



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Finance

May 14, 2012 – Special Meeting

Town Hall – Room 2

127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rob Tarlov, John Ringo, Thomas Kane, Cathy Pompei, Art Shilosky, Rob Esteve.

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Shuster, Selectman Jim Ford, Sgt. Marc Petruzzi, Fire Chief Walter Cox, Public Works Director James Paggioli, Librarian Kate Byroade, Planner Adam Turner, Town Clerk Nancy Bray, Youth Services Director Val Geato, Senior Center Director Patti White, Fire Lieutenant Don Lee, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tarlov called this Special Meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Merja Lehtinen commended the Board for allowing comments on the budget and urged the Board to pass a budget that taxpayers can afford to pay.

Joyce Main stated it was important to remember that the schools received \$500,000 last year from the Federal Government and would like to see at least that amount removed from the Board of Education budget and have no increase in the overall budget.

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FY 2012 -2013 BUDGET

Selectman Schuster presented the Board members with proposed budget cuts totaling \$310,975. Discussion followed on the items presented. It will take a total reduction of \$648,000 from the Town and Board of Education budgets to remain at the level of the 2011-2012 budget figure.

The Board of Finance will discuss the Board of Education budget at a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 15, 2012. A third meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, to finalize the proposed budget figures.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Joyce Main said she felt negotiations should have taken place with contractual employees noting that non union employees were not receiving increases and also questioned the snow budget.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: R. Esteve
to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: J. Ringo.

Vote: Unanimous.

Chairman Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

A tape recording is available of the meeting.

NANCY A BRAY
TOWN CLERK

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