



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 15, 2013
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Tarlov, John Ringo, Cathy Pompei and Art Shilosky
MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Esteve and Thomas Kane
OTHERS PRESENT: Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Jim Ford, Maggie Cosgrove, Brad Bernier, Tricia Coblentz, Jim Paggioli, Civic Students and other citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Wednesday, May 15, 2013 meeting to order at 7:03p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a) Regular Meeting – April 17
- b) Special Meeting – May 7

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of April 17th and May 7th as a block. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. C. Pompei abstained. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rosemary Coyle thanked the Board of Finance for all of their hard work on the budget and for making decisions for the best interest of the town.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to add "Appoint the Auditors for the Current Fiscal Year" as #5 to the agenda and renumber agenda accordingly. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Appoint the Auditors for the Current Fiscal Year

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to appoint McGladrey, LLP as the auditors for the current fiscal year. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Bacon Academy Board of Trustees

Arthur Liverant stated that the board of trustees is in a difficult financial position and are asking the town and Board of Finance for assistance. The Board of Trustees have been hit by the recession and rising costs of overhead and their mission is to take care of the old Bacon Academy, Day Hall and Nathaniel Foot House. The Board of Trustees is hoping to create an arrangement with the town to possibly purchase the Senior Center from the Trustees.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

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

T. Coblentz presented the April tax collector's report which included the suspense list recommendations and credit balance. J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve and sign the suspense list recommendation. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to right off the old credit balances. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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 that the Police Commission opposed sending an officer to Statewide Narcotics. R. Tarlov attended the Sewer and Water Commission meeting and reported that a request was submitted by Tractor Supply to have the hook up charges waived, Lebanon is getting closer to hooking up to the system and both East Hampton/Colchester applied for a STEAP grant for some equipment.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. Status of Health Insurance Fund

M. Cosgrove reported the month of April is status quote and the plan is for the BOE to make an additional contribution out of this year's budget and the town side is in a decent position.

b. Status of Energy Project

Jim Paggioli stated there were a few small issues that were addressed but they are on schedule.

c. Budget Process Review

Chairman Tarlov stated he would like to have a budget process review discussion at the next meeting.

d. Building Project -- discussion and possible action

Chairman Tarlov stated a memo was received regarding questions that the board had at the last meeting and discussion was had. M. Cosgrove is waiting for further information from the Architect. M. Cosgrove handed out a Capital Plan graph and dept planning worksheet for the board's review. Discussion was had regarding the five different options for the building project.

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

R. Coyle stated that the Senior Study group showed that the needs of the senior citizens are changing. The Colchester Senior Center is only meeting the needs of the seniors who are currently attending but does not meet the needs of the all the Colchester Senior citizens.

Arthur Liverant stated that the current Senior Center building has no historical value and if the building should come down in the future the town would be left with a wonderful piece of property.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. **SECONDED** by J. Ringo. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,


Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant