

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, December 5, 2012
Meeting Room 1 - 7:00 p.m.**

NANCY A. BRAY
TOWN CLERK

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Tarlov, Cathy Pompei, Rob Esteve and John Ringo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Kane and Art Shilosky

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Greg Plunkett, Maggie Cosgrove, Jim Paggioli, Pam Scheibelein, Brad Bernier, Gregg LePage, Mike Ryan, Tom Tyler, Civic Students and other citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 14, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 regular meeting.

SECONDED by J. Ringo. C. Pompei abstained. All others approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Ryan asked if the board has been approached with a figure for the complex that is being considered to be built. R. Tarlov stated they do not have a cost yet.

4. TOWN MEASUREMENT DATA – TAX COLLECTOR

R. Tarlov stated that the tax collector was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a prior commitment and asked the presentation by the combination building committee be inserted in its place. J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to insert in item #4 "presentation by the combination building committee". **SECONDED** by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

PRESENTATION BY THE COMBINATION BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chairman of the building committee, Tom Tyler, gave a presentation regarding the status of the WJMS proposed building project. The architect completed a schematic design which he described. Tom Tyler stated they should have an estimate for the cost of the project in a few weeks.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

M. Cosgrove sent the board members October reports as no meeting was held on 11/21. M. Cosgrove stated no changes on the revenue or expenditures side from previous months.

b. Tax Collector

None

c. Treasurer

None

6. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

a. Transfer Requests

None

b. First Selectman's Update

First Selectman Schuster stated a high level proposal was put out by QV dispatch showing what would happen if KX dispatch merged with QV dispatch. First Selectman Schuster suggested that KX dispatch should put out a request for solid proposals from other dispatch centers. First Selectman Schuster also stated that the board has reviewed several budget proposals and has approved one to go to a public hearing regarding Chatham Health District. First Selectman Schuster also stated they are continuing to work on the Emergency Operations Center and they have a plan on moving forward with funding to improve the Emergency Operations Center. First Selectman Schuster invited the members of the Board of Finance to hold their next meeting in the Emergency Operations Center so they can tour the facilities.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. LIAISON REPORTS

R. Esteve reported the board of education had their budget meeting this morning. R. Esteve stated that the medical claims have not changed much these past few months. R. Esteve stated there is a concern regarding the cost of tuition for students placed outside the school district. Discussion was had. C. Pompei reported the library is concerned with the state funding of programs moving forward. C. Pompei also reported the Fire Department will be presenting the capitol purchase of the hydraulic tool system at the next Board of Selectman meeting and they have started working on their 2013-2014 budget.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. Review and Discussion – Energy Project

Chairman R. Tarlov stated his concerns regarding the energy project. Discussion was had.

b. Improving the Budget Process and Review of Suggestions

Chairman R. Tarlov stated a date should be set for an open public question/answer meeting regarding the budget. A tentative date of February 6, 2013 was set. R. Tarlov complimented M. Cosgrove and Derrick on an outstanding job they did on the budget book.

c. Update on Health Insurance Fund and Subcommittee Meetings

M. Cosgrove stated the town side health insurance funds are not bad to date.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Emergency Preparedness – financial impact and process for appropriating emergency fund**
R. Tarlov stated the board decided a policy is not needed at this time.


11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. **SECONDED** by J. Ringo. All others approved.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant

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