



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Board of Selectmen Minutes
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 2, 2014
Colchester Town Hall
Meeting Room 1

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NANCY A. BERRY
TOWN CLERK

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, and Selectman Bill Curran. Selectman Kurt Frantzen was present by phone.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: D Giles, M Cosgrove, B Bernier, D Kennedy, R Tarlov, R Esteve, C Hancin, W Cox, J McNair, J Paggioli, J Jones, R Goldstein, C Praisner, T Kane, A Shilosky, D Lee

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Stan Soby called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on FY2014-15 Budget

S. Soby presented a list of possible cuts that were proposed by Department Heads.

R. Coyle asked; if Grounds & Maintenance seasonal position was cut who would do the work? J. Paggioli answered that it was one position at 29 hours, we have more efficient equipment and have the ability to borrow personnel from the Highway Dept; Questioned \$30,000 being removed from Building Committee Architect, because of the need to re-look at the scope of the project given enrollment data; System Virtualization cut for \$20,000? M Cosgrove explained the project was spread out over 3 years for funding; Asked for clarification on Y&S Services Coordinator, M Cosgrove explained that the increase was for seasonal position, will leave at current hours.

D Mizla asked; Do roads have serious effects if cut? J Paggioli answered that the situation between TAR funding and Budget amount increased. In the long run could cost more but still at a slight increase (12%) from last year.

B. Curran stated he spent some time with the Police Dept and has seen an advantage to keeping the Substance Abuse Counselor.

S. Soby asked at what percentage are we currently at for the General Fund Balance, M Cosgrove answered between 8 ½ to 9%. Our policy is 7-10% range and the recommended range by the financial experts is 10-30%.

D Mizla inquired about Mill Rate Relief. M Cosgrove stated it doesn't change the bottom line total.

B Curran suggested looking at other ways to generate revenue by increasing staff in P&R.

BOS reached a consensus to send the cut list as amended by removing the substance abuse counselor from the list and to the BOF.

3. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 6:43 p.m., seconded by B. Curran. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean
Clerk

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Town of Colchester
 FY 2014-2015 Proposed Budget
 Town Budget - List of Potential Reductions for Discussion 6-2-14

<u>Department</u>	<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	<u>Mill Rate Reduction</u>
Emergency Management	Other Purchased Supplies	Replace plotter - availability of grant funding	1,500	0.001
Emergency Management	Emergency Medical Supplies	Reduction in supplies	500	0.000
Highway	Road Improvements	Road Improvements	50,000	0.041
Grounds Maintenance	Contractual Temp Payroll	Eliminate Temporary Seasonal payroll	20,000	0.017
Grounds Maintenance	FICA & Retirement	Eliminate Temporary Seasonal payroll	1,530	0.001
Youth & Social Services	Regular Payroll	Eliminate increase in hours for P/T Social Services Coordinator	4,478	0.004
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Human Resources	Contract Settlements	Eliminate increase in hours for P/T Social Services Coordinator	861	0.001
Youth & Social Services	Professional Services	Substance Abuse Counselor	11,200	0.009
Cragin Library	Library Media Supplies	Reduction in supplies	1,000	0.001
Cragin Library	Programs	Reduction in children's programs supplies	250	0.000
Human Resources	Contract Settlements	Eliminate funding for Non union merit increases	12,082	0.010
Transfers & Capital	WJMS Project	Eliminate funding for pre referendum costs	30,000	0.025
Transfers & Capital	System Virtualization	Multi-year funding plan	20,000	0.017
Contingency	Contingency	Impact of reductions	769	0.001
Total			154,512	0.128