



**Fiscal Committee -  
Board of Representatives**

Eric B. Morson, Co-Chair

Andrew Zachary, Co-Chair

**Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** This meeting was held in the Democratic Caucus Room, 888 Washington Blvd, Stamford, CT, 4th Floor and remotely.

The Fiscal Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Committee Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Member Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham (arrived after Item 1 vote), Johnson and Lapine. Excused was Committee Member Rep. Goldberg.

Also in attendance were ex-officio members Pelliccia and Walston; City staff and administration members Tony Romano, OPM Budget /ERP System Administration Manager; Anita Carpenter, Grants Officer; Matt Quiñones, Director of Operations; Lou Casolo, City Engineer; Katherine LoBalbo, Director of BOE School Construction; Kevin Murray, Director, Parks & Recreation; Damian Ortelli, Chair, Harbor Management Commission; Travis Schnell, KG&D (School Construction) and members of the public.

Co-Chair Zachary called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

| Item No.  | Description   | Committee Action                   |
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| 1. <a href="#">F32.071</a><br>\$398,695.00  | <b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (OPERATING);</b> of funding for emergency asbestos abatement services at Yerwood Community Center, 90 Fairfield Avenue.<br>05/01/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b>  | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 7-0-0</b> |
| A motion to approve Item No. 1 (F32.071) was made, seconded, and Director Quiñones presented on this item. Afterwards, there was discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Johnson and Lapine approved). |   |                                    |
| 2. <a href="#">F32.072</a><br>\$2,537,000.00  | <b>REJECTION;</b> Capital Project Closeout Recommendation Project No. CP4000062 Transfer Station - \$2,537,000.00 Canal Wall Replacement<br>05/01/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>05/06/2026 – Planning Board unanimously recommended approval</b><br><b>05/14/2026 – Approved as “No Action Taken” by Board of Finance</b> | <b>NO VOTE OR ACTION TAKEN</b>     |
| A motion to reject Item No. 2 (F32.072) was made, and during discussion on how to vote on this item to correctly reject it, Mr. Romano explained another rejection option was to not take any action on the item (as the Board of Finance did in their May 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting) which would result in an automatic                         |   |                                    |

rejection in 60 days. The Committee agreed to take this option of no action and rescind the original motion to reject the item. Mr. Casolo then gave a presentation on this item, explaining the closeout is the 20% federal match and then adding that same amount in Item No. 3 (F32.073) as the same amount in City bonds. Afterwards, there was discussion on the item prior to the committee moving on to the next item on the agenda.

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| <p>3. <a href="#">F32.073</a><br/>\$3,437,000.00</p> | <p><b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);</b> Project: CP4000062; Transfer Station – Canal Wall Replacement project to replace the East Branch Harbor canal wall.<br/>05/01/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/><b>05/06/2026 – Planning Board unanimously recommended approval</b><br/><b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE</b><br/><b>8-0-0</b></p> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 3 (F32.073) was made, seconded, and Mr. Casolo gave a brief presentation on the item, explaining the funding included in this item. Afterwards, there was brief discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

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| <p>4. <a href="#">F32.074</a></p> | <p><b>RESOLUTION;</b> Amending The Capital Budget For Fiscal Year 2025-2026 By Adding An Appropriation Of \$3,437,000 For The Transfer Station - Canal Wall Replacement And Authorizing \$2,762,000 General Obligation Bonds Of The City To Meet Said Appropriation<br/>04/30/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/><b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE</b><br/><b>8-0-0</b></p> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 4 (F32.074) was made and seconded. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

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| <p>5. <a href="#">F32.075</a><br/>\$25,000.00</p> | <p><b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT);</b> Department of Health and Human Services - Project Champion Grant substance use prevention initiatives targeting youth in Stamford<br/>04/30/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/><b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b></p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE</b><br/><b>8-0-0</b></p> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 5 (F32.075) was made and seconded. Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation on the item. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).

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| <p>6. <a href="#">F32.076</a></p> | <p><b>RESOLUTION;</b> Authorizing The Mayor To Enter Into And Sign Agreements With The Child Health And Development Institute For Project Champion<br/>05/01/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons</p> | <p><b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE</b><br/><b>8-0-0</b></p> |
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A motion to approve Item No. 6 (F32.076) was made and seconded. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-

