



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2013
Town Emergency Operations Center – 7:00 pm**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Ringo

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Sgt. Suchecki, Maggie Cosgrove, Ron Goldstein, Donald Kennedy, Marc Tate, Roger Jessee, Jim Paggioli, Reed Gustafson and Jean Walsh

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Wednesday, January 16, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 2, 2013

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2013 regular meeting. **SECONDED** by T. Kane. All others approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to move items #10a and 10b to item #5 and renumber accordingly. **SECONDED** by R. Esteve. All other approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Board of Ed Request to Transfer to Capital

R. Esteve stated the board of education is making a request to transfer unexpended funds from the capital reserve fund into security improvements at the Board of Education facilities in town. R. Goldstein stated the Board of Education has determined that the security issues are an important priority. Discussion was had. R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to approve a transfer of \$56,602 from "Use of G/F Assigned Fund Balance (18501-36250)" to "BOE Capital Reserve (18501-50800)" for security improvements at the school facilities. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All others approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Building Committee Meeting

A. Shilosky attended a building committee meeting and stated they received the figures for the cost of the WJJMS building project. It was broken down into three phases the school, the senior center and the community center. Discussion was had regarding cost. D. Kennedy stated the building committee will be presenting other options at their next meeting.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

M. Cosgrove gave an overview of the December financial report.

b. Tax Collector

Board members received the tax collector's report prior to meeting.

c. Treasurer

None

7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

a. Transfer Requests

None

b. First Selectman's Update

First Selectman Schuster stated that he attended the cost annual meeting where a legislative panel was present and it was stated that municipal aid and school aid is on the table for possible cuts. First Selectman Schuster gave the board members a tour of the emergency operations center. J. Paggioli presented a list of upgrades that are needed over a 3 year period for the emergency operations center. Discussion was had.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

R. Tarlov received correspondence from T. Dimitri, town citizen, who works in visual arts offering her assistance with marketing ideas when presenting the town budget. R. Tarlov also received correspondence from D. Kennedy regarding the budget being presented to both the BOE and the BOF on the same night as it was last year. Discussion was had.

9. LIAISON REPORTS

a. Liaison Assignments

Discussion was had to ensure all important boards are covered by all BOF members.

b. Reports

A. Shilosky stated he attended a special police commission budget meeting where preliminary adjustments to the 2013/2014 were discussed. R. Tarlov stated he attended the youth services meeting and they are organizing a Family Spaghetti dinner at the end of the month. R. Tarlov also attended Sewer & Water meeting and they are working on the infrastructure.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Improving the Budget Process and Review of Suggestions

i. February 6 – Public Budget Discussion

R. Tarlov stated the budget discussion will take place in the WJMS media center.

ii. Survey – changes and recommendations were discussed.

iii. Budget Summary Pages – R. Tarlov began working on the budget summary which he shared with the other board members.

b. Update on Health Insurance Fund

M Cosgrove stated everything is status quote.

c. Status on Park and Recreation/Program Fund

First Selectman Schuster stated that C. Hancin is working on two proposals to present to BOF.

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11. NEW BUSINESS

Moved to item #5

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. **SECONDED** by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant

Note: This meeting was recorded by a digital audio recording system and is available through the Colchester First Selectman's office in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act