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DRAFT Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 2/19/26

Start Time: E. Lippke called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm.

Attendance

Attendees: Elaine Lippke (Chair), Patti George, John Murdock, Luigi Sartori (Director of Health), Melissa Nichols (Finance Manager), Linda Buisson (Executive Assistant)

Absent Excused: Mary Eames, Christopher Lippke

Public Participation

None.

Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2026

J. Murdock motioned to accept the minutes of January 22, 2026, as submitted. Seconded by P. George.

E. Lippke requested to add language. The sentence will read, “The Committee reviewed the recommendation at the *January* Board meeting ...”

J. Murdock amended his motion to accept the minutes with the amended addition. P. George seconded. E. Lippke, P. George, and J. Murdock in favor. Motion carried (3-0-0).

Year-to-Date FY 2026 Financial Report – January YTD

Financial Report represents seven months (58%) of fiscal year 2026. Actual to budget breakdown shows total income at 98% (includes: permit fees at 74%) and expenditures at 55%.

FY 2027 Budget Draft as of 2.19.26

Draft budget 2/19/2026 was presented and discussed. The revisions from the last budget presented increase by \$21K. The increase represents expected costs for lead testing and health benefits. The budget includes hiring, retainment, and succession planning for the upcoming fiscal year.

Unfinished Business

L. Sartori reported open communication with town leaders, as well as fire marshals and building officials.

New Business

NDDH recently hired a part-time Public Health Compliance Investigator.

Current local challenges in Killingly include well water around a lake in Rogers and Killingly Pond levels.

L. Sartori was asked if he had heard anything about a tri-state (CT, MA, RI) collaboration that would allow certified EHS individuals to cross state lines to work. While this has been a topic in the past, thus far, there has been no approval.

Union negotiations will begin in April.

Next Meeting

The Finance Committee will reconvene on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 3:00 pm in the NDDH Conference Room.

Adjournment

J. Murdock motioned to adjourn. P. George seconded the motion. E. Lippke, P. George, and J. Murdock in favor. Motion carried (3-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Violette Buisson
Executive Assistant