

# Minutes of Board of Finance May 24th, 2023, Special Meeting - 05/24/23

**Date and time:** 05/24/23 5:30 PM to: 05/24/23 5:34 PM

**Present:** Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary, Members Present:, Denise Hall, Chairperson, Richard Steel, Paul Maxfield, Lauren McNamara, John T. Birmingham, Vice Chair, Absent:, Peter Derosa

**CC:** Kevin Gervais, Finance Director, Kevin Seery, First Selectman

**Location:** East Lyme Town Hall, Upper Conf. Room, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue

**Link:** <https://app.meetingking.com/meetings/399408>

## Topics

### 1. Call Meeting to Order & Pledge

**Note** Chairman Hall called the May 24th, 2023, Special Meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 5:32 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Delegations

**Note** There was none.

### 3. New Business

#### 3-1. Set Mill Rate for FY 2023/2024 Budget Year

**Note** Ms. Hall reported that the Budget Referendum passed last week with 773 yay votes, 465 nay votes, and a total vote count of 1,238 out of 13,000+ registered voters. She added that it's more than double the amount of people who voted last year.

**Note** Ms. Hall said in accordance with the Charter, they have 30 days to set the mill rate, which is why they're meeting this evening.

**Decision** MOTION (1)

Mr. Birmingham moved to set the Mill Rate at 24.88 for the Town of East Lyme 2023/2024 Budget Year.

Mr. Steel seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 5-0-0.

### 4. Public Discussion

**Note** There was none.

### 5. Board Comments

**Note** Mr. Birmingham said he's glad the budget season is now completed.

**Note** Mr. Maxfield said he'd like to thank the First Selectman and Finance Director for their hard work; it was a long road, and they did a great job. Mr. Birmingham, Mr. Steel, and Ms. McNamara echoed those sentiments.

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**Note** Ms. Hall said she agrees as well, although it was long and arduous, it was a smooth process, everyone prepared and participated. She also thanked all of the Department Heads, First Selectman, and Superintendent for their work.

**Note** Mr. Maxfield thanked the town students for their tech support during all of their meetings.

## 6. Adjournment

**Decision** MOTION (2)

Mr. Birmingham moved to adjourn the Board of Finance May 24th, 2023, Special Meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Mr. Maxfield seconded the motion.

Motion carried, 5-0-0.

**Note** Respectfully Submitted,  
Brooke Stevens, Recording Secretary