

**Town of Colchester  
Board of Finance Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 15, 2015  
Town Hall Meeting – 7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present** Chairman Rob Tarlov, Art Shilosky, Tom Kane, James McNair, Rob Esteve

**Members Absent:** John Ringo

**Others Present:** Selectmen: Rosemary Coyle, Kurt Frantzen, Board of Education Liaison Brad Bernier, Registrar of Voters Dot Mrowka, Tax Collector Michelle Wyatt

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. . . .

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 1, 2015 Regular Meeting:**

A. Shilosky motioned to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2015 meeting, seconded by T. Kane. Vote was unanimous with T. Kane and R. Esteve abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Finance Department:** None

**Tax Collector – Reports and Discussion:** M. Wyatt reported that 2014 ended with a 98.49% collection rate. The department is reporting to the DMV twice a month. Tax bills were sent out. Credit card payments have risen.

**7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

a) **Transfer Requests:** None

b) **First Selectman's Update:** None

**8. LIAISON REPORTS:** None

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

a) **By-Laws Review:** Chairman Tarlov will send out the most recent version for review.

b) **Snow Removal:** Reasons why snow removal continues to go over budget on a yearly basis and any effect it is having on General Fund balance was discussed. They will ask Jim Paggioli for insight as to why the trend is up.

c) **Budget Communications Subcommittees:** Members will remain on the subcommittees they participated on this previous budget season.

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**10. OLD BUSINESS:**

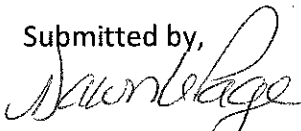
**a) Review Board's Objectives and Initiatives:**

2015 - 2016 Objectives and Initiatives were reviewed. Ron Goldstein and Superintendent Mathieu will attend the August 19th meeting to discuss the BOE strategic plan. BOF members said they would like to learn how declining enrollment is being addressed. Chairman Tarlov met with Ed Fusco of the Police Commission as the PC wants to know to what BOF needs to accept the request to begin a phase in increase coverage to 24/7, which would be phased in over 4 years with an ultimate annual cost of about \$450,000. Rob told Ed a long term financial plan of impact and data that would show that the cost would provide a decrease in crime. Rob said he was invited to attend the PC's next meeting to explain. Other Board members agreed with what would be needed. J. McNair spoke about the importance of a mission statement outlining the responsibilities of BOF. Members will each make a list of what they see the duties of the Board as being. Cheryl Hancin and First Selectman Soby will present a strategic plan for the Recreation Department's Program Funds at the August 19th meeting. Additional conversation needs to be had on creating a funding plan for the schools and town buildings and if maintenance for schools should be moved to the Town's budget.

**11. CITIZENS COMMENTS:** D. Mrowka reported that Registrars is over budget. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the state is mandating training for every registrar. The cost for training will be \$1,600 per Registrar. Also the State may pay for the battery cards for the voting computers.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** J. McNair motioned to adjourn, R. Esteve seconded, vote was Unanimous, **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Submitted by,



Dawn LePage, Clerk