



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 21, 2013
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

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TOWN CLERK

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Thomas Kane, Art Shilosky and John Ringo via phone conference

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Maggie Cosgrove, Gregg LePage, Bill Curran, Ron Goldstein, Brad Bernier, Don Kennedy, Kurt Frantzen and Ryan Blessing

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Wednesday, August 21, 2013 meeting to order at 7:08p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting on August 7

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2013 regular meeting as typed. **SECONDED** by T. Kane. T. Kane abstained. All members present voted in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

T. Kane **MOTIONED** to add as item #13 "Set an Alternative Date for September's Meeting" and renumber agenda accordingly. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOF CANDIDATES

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to approve Bill Curran to fill the spot vacated by Cathy Pompei. **SECONDED** by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

M. Cosgrove presented the July monthly reports and gave an overview on both revenue and expenditure side.

b. Treasurer

None

c. Tax Collector

None

7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

a. Transfer Requests

None

b. First Selectman's Update

First Selectman Schuster reported that the new Resident Trooper will be coming on board in a few weeks. First Selectman Schuster also reported they have been going back and forth with the vendor that has been selected for Rescue 128 regarding a contract and will probably call a special Board of Selectman meeting this month to approve the contract. First Selectman also stated a task force will be formed to draft a blight ordinance and discussion will be had on how the school will enforce it and how will that person be compensated. First Selectman stated Colchester has been named 8th best town in the United States in the least crowded category in Money Magazine.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. LIAISON REPORTS

Chairman Tarlov stated he forwarded to all board members a letter he received from Rob Parlee, Chairman of the Police Department Commission, inviting any board members interested in a ride along with a Colchester officer on third shift.

10. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Vacant Staff Positions

Chairman Tarlov asked First Selectman Schuster to briefly describe the vacant staff positions.

J. Ringo exited phone conference at 7:23 p.m.

11. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on Tax Office staffing

Discussion had regarding tax office staffing coverage.

b. Building Project

i. Review of First Selectman's alternative plan

Chairman Tarlov stated that at the last meeting First Selectman Schuster mentioned he had done an analysis of alternatives. First Selectman Schuster stated he has never done a financial analysis and does not recall saying that. He made a brief presentation to the Board of Selectman with some high level concepts. Discussion regarding options and alternatives continued. Chairman Tarlov stated he believes that the voters at the meetings will be asking what alternatives are being considered and what will be the cost.

c. CIP Plan

i. Town – Jim Paggioli

None

ii. School – Ken Jackson

None

d. Status of Health Insurance Fund

M. Cosgrove July was decent and August is looking good.

e. Budget Process Review

None

f. Building Project – discussion

None

12. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Kurt Frantzen voiced his opinion regarding the upcoming meetings and referendum regarding the building project. His opinion is that the purposes of having the taxpayer make a decision demands that the taxpayer clearly understands the choices before them. Responsibility of our institutions is to accurately and appropriately inform the voters of the choices that lie before them. After sitting in on various board meetings it his understanding that a variety of optional approaches were weighed by the Board of Finance in asking the building committee to look at different approaches and what the cost implications were which he thought that was a wise and thoughtful approach. He encourages the boards to take the information and data and find some fashion to present it at the upcoming September meetings in order to prepare and help educate the voter so they are effectively informed in preparation for the referendum.

13. SET AN ALTERNATIVE DATE FOR SEPTEMBER'S MEETING

Chairman Tarlov stated there was a conflict with the building committee scheduling their September meeting the same night as the Board of Finance meeting. T. Kane **MOTIONED** to hold a Special Board of Finance meeting on September 11, 2013 in place of the other Board of Finance September meetings. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION – discuss of negotiations for property rights acquisition

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to go into executive session to discuss negotiations for property rights acquisition and to invite First Selectman G. Schuster and Adam Turner. **SECONDED** by A. Shilosky. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The board of finance members and invited guests went into executive session at 7:58 p.m.

The board of finance members and invited guests came out of executive session at 8:28 p.m.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. **SECONDED** by R. Esteve. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant