



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 6, 2013
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

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TOWN CLERK

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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, Paula Stahl, Ryan Blessing and other citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Wednesday, March 6, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting on February 20th

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2013 regular meeting.

SECONDED by J. Ringo. A. Shilosky abstained. All others approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

R. Coyle gave the board members a fact sheet regarding the benefits from full day kindergarten programs and spoke in favor of all day kindergarten and the importance of early education at a young age.

J. Maine asked about the need to provide half day kindergarten if full day will be available, the capacity of the CES School, the impact on the head start program and FEMA reimbursement.

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to move 10a "Budget Discussion" to follow 10d "Building Project" and re-letter accordingly. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. CT Department of Agriculture study on the fiscal effects of agriculture & other land uses on Colchester

P. Stahl, from the University of Connecticut, gave a short presentation regarding the town of Colchester's fiscal value of land use study summary.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

None

b. Treasurer

G. LePage reported the annual bill for the service fees are up over previous calendar years due to more transactions and a small deposit increase.

7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

a. Transfer Requests

None

b. First Selectman's Update

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. LIAISON REPORTS

None

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Health Insurance Fund

M Cosgrove reported this January was equivalent to last January, February appears to be a much better month and hopefully March will show a significant improvement.

b. Status of Energy Project

First Selectman Schuster stated they have received eight responses to the RFP and M. Cosgrove is in the process of reviewing them.

c. Building Project

R. Tarlov asked if they will have the information that they will need to begin evaluating in April. First Selectman Schuster stated he has not yet received a proposed contract from the Architect.

d. Budget Discussion

The Board of Education budget was discussed. Select Board of Education members were present to answer questions.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

J. Maine voiced her opinion on why she believes 50% of the citizens vote the budget down and also asked how much last year's surplus was and said that it would be nice if that came back to the people.

12. ADJOURNMENT

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant