

TOWN OF COLCHESTER
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING – May 25, 2016
MINUTES

Present: Art Shilosky, Brenden Healey, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Mizla, Dorothy Mrowka, Maggie Cosgrove, Don Kennedy, Ron Goldstein, Jeff Mathieu, Mary Tomasi, Brad Bernier, Renie Besaw, James McNair, Andreas Bisbikos, Rob Esteve, Gayle Furman and other citizens.

Meeting was called to order by Art Shilosky, First Selectman at 7:00 p.m.

Motion that Brenden Healey be Moderator was made by Denise Mizla, seconded by Rosemary Coyle. MOTION CARRIED

Motion to close nominations made by Dot Mrowka, seconded by Don Kennedy. MOTION CARRIED

Town Clerk, Gayle Furman, read the warning of the meeting.

Motion to move Item #1, to consider and act upon the 2016-2017 fiscal year budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$39,705,064 as recommended by the Board of Finance, made by Ron Goldstein, seconded by Art Shilosky.

Discussion:

- Jim Kelly asked for understanding of the ECS funding and its impact on this budget. CFO Maggie Cosgrove indicated that the reduction in State Education funds was from the ECS and Public School Transportation grants. This reduction in funds has been reflected in the calculation of the mill rate associated with the Education budget. It was also noted that the state MRSA grant funds have now been included in the calculation of the mill rate associated with the Town budget.
- Vincent Rose stated his concerns with the cuts to the education budget and how they will negatively affect the students. He also stated that he feels it will cost more in the long run as to the negative impact in the earlier grades.
- Lynn McCune stated her concerns with the cuts, class size and the increase in behavioral issues. She also stated that she will support this budget due to her concern with what will be cut if it doesn't pass.

Moderator called for a voice vote on Item #1, SO VOTED AND CARRIED.

Motion to move Item #2, to adjourn to Referendum vote on Thursday, June 2, 2016 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at Colchester Town Hall, made by Ron Goldstein, seconded by Denise Mizla. SO VOTED AND CARRIED.

Moderator called for a voice vote on Item #2, SO VOTED AND CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn made by Steven Coyle, seconded by Denise Mizla at 7:09 p.m.

Brenden Healey resigned as Moderator at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Gayle Furman, Town Clerk

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