

**BOARD OF FINANCE – REGULAR MEETING**  
**TOWN HALL – 127 NORWICH AVENUE**  
**Room 3**  
**Wednesday – August 19, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bruce Hayn, Michael Ryan, Ronald Crabb, John Ringo, Brian Smith (7:02 p.m.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ronald Goldstein

**OTHERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Treasure Jon Sandberg, Mike Caplet, CFO Maggie Cosgrove, Fire Chief Walter Cox, Glenn Moran, Greg Schuster, Gary Avery, Jess McMinn

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

2. **SAFER GRANT DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Chief Cox was notified by Congressman Courtney that Colchester has received the Safer Grant. Chairman Hayn questioned the phasing in of the grant and the necessary matching funds.

(B. Smith arrived at this time.)

Chief Cox said that the performance period would be from November 2009 thru November 2014. The first year will require a 20% share from the town totaling \$28,013. Based on fiscal year the immediate impact to the town will be \$14,006. The town is able to bill other towns for coverage. Currently Colchester has not been able to respond due to lack of member availability. By having more paid staff more of these calls, in addition to Colchester calls, will be met. The revenue for supplying assistance to another town would be approximately \$20,000 and will off set some of the cost for the paid staff. Full and part-time staff that is hired will have 6 months to be fully trained on all apparatus. A pay on call incentive could also be possible. Selectman Coyle questioned the remaining years and if there is no funding for those years. Board members spoke about a clause in the grant that money would need to be paid back if the program could not continue in future years. First Selectman Hodge stated that lack of coverage has become a safety issue.

B. Smith motioned to move the Safer Grant forward, seconded by J. Ring. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Chief Cox spoke about trucks that are in need of replacement. He has applied for a \$90,000 grant to replace the fire police truck. There has been no word on the awarding of the grant at this time. No decisions on the replacement of this vehicle will take place until there is notification on the grant. G. Avery commented that there needs to be a larger fund for equipment replacement. J. McMinn noted that there are more vehicles out there that are going to need replacement soon.

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

3.1 **August 5, 2009 – Regular Meeting Minutes:** J. Ringo motioned to accept the minutes of the August 5, 2009 Regular Meeting, seconded by R. Crabb. All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS.**

4.1 **Finance Department:** M. Cosgrove presented the Board with Expenditure and Revenue Report through July 31, 2009.

4.2 **Tax Collector:** Members were given the Grand Ratebook Balance Sheet Report to date.

5. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None

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

7. **FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:**

7.1 **Selectman's Agenda:**

7.1.1 **Transfer Requests:** None

7.1.2 **First Selectman's Update:** First Selectman Hodge reported that a vehicle plan is being worked on. Due to vacations and furlough days it has been difficult for all those involved to meet at once. She is expecting the first part of September the plan process to become more diligent.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

9. **LIAISON REPORTS:** R. Crabb reported that Public Works is currently working on road repair and they have two mowers that are down. The library co-directors are working on a presentation to the Board of Trustees. There are some issues with peeling paint and a curb problem.

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but have been improving. The police have three officers working late. They are staggering their start times to add the additional hours of coverage. There are numerous vehicle problems.

**10. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**11. NEW BUSINESS:** None

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** B. Smith motioned to adjourn, seconded by R. Crabb seconded. All members voted in favor. Chairman Hayn adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



Dawn LePage, Clerk