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## TOWN OF BURLINGTON

### Meeting Minutes

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DEPT./BOARD: Town of Burlington Scholarship Fund Committee

DATE: June 2, 2025

TIME: 6:45 p.m.

PLACE: Grand View Farm – Marion Tavern – First Floor

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jane Lynch; Debra Murphy; Kathleen Asher; Terese Weston; Kendra Lamoretti; and Christine Kim

ABSENT: none

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### Minutes

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum present.
2. Citizens' Time: **Jessica Gavin, potential Committee member**
3. Review and approve prior meeting Minutes
4. During the Awards Night (May 29), the following recipients of the 2025 scholarship were recognized:
  - a. #4 Cassandra Herrera
  - b. #5 Soham Shah
  - c. #15 Nathan Previte
  - d. #25 Luqmaan Shaikh
  - e. #28 Krish Almeida
  - f. #29 Akil Pugalenth
  - g. #38 Aadi Dash
5. Committee discussed:
  - a. Cash balance in the TOBSF account: Ending balance on 6/30/2025 was \$18,751.65; \$2000 scholarships were awarded to 7 recipients, for a deduction/commitments of \$14,000, resulting in a current available balance of \$4,751.65.
  - b. Use of an unweighted GPA as generally favorable.
  - c. Out of District students, as BHS does not invite them to the BHS Scholarship Night.
  - d. Suggestions for alternative scoring procedures





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- i. Each Committee Member chooses their own top scoring recipient from the group of applications assigned to them, and the awards are granted to the top scored application of each Committee Member.
  - ii. Another approach is to identify the top scored applications from the entire pool. If the top scored applications include each Member's top 1st or 2nd scores, stop there. Otherwise, if not, then each Member's top 10 scored applications are re-scored by the committee, and the recipients are those earning the top scores from that rescoring.
  - e. Expanding scope of high school recipients to further include those who are moving on to the armed forces (funds for boots and other necessities), a trade school, or culinary school (funds for tools or other necessities). Discuss with the Select Board an appropriate award amount.
  - f. Inviting Ms. Shari Ellis to one of the Meetings next year.
    - i. Add to Bylaws to make official that one Committee Member is appointed by the Superintendent of Schools.
6. This was the final Meeting of the 2024-2025 year. The Committee will resume in September of 2025.
7. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

