



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018
Town Hall Room 1

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TOWN OF COLCHESTER
BOARD OF FINANCE

Members Present: R. Tarlov, M. Egan, A. Migliaccio and A. Bisbikos

Members Absent: R. Lepore and T. Kane

Others Present: First Selectman A. Shilosky, BOS: R. Coyle, J. Ford, CFO M. Cosgrove, Town Clerk G. Furman, Tax Collector M. Wyatt, ROV D. Mrowka, Citizens J. Kelly & D. Bouchard and Clerk J. Campbell

1. CALL TO ORDER

R. Tarlov called the meeting to order at 8:24pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Migliaccio MOTIONED to add 9B FOI Complaint to the agenda, SECONDED by M. Egan. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 2, Regular Meeting

A. Bisbikos MOTIONED to approve the 5/2 meeting minutes, SECONDED by M. Egan. A. Migliaccio ABSTAINED. All other members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 3/0/1

4. CORRESPONDENCE

See attached

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. **Tax Collector** – M. Wyatt reported that the collection rate is trending a little low, but is fully confident that the goal will be met. She also stated that she received her certification certificate last week. Reminded the BOF to set separate mill rates for MV and Real Estate. People finder software is up and running and they have begun collecting using the software.

i. **Suspense List - Discussion and Possible Action** – A. Migliaccio MOTIONED to accept Suspense report in the amount of \$19,917.81, SECONDED by A. Bisbikos. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED 4/0

b. **Finance** – April Monthly reports were provided. M. Cosgrove stated that there was nothing new to report.

6. FIRST SELECTMAN

- a. **Transfer requests** - None
- b. **First Selectman's report** – No report

7. 2018/2019 BUDGET – Discussion and Possible Action

R. Tarlov stated that there was a previous suggestion to put the budget through with a 0 increase instead of a .09 decrease. A. Bisbikos said that he was ready to move forward with the budget. M.

Egan stated that the decrease is from the revenue and feels like the budget has been gone over enough to move the budget forward.

A. Bisbikos MOTIONED to move the proposed budget of the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$14,821,310, the proposed budget of the Board of Education in the amount of \$40,549,344, for a proposed combined budget in the amount of \$55,370,654 to the Annual Budget meeting, with the Board of Selectmen to set the Annual Budget meeting date, SECONDED by M. Egan. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

9. OLD BUSINESS –

- a. **OpenGov – Policy Committee – Discussion -** R. Tarlov stated that the policy committee will include 2 BOS and 1 BOF members. R. Coyle and S. Soby will be the members from BOS and R. Lepore will be the BOF member. R. Tarlov has reached out to the BOE to see if they would like to participate in the Committee. The committee at this point has no set an initial meeting date. R. Coyle has stated that there have been brief discussions with herself and S. Soby about how to begin the committee. R. Coyle asked that any suggestions be sent to the 3 of them and will discuss at any meetings.
- b. **FOI Complaint –** R. Tarlov first reminded board members of the FOI Training on 6/14. He presented a time line of events on the 2 recent FOI complaints made by D. Bouchard. R. Tarlov would like to see the Town come together prior to seeking legal assistance or perhaps using an ombudsman to assist without incurring legal expenses.

10. LIAISONS' REPORTS – No Reports

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS – D. Bouchard stated she was taken aback that R. Tarlov felt the newspaper was not entirely true. She stated that she has had several conversations with the first selectman and feels that he didn't want to resolve the issue locally. D. Bouchard wasn't aware that she needed to formally withdraw her complaint. She also responded that she was unaware of any of the issues that were involved with the meeting tape that was in question.

12. ADJOURNMENT – A. Migliaccio MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm, SECONDED by A. Bisbikos. All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,
Joanie Campbell, Clerk

Attachments: Correspondence, Tax Collector's Reports & Suspense list, Finance Dept. Reports and FOI Complaints History.