



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 17, 2013  
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

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TOWN CLERK

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rob Tarlov, John Ringo, Thomas Kane, and Art Shilosky

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cathy Pompei and Rob Esteve

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Jim Ford, Maggie Cosgrove, Brad Bernier, Tom Tyler, and other citizens

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Wednesday, April 17, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting on April 3. Special Meetings: April 1 and 2

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2013 regular meeting. **SECONDED** by T. Kane. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

April 1 and 2 were Public hearings not Special Meetings.

## 3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Gary Siddell, member of the Commission on Aging, voiced his concern regarding the condition of the Senior Center, the Senior Center van that is out of service and the Senior Director's position that is still not filled.

Jean Stawicki, member of the Commission on Aging, voiced her concern regarding all of the same issues that Gary Siddell stated.

Rose Levine voiced her concern on the unfilled Senior Director's position and the impact it is having on the seniors.

## 4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

## 5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### a. Finance Department

M. Cosgrove distributed the March report and stated there has been no significant change from the prior months. M. Cosgrove also stated they are putting together a submission on the one major snow storm for FEMA and just signed off on the final piece for the hurricane submission. M. Cosgrove also stated the tax collection rate is slightly down but no significant concerns. R. Tarlov asked about a statement made during budget workshops that there was potential overspending on temporary compensation. The Board asked if they could have recognized this from the monthly reports. M. Cosgrove stated that because it was temporary compensation and not encumbered, without additional information, it would not be identified. Further questions were asked about the practice of allowing a temporary position to cause overspending. Several compensation items will experience overspending due to employees leaving with accrued sick/vacation pay. When asked whether we anticipate these in the budgets, Maggie stated that these are generally not known when the budgets are created. It was asked why we don't fund this liability.

**b. Treasurer**

None

**6. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**

**a. Transfer Requests**

None

**b. First Selectman's Update**

None

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**8. LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Shilosky attended the Police Commission meeting and reported the Resident Trooper Supervisor, Sgt. Petruzzi, will be leaving as of Friday and there will be an interim Resident Trooper Supervisor in his place until a permanent is assigned, discussion was had regarding lights on new firearms and the possibility of an officer attending State Wide Narcotics Task Force. R. Tarlov reported that Sewer and Water met last week, there will not be an increase in rates this year and the sewer part of the Route 85 project will begin in May.

**9. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Update on Health Insurance Fund**

M. Cosgrove stated the health insurance is holding its own and April is tracking consistent with a year ago April on the Board of Education side.

**b. Status of Energy Project**

M. Cosgrove stated the pre-construction meeting was held the first week in April and the schedule has gone out with the timeline of the plan.

**c. Building Project**

Chairman of the Building Committee, Tom Tyler, sent the board members a revised cost estimate briefing summary. Discussion was had regarding the summary, cost of project, alternatives for the Senior Center and information that the board members need to move forward in making a decision regarding the project. The Board wants to explore all options and the cost of doing and not doing each.

**d. Budget Discussion**

The annual budget meeting will take place on April 24, 2013 in Town Hall.

**10. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Rosemary Coyle voiced her concern regarding the Senior Center van that is out of service, the VFW room in the Senior Center where programs were held can no longer be used due to the Fire Marshall condemning the room and the unfilled Senior Center Director's position.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant