



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Finance Meeting Minutes
Wednesday September 17, 2014
Town Hall Meeting Room 2 – 7:00 PM

Members Present: Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Thomas Kane, Art Shilosky, James McNair, John Ringo

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Stan Soby, Don Philip, Maggie Casgrove, Ron Goldstein, Brad Bernier, Charlie Caspre

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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to Order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Rob Tarlov.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** John Ringo moved to add an Item 12b Executive Session to discuss personnel matter and re-number item 12 as 12a, seconded by James McNair. All present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** John Ringo motioned to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2014 meeting, seconded by Art Shilosky. All present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Citizen's Comments:** None
5. **Lockton:** Representatives from Locton were not present at the meeting to speak on the subject of ACA so this item was tabled along with the planned discussion on funding process.
6. **Department Reports:**
 - a. Finance CFO Cosgrove provided financials for August. Tax collection is at 54.36 YTD vs 54.40 last year. Expenditures: Legal over budget early in the fiscal year due to litigation. Board discussed sources of money to cover the over expenditure and the timing. The Board agreed to do so in the short term rather than wait until the end of the fiscal year. Proposal on how to cover this expense will be discussed for possible action at the next meeting commensurate with a related discussion on the budget transfer policy.
 - b. Tax Collector reported that the office is busy sending out delinquent tax statements on the order of 2500 Motor Vehicle, 220 Personal Property and 360 Real Estate. Continuing to review vendors for providing online tax payment services. Timing is in place to have implemented by the fall and up and running in time for the January billing. These services will come at no cost to the town.
7. **First Selectman report:**
 - a. No transfer requests
 - b. Final contract language for KX received and being reviewed. 57 Fest will go on despite shortage of major sponsorship this year. Adjustments are being made in the scope and future year plans will have to be discussed going forward. Town has been served notice on a lawsuit regarding a development in Westchester. Town representatives have been involved in emergency planning drills and in the process of implementing lessons learned. Code Enforcement Department is in the preliminary phases of reorganizing as positions are filled and job responsibilities reassigned.

8. Liaison Reports:

James McNair reported that the Fire Department has concern over the cost of KX being in their budget. RFQ for the FD Strategic Plan has been sent out. Black mold at Station 1 is being addressed. Art Shilosky reported that the Building Committee is having a discussion on renovate vs. new. There will be an upcoming Tri-Board Meeting with the Building committee which should include a preliminary building sketch and project cost. Art Shilosky also reported that Commission on Aging served 1226 meals, 92 meals on wheels and has been serving 20 new people. Rob Tarlov reported that Sewer and Water has been discussing water usage at the Splash Park. Consumption has been high because there is a leak and that they would need to start charging the town for the water; or want to see the town fix the leak; or close the park down. Now that the water park is closed for the season a plan to address problems will be developed and discussed with the Boards.

9 New Business: None.

10. Old Business:

Tom Kane provided an update on the Communicating the Budget Subcommittee. James McNair provided an update on the During the Budget Season Subcommittee. Rob Tarlov provided an update on the budget survey.

Budget Policy discussion has been tabled until next meeting.

Elected Official Compensation Policy will include nonunion town staff and be discussed at the next meeting.

11 Citizen's Comments: Charlie Csere asked what the number of lawsuits against the town over the last few years was. The Board of Finance did not readily have that information on hand. First Selectman Stan Soby agreed to provide that information after clarifying Mr. Csere was looking for the period of the last two years.

12 Executive Session:

a) Contract Negotiations. John Ringo motioned to go into executive session inviting First Selectman Stan Soby, seconded by Art Shilosky. All present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Executive session was entered into at 8:00 PM and exited out at 8:10 PM.

b) Personnel Matter. John Ringo motioned to go into executive session inviting First Selectman Stan Soby, seconded by Tom Kane. All present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Executive session was entered into at 8:11 PM and exited out at 8:29 PM.

13 Adjournment: John Ringo motioned adjourn, seconded by Art Shilosky. All present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Robert Esteve
Board of Finance Vice Chair.