

**BOARD OF FINANCE – REGULAR MEETING  
COLCHESTER SENIOR CENTER  
95 NORWICH AVENUE  
Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Amended**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Bruce Hayn, Michael Ryan, Ronald Crabb, John Ringo, Brian Smith, Ron Goldstein

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Treasure Jon Sandberg, M. Ryan, Caplet, CFO Maggie Cosgrove, Fire Chief Walter Cox, Gary Avery, Jess McMinn, Rob Tarlov, Gregg LePage

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Hayn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

2.1 **September 16, 2009 Regular Meeting:** M. Ryan motioned to approve the September 16, 2009 meeting minutes, seconded by Brian Smith. All members voted in favor with John Ringo abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**

M. Ryan motioned to move 6.1.2.b to this point in the meeting, seconded by R. Crabb. All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**6.1.2. b. Discussion and Possible Action Re: Ambulance Funding:** Chief Cox received a memo from the Ambulance Committee providing their recommendation. G. Avery read the memo. (attached) The committee is recommending the bid be awarded to Horton, also known as Greenwood Emergency Vehicles, with the chassis being purchased through Nutmeg International. The current ambulance would be traded in for \$15,000. The lead time of the completed ambulance would be 150 days after receipt of chassis. The town would then have 30 days to pay. When to bond was discussed with the CFO and Treasurer.

3. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS.**

3.1 **Finance Department:** M. Cosgrove reported on variances in dollar amount of expected grants from the state. The overall amount will be lower than anticipated.

4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None

5. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Due to the next meeting, October 21, 2009, being the same night at the First Selectman debate the meeting will be cancelled.

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

6.1 **Selectman's Agenda:**

6.1.1 **Transfer Requests:** M. Ryan motioned to approve the transfer of \$10,000 from account 1510-40101 Library Regular Salaries to 15101-40103 Library Overtime, seconded by J. Ringo. All members voted in favor with R. Goldstein abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6.1.2 **First Selectman's Update:** First Selectman Hodge reported that a vehicle plan is being worked on. Numerous immediate vehicle problems have been taken care of. The Park and Rec mower has been repaired at this time. The issue will be further addressed in the department's strategic plan. The three largest issues are within the Highway Department; the truck for miscellaneous uses, the backhoe, and the larger orange trucks. Selling the backhoe and excavator and replacing with one multiuse piece of equipment is being proposed. TAR balances as of September 14, 2009 were assessed. Board members stressed that TAR money originally budgeted for road repair must continue to be used for road repair as was proposed when additional bonding money for road repair was passed in referendum.

6.1.2. a. **Discussion and Possible Action on Police Third Shift:** The Police Commission has approved, at the request of Sergeant John Thompson, to implement a third shift for Colchester's officers on a provisional basis for three months. During this time the overtime expenditures will be reviewed and will remain in the allotted overtime budget.

6.1.2. b. **Discussion and Possible Action Re: Ambulance Funding:** Addressed prior to Item 3.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None

8. **LIAISON REPORTS:** R. Goldstein reported that BOE budget meetings start on Friday morning. The district is seeing an increase in enrollment.

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9. **OLD BUSINESS:** None

10. **NEW BUSINESS:**

**10.1 Discussion and Possible Action on Refunding of 2001 Bond Issue:** A proposal from Webster Bank shows a large savings if rebonding were to occur. J. Sandberg said that with current interest rates it would be a good time to do so. J. Ringo motioned to start the process of the possible refunding of the 2001 bond issue by the writing of a resolution, seconded by M. Ryan. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** M. Ryan motioned to adjourn, seconded by R. Crabb seconded. All members voted in favor. Chairman Hayn adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



Dawn LePage, Clerk