



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Board of Finance Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 20, 2014
Town Hall Meeting Room 1 – 7:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Chairman Rob Tarlov, Art Shilosky, John Ringo, Tom Kane, James McNair

Members Absent: Rob Esteve

Others Present: First Selectman Stan Soby, Finance Board of Education member Brad Bernier, Board of Selectman Denise Mizla, Tax Collector Don Phillips, Economic Development Chair Jim Ford, Citizens: Charles Csere, Martin Mauldin

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:00.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2014 REGULAR MEETING:** J. McNair motioned to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2014 regular meeting, seconded by J. Ringo. Members voted in favor with J. Ringo abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:** Martin Mauldin would like to see the money from selling of the DARE car be used in more constructive ways such as programs that will engage children and help to keep them out of trouble instead of the money being spent on weapons for the police. Charlie Csere would like to see the money used towards something that was cut from the budget.
5. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – Explanation of recommendations being made on CTIP request for proposed Colchester Sports Arena:** J. Ford spoke on how the proposed project meets the requirements for a CTIP application. There was consensus among members in support of the project and the CTIP application being approved.
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - a) **Finance Department:** None
 - b) **Tax Collector – Reports and Discussion:** D. Phillips gave overview of the current Delinