

BOARD OF FINANCE
Regular Meeting
Town Hall
Wednesday, August 7, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, John Ringo, Art Shilosky

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Kane

OTHERS PRESENT: Gregg Schuster, Rosemary Coyle, Jim Ford, Gregg LePage, Ron Goldstein, Don Kennedy, Dot Morowka, Kurt Frantzen, Jim Paggioli, Brad Bernier, Jeff Mathieu, Tom Tyler, Paul Scheibelein, Ken Jackson, Bill Curran, Gary Siddel, Joe Lombardo, Johanna Lombardo, Joe Musinski

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
July 17, 2013 – J. Ringo motioned to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 regular meeting, seconded by A. Shilosky. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. CITIZENS COMMENTS: None
4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None
J. Ringo motioned to move agenda item 11d. *Discussion and Possible Action on WJJMS/Community – Senior Center Project* to agenda item 5a., seconded by R. Esteve. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. INTERVIEW POTENTIAL BOF CANDIDATES: Bill Curran was interviewed by BOF members as a candidate to fill the board vacancy created by the resignation of Cathy Pompei.

a. Discussion and Possible Action on WJJMS/Community – Senior Center Project -
Chairman Tarlov asked First Selectman Schuster to share his reasoning for being opposed to the project and why he has changed his mind since previously voting in favor of it. First Selectman Schuster expressed his concerns saying that people cannot afford a tax increase, does not believe the scope of the project fits what the town needs, believes the Senior Center should be a standalone facility, seniors want a standalone facility, and the town will still not have a pool. He believes that if the project proceeds the town will be revisiting the concerned areas over the next 50 years. He would like to explore a YMCA being brought to Colchester. He has no issues with the school portion of the project.

Chairman Tarlov said the BOF has been trying to determine what the cost would be to make all necessary repairs and changes if the town did not proceed with the project. He said it has been very difficult to get a cost for alternatives and necessary information from staff. Members found the information previously given by J. Paggioli vague. First Selectman Schuster said to let him know of any additional information the board may need in the future, as he is unaware of the previous requests for additional information Chairman Tarlov was referring to. Chairman Tarlov continued to express the difficulty BOF has had obtaining the requested information as First Selectman Schuster previously requested the board not talk with staff directly but submit all requests for information through him.

J. Ringo motioned to accept the following Bond Resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Colchester appropriate \$57,260,000 and authorize borrowing in the same amount for costs related to the William J. Johnston

Middle School, Community Center and Senior Center Project at the site of the existing William J. Johnston Middle School at 360 Norwich Avenue, including renovations and additions to the middle school and relocation of the Senior Center, the Youth Center, Social Services facilities, and Parks and Recreation facilities, substantially as shown on the plans titled "Conceptual Study for the WJJ Middle School, Community Center and Senior Center" prepared by Tecton Architects, Inc. dated 8/9/12, revised to 6/26/13, and substantially as described in the detailed estimate prepared by Tecton Architects, Inc. dated 4/3/13, as modified 6/19/13. The building committee established for the project shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and to reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so modified or reduced. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, testing and permitting costs, relocation costs, demolition and installation costs, equipment, furnishings and fixtures, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, utilities, engineering fees, management costs and fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

Seconded A. Shilosky. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. Finance Department - None
- b. Treasurer - None
- c. Tax Collector - None

7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

a. Transfer Requests - A. Shilosky motioned to approve the following transfers as a block: Registrars – Elections, \$140 from 11601-44208 (Professional Services) to 11601-43213 (Mileage, Training, & Meetings); Assessor - \$2,030 from 11304- 44205 (Data Processing) to 11304-44208 (Professional Services), Assessor - \$947 from 11304-44205 (Data Processing) to 11304-40103 (Overtime). The motion was seconded by R. Esteve. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b. First Selectman's Update – None

8. CORRESPONDENCE: None

9. LIAISON REPORTS:

R. Esteve – Board of Education – OCR project is completed. Health Insurance account “broke even” this year. Fire Department – Acting as temporary liaison. Some work related staff changes will need to be made to meet provisions in new fire union contract.

A. Shilosky – Police Department – Working with State on signs for crosswalk by Youth Center. Waiting on additional bid for new cruiser. Working on issue with spare tire being removed from cruisers. Bylaws had to be adjusted for pistols with lights on them. Trying to sell DARE car.

10. NEW BUSINESS – None

11. OLD BUSINESS –

a. CIP Plan

i. Town – Jim Paggioli -

He continues to work on long range planning needs for town facilities. He expects it to take 4-5 months.

ii. School – Ken Jackson -

As a precursor to his report, K. Jackson stated that the town needs to have annual funding

for capital improvements as well as preventative and repair maintenance.

- b. Status of Health Insurance Fund – Covered in Liaison Report by R. Esteve.
- c. Status of Energy Project – K. Jackson and J. Paggioli talked about who will have access to the system controls and gave examples of how the system can be programmed for optimal efficiency.
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on WJJMS/Community-Senior Center Project – Moved to 5a.
- e. Budget Process - No discussion.
- f. Grant Opportunities - First Selectman Schuster can file a request with CCM to find out what other municipalities have hired a grant writer. He will contact some to ask what the success and failures have been since hiring a grant writer.

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

J. Ford – Thanked BOF members for moving building project forward. He served as Project Manager with the Beta Group on the YMCA job in Putnam. The majority was paid for by benefactors. The town purchased the land.

R. Coyle – In response to First Selectman Schuster saying most of the seniors want a standalone facility, the majority of the people who responded to the survey regarding the senior center, wanted to be part of a multipurpose facility. When seniors were educated on the project they were receptive.

T. Tyler - In response to First Selectman Schuster's comment on the project not having a pool, the reason the current project does not have a pool is because the Board of Selectman chose not to take action on the Building Committee's recommendation to add to the scope of the project. The Final Report includes cost deferred items that were eliminated from the original scope. The fundamentals have not been changed. Areas were scaled back or reduced but system improvements, will still be made to the Community/Senior Center portion.

13. ADJOURNMENT: A. Shilosky motioned to adjourn, seconded by J. Ringo. Vote was unanimous. MOTION CARRIED. Chairman Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dawn LePage, Clerk