



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

BOARD OF FINANCE  
JUNE 14, 2012 – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN HALL – ROOM 1  
127 NORWICH AVENUE

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Gregg Shuster, Selectman Jim Ford, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Gregg Cordova and Selectman Rosemary Coyle (via telephone); Public Works Director James Paggioli, Town Planner Adam Turner, Youth Services Director Val Geato, Senior Center Director Patti White, Sgt. Marc Petruzzi, Fire Chief Walter Cox, Town Clerk Nancy Bray, Fire Lieutenant Don Lee, Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove, Building Official Tim York, IT Coordinator Marc Tate, Recreation Director Cheryl Hancin, Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle Goodwin, Board of Education Chairman Ron Goldstein and other citizens.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Tarlov called this Special Meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 7:12 p.m.

**2. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Chairman Tarlov stated that the Board of Finance would not be eliminating any position at tonight's meeting. The questions asked at the previous meeting about several positions was for information purpose only in case these type of decisions would be needed to be made in the future.

Chris Ozum, Tracey Fox and Michele Murraray all spoke in favor of keeping the Board of Education at its present amount and allowing the parents to work together to get the budget passed.

David Martin spoke in support of the Fire Chief Position of the Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FY 2012-2013 BUDGET**

Chairman of the Board of Education Ron Goldstein distributed copies of proposed Tier 1, 2, 3 and 4 level proposed cuts to the Board of Education budget.

Superintendent of Schools Karen Loiselle Goodwin spoke about the proposed budget cuts in Tier I. Discussion followed.

**Motion** by J. Ringo, seconded by R. Esteve to decrease the Board of Education budget by \$23,810 and to allow the Board of Education to allocate the reductions. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Works Director James Paggioli spoke about the police cruisers, the Transfer Station and the proposed purchase of a sedan for the Senior Center.

In response to the Board's request at the June 13, 2012 Special Meeting, several Department Heads were present to explain the functions and duties of their departments and personnel.

Town Planner Adam Turner explained that the Economic Development Coordinator position has been eliminated, the current workload and the duties of the Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission spoke about the positive affect on the Town because of the qualifications and work of the Town Planner, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Wetlands Enforcement Officer.

Marc Tate, IT Coordinator, explained to the Board the request for funds for the GIS mapping and how this mapping is used within Departments.

Chief Financial Officer Maggie Cosgrove spoke about the need for funds for training of a Payroll Clerk and the Park and Recreation Special Revenue Fund.

Fire Chief Cox and Fire Lieutenant spoke about possible reductions of \$15,700 in the Fire Department budget.

Town Clerk Nancy Bray spoke about the part-time position in her Department and the possible impact of this position being eliminated.

First Selectman Gregg Schuster explained the value of the Human Resource consultant and the savings as a result of using this service.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed budget cuts. A combination of revenue from ECS Grant funds in the amount of \$176,628, and Transfer Station fees in the amount of \$20,000, and budget reductions of the Board of Education in the amount of \$23,810 and the town budget of \$59,500 in combined revenue increases and expense reductions of \$279,938.

#### **4. CITIZENS COMMENTS - No one spoke**

**Motion** by J. Ringo, seconded by A. Shiloksy to approve and send to the Board of Selectmen the Board of Education budget at \$37,524,160. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by J. Ringo, seconded by A. Shiloksy to approve and send to the Board of Selectmen the Town budget at \$12,757,366. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion** by A. Shiloksy, seconded by T.Kane to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Gail N. Therian  
Clerk