



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 20, 2013
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

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TOWN CLERK

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, John Ringo, Thomas Kane, and Art Shilosky
MEMBERS ABSENT: Cathy Pompei
OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Jim Ford, Maggie Cosgrove, Ron Goldstein, Jeff Mathieu, Gregg LePage, Don Kennedy, Brad Bernier, Adam Turner, Sgt. Petruzzi, Chief Cox, Cheryl Hancin, Nancy Bray, Ed Fusco, Civic Students and other citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Wednesday, March 20, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Special Meeting – March 4
- b) Special Meeting – March 5
- c) Regular Meeting – March 6
- d) Special Meeting – March 13

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of March 4, 5, 6 and 13th as a block. **SECONDED** by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rosemary Coyle voiced her opinion regarding the memo received on possible reduction options and also spoke in favor of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Faulk VonPlachecki spoke in favor of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Lisa Hageman spoke in favor of the Plan of Conservation and Development and stated there will be a meeting on March 27, 2013 at 7:00pm regarding Colchester Fiscal Value of Land Use.

John Malsbenden spoke in favor of the Plan of Conservation and Development but not in favor of combining the Youth Services Director with the Senior Center Director position.

Mike Ryan spoke in favor of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Jim Kelly thanked the Board for making sure that during last year's budget season the Board of Education placed a substantial contribution into their medical insurance fund and for proceeding cautiously concerning the WJMS project.

Chris Bourque spoke in favor of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Heather Galarneau spoke in favor of all day kindergarten.

Olivia Duksa spoke in favor of all day kindergarten and the Plan of Conservation and Development.

David Wasnewski spoke in favor of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to move item #6 "Request from BOS: Appropriation Request for Plan of Conservation and Development" before item #5 "Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations with Public Works Union" and renumber agenda accordingly. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Request from BOS: Appropriation Request for Plan of Conservation and Development

J. Ford spoke on the importance of receiving the appropriation to be able to move forward with the Plan of Conservation and Development. J. Ford gave the board members a handout with the proposed POCD scope. J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve a transfer of \$30,000 from “Use of Unassigned Fund Balance (18501-36250)” to “Trsf to Capital & Nonrecurring - POCD (18501-50500)” for development of a revised Plan of Conservation and Development. **SECONDED** by T. Kane. All others approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Executive Session to Discuss Contract Negotiations with Public Works Union

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with Public Works union and to invite First Selectman Schuster and Jim Paggioli. **SECONDED** by J. Ringo. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The board of finance members and invited guests went into executive session at 7:36 p.m.

The board of finance members and invited guests came out of executive session at 7:47 p.m.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

M. Cosgrove presented the February report. Discussion was had.

b. Treasurer

None

8. FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT

a. Transfer Requests

None

b. First Selectman’s Update

None

9. CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. LIAISON REPORTS

A. Shilosky reported on the building committee.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Health Insurance Fund

M. Cosgrove reported the month of March has had a significant improvement.

b. Status of Energy Project

First Selectman Schuster stated there is a meeting tomorrow evening.

c. Building Project

A. Shilosky reported under the liaison reports.

d. Budget Discussion

The town budget was discussed. The fire and police department were present to answer questions. Discussion was had on proposed reductions.

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to set a Public Hearing for April 1, 2013 and April 2, 2013.

SECONDED by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. **SECONDED** by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant