



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 2, 2013
Meeting Room 1 - 7:00 p.m.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Tarlov (via phone conference), Rob Esteve, John Ringo, Thomas Karre, Art Shilosky and Cathy Pompei

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Maggie Cosgrove, Brad Bernier, Civic Students and other citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman R. Esteve called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 19th

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2012 regular meeting with Chairman Tarlov's amendments to item #1 to read "Vice Chairman R. Esteve called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m." and item #10a(ii) to read "Chairman Tarlov abstained with other four members present all being in favor of the motion that my responsibility as chairman would be to support the decision of the board and the next steps in the process and that my voting would create a conflict in that responsibility." **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. C. Pompei abstained. All others approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

5. Park and Rec

a. Program Fund

Tabled to next meeting.

b. Staffing Changes

Tabled to next meeting.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

M. Cosgrove stated that the financial statement audit has been completed; it is on file in the town clerk's office and posted on the website. Each board member received a hard copy of the main financial report, the state and federal grant report, and the report to the board of finance regarding the audit for their review.

b. Tax Collector

None

c. Treasurer

None

7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

a. Transfer Requests

None

b. First Selectman's Update

First Selectman G. Schuster stated that the Director of Operations, Kevin Kelly, submitted his resignation. First Selectman G. Schuster also stated the region has purchased a variable message board that will be housed in Colchester. Discussion was had regarding forming a sub-committee with Board of Finance and Board of Selectman members that could make joint recommendations up to the governing bodies.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. LIAISON REPORTS

C. Pompei stated that the Library and Fire Department are preparing for budget talks. R. Esteve attended the Board of Education budget committee meeting and stated they are discussing the 2013-2014 budget, school security measures, and possibly moving towards an all day kindergarten.

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Improving the Budget Process and Review of Suggestions

i. February 6 – Public Budget Discussion

First Selectman G. Schuster stated the Public Budget Discussion on February 6th will be an open format. Chairman Tarlov stated he has an article going into the Colchester Bulletin informing the public of the discussions that have taken place regarding the budget process as well as the upcoming February 6th meeting.

b. Update on Health Insurance Fund

M Cosgrove stated everything is status quote.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jane Ryan, Colchester citizen, asked about the KX dispatch. First Selectman G. Schuster explained how KX dispatch operates out of Troop K. Chris Culviner, civics student, had a question for the board members regarding the health insurance. R. Esteve gave an overview of the town and school health insurance. Jordyn Randlov, civic student, asked what stop losses are. R. Esteve explained it is a term used in health insurance premiums. Erin Avery, civic student, asked what are the plans for school safety and will there be a financial cost. R. Esteve stated a security study has been completed

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where immediate problems were found and have been addressed. The board of education is expecting a more comprehensive result of the audit that can identify what other areas need to be addressed. J. Ryan asked if there have been any initiatives at the state level. R. Esteve stated there is a state-wide forum to discuss.

13. ADJOURNMENT

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina Santos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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