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| Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).  |  |                                    |
| 7. <a href="#">F32.077</a><br>\$62,500.00  | <b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);</b> Project: CP0231 Citywide Dredging; Operations Department; Cummings Marina and basin revetment.<br>04/24/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b>   | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0</b> |
| A motion to approve Item No. 7 (F32.077) was made and seconded. Mr. Casolo gave a brief presentation on the item. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).            |  |                                    |
| 8. <a href="#">F32.078</a>   | <b>RESOLUTION;</b> Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Connecticut Port Authority for financial assistance for the Cummings Marina Dredging biological Testing project<br>04/24/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0</b> |
| A motion to approve Item No. 8 (F32.078) was made and seconded. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).  |  |                                    |
| 9. <a href="#">F32.079</a>   | <b>RESOLUTION;</b> Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Department of Emergency Management and Public Protection Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Award. Allocation of \$69,500 is already in<br>04/24/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0</b> |
| A motion to approve Item No. 9 (F32.079) was made and seconded. Ms. Carpenter gave a brief review of what the item is about. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved). |  |                                    |
| 10. <a href="#">F32.080</a>  | <b>RESOLUTION;</b> Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Agreement with the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) for Quality Enhancement Funding under Early Start CT<br>04/24/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons   | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 7-0-1</b> |
| A motion to approve Item No. 10 (F32.080) was made and seconded. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-1 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham and Johnson approved; Rep. Lapine abstained).  |  |                                    |
| 11. <a href="#">F32.081</a><br>\$9,925,945.00  | <b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);</b> Project: 001460 Stamford High School Priority Project; amend FY 25/26 budget for improvements to the 1971 Building. State Grant Funded<br>05/01/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br><b>05/06/2026 – Planning Board unanimously recommended approval</b>                          | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0</b> |

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|   | <b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b>  |                                    |
| <p>A motion to approve Item No. 11 (F32.081) was made and seconded. Ms. LoBalbo gave a brief review of the item (and related Item No. 15, F32.085) and Mr. Schnell of KG&amp;D gave an accompanying <a href="#">slide presentation</a>, during which the committee members were able to ask questions. Afterwards, there was no additional discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).</p> |   |                                    |
| 12. <a href="#">F32.082</a><br>\$125,000.00   | <p><b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (CAPITAL);</b> Project: 001461 Stamford Harbor Boat Launch Feasibility Study Phase; to complete site evaluations and preliminary boat launch design for a potential public boat launching facility on the Stamford Harbor shoreline<br/>05/01/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/><b>05/06/2026 – Planning Board unanimously recommended approval</b><br/><b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b></p> | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 5-1-2</b> |
| <p>A motion to approve Item No. 12 (F32.082) was made, seconded, and both Chair Ortelli and Director Murray presented on this item. Afterwards, there was discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 5-1-2 (Co-Chair Morson and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Johnson and Lapine approved; Rep. Graham voted against; Co-Chair Zachary and Rep. Dorsey abstained).</p>  |   |                                    |
| 13. <a href="#">F32.083</a>   | <p><b>RESOLUTION;</b> Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the Connecticut Port Authority for the Stamford Harbor Boat Launch Feasibility 2 Project<br/>04/30/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons</p>   | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 7-0-1</b> |
| <p>A motion to approve Item No. 13 (F32.083) was made, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter stated this was the resolution item to accompany Item 12 (F32.082). Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 7-0-1 (Co-Chair Morson and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved; Co-Chair Zachary abstained).</p>   |   |                                    |
| 14. <a href="#">F32.084</a><br>\$85,000.00  | <p><b>ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION (GRANT);</b> Supplemental Revenue Sharing Grant funds to provide \$50,000 to Project Music and \$35,000 to ROSCCO for youth music education, childcare, and enrichment programming serving Stamford residents.<br/>05/01/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons<br/><b>05/14/2026 – Approved by Board of Finance 5-0-0</b></p>  | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0</b> |
| <p>A motion to approve Item No. 14 (F32.084) was made, seconded, and Ms. Carpenter gave a brief presentation on the item, explaining the source of the state funding to the City for these projects. Afterwards, there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved).</p>  |   |                                    |
| 15. <a href="#">F32.085</a>   | <p><b>RESOLUTION;</b> Related To The Application For A School Construction Priority Science Lab Alteration And Energy Conservation Grant For Stamford High School.</p>  | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE 8-0-0</b> |

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|   | 04/28/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons  |  |
| A motion to approve Item No. 15 (F32.085) was made, seconded, and there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved). |  |  |
| 16. <a href="#">F32.086</a>   | <b>RESOLUTION;</b> Authorizing the Mayor to enter into and sign agreements with the U.S. Economic Development Administration for the East Harbor canal retaining wall project<br>04/28/2026 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons | <b>APPROVED BY COMMITTEE<br/>8-0-0</b> |
| A motion to approve Item No. 16 (F32.086) was made, seconded, and there was no discussion on the item prior to the voice vote. Item was approved via unanimous voice vote 8-0-0 (Co-Chairs Morson and Zachary and Committee Reps. Bouchard, de la Cruz, Dorsey, Graham, Johnson and Lapine approved). |  |  |

Co-Chair Zachary adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew Zachary, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).