Brien; Justin Farmer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Anthony; Betty Wetmore; Lesley DeNardis

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The following items were addressed:

1. Appointment of Michael Martin to the Finance Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2026 (D-4)

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer asked how many members this commission was made of. Finance Director Mr. Eatman said five. Mr. Farmer asked what the current member districts were. Chief of Staff Mr. Grace said 8th district, 6th district, and 9th district, and that there is 1 Independent, 1 Democrat and 1 Unaffiliated currently on it. Mr. Farmer mentioned how he asked for a layman and once again Southern Hamden was left out. He said he won't support this.

A vote was taken and the item passed with 1 opposed (Farmer)

2. Order authorizing the Mayor to accept and expend a donation from Quinnipiac University - \$215,249

-- Moved by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. O'Brien. DISCUSSION: Mr. Farmer thanked Q.U. for their generous donation. Ms. Gallagher asked if there was use for the funds yet. Mr. Grace stated their backup outlines where the funds would be used and then went over the list saying \$10,000 for ice skates at the ice rink, \$25,249 for marketing in coordination with Q.U., \$30,000 for field improvements, \$150,000 for summer concerts and events.

A vote was taken and approved unanimously.

There being no further business, Ms. Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Jeron Alston, Chair