



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2015
Colchester Town Hall @ 7 p.m.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, and Selectman Kurt Frantzen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Rosemary Coyle

OTHERS PRESENT: BOF R Tarlov and A Shilosky, CFO M Cosgrove, Senior Center Director P Watts, Town Clerk G Furman, Tax Clerk M Wyatt, PW Director J Paggioli, Clerk Tricia Dean and other citizens

1. Call to Order

First Selectman Stan Soby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Recessed for Board of Finance Meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:11 p.m.

2. Citizens Comments - none

3. 2015-2016 Budget Discussion

Discussion between the Board on items to keep and those to cut, consensus from all to keep some funding for GIS and cut field maintenance. S Soby stated that it is a process of making difficult decisions, and need to think of what provides us with the most value for the long term.

Proposed Budget Reductions attached

4. Citizens Comments – Nancy Groeger asked if the additional Saturday hours were still being cut at the library. Expressed her concern with the current library hours and being accessible for children. S Soby answered that yes the additional hours had to be cut, however the virtualization has been kept in the budget which directly benefits the library, as well as the additional IT time which is needed to get the virtualization up and running.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on 2015-2016 Budget

D Mizla moved to set the Town Meeting date on May 19, 2015 at 7pm at Town Hall to send the Town Budget in the amount of \$13,763,426 and the Board of Education Budget in the amount of \$39,845,370 to Town Meeting, to be adjourned to Budget Referendum on May 28, 2015, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Adjourn

K Frantzen moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

Attachement: (1) Proposed Budget Reductions

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FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

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New Services & Improvements to Services

Reductions for Discussion - BOF/BOS 5-11-15

Department	Original	Proposed Budget	Proposed Reduction
Commission on Aging			
	Lunch & Learn program	480	480
First Selectman	Charter revision legal	5,000	
Human Resources	Training	1,000	
Planning & Code Administration	Professional services	4,000	4,000
Town Clerk	E-code 360	645	
Registrars of Voters	Memory cards	1,150	1,150
Information Technology	Increased hours - technician	7,581	
Police Department	Uniform replacements	1,200	
Police Department	Radio replacements	15,800	
Police Department	Electronic equipment maintenance	2,000	1,000
Fire Department	Strategic plan consultant	13,000	
Fire Department	Turnout gear replacement	4,033	
Fire Department	EMS supplies	990	
Fire Department	Training	2,000	
Emergency Management	Antenna replacement	1,000	
Highway	Catch basins (additional 7)	5,425	5,425
Highway	Street/warning signs	3,000	1,000
Highway	Professional services - trees	5,000	5,000
Highway	Road improvements	73,435	
Grounds Maintenance	Field maintenance	5,600	5,600

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Original Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Proposed Reduction</u>	
Youth & Social Services	Increased hours - Social Services Coord	7,592	7,592
Youth & Social Services	Additional Youth Center Supervisor	2,252	2,252
Youth & Social Services	Upgrade internet service	660	
Youth & Social Services	Increased contribution to C#	5,000	2,500
Youth & Social Services	Youth Center improvements	1,000	
Library	Reinstate Saturday hours - School year	2,977	2,977
Library	Increase in books/materials	1,500	1,500
Library	Increase in program budget	250	250
Recreation	NRPA/ACA training	2,500	2,500
Senior Services	Newsletter printing	2,000	2,000
Senior Services	mil/trng	500	500
Senior Services	My Senior Center	4,500	3,300
Total new initiatives/improved services - Operating		183,070	49,026
Capital	Contribution to Buildings & Grounds Reserve	25,000	
Capital	System Virtualization	10,000	
Capital	Technology equipment replacement	8,500	
Capital	GIS improvements	25,000	15,000
Capital	Town Hall parking lot	142,000	65,000
Capital	Sewer connection	25,000	
Capital	Funding for replacement of SCBA units	54,200	
Debt Service	Contribution to Debt Service Fund	71,400	
Total new initiatives - Capital & Debt		361,100	80,000

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<u>Department</u>	Original Proposed Budget	Proposed Reduction
<u>Alternative Funding Sources</u>		
Highway	5,425	5,425
Highway	11,700	11,700
Total Alternative Funding Sources	17,125	17,125
<u>Cost Savings</u>		
Town-wide	20,294	8,865
Total Cost Savings	20,294	8,865
Total Proposed Reductions - Town Budget		
		155,016
<u>Additional Revenue</u>		
Other Revenues		22,300
Total Additional Revenue		22,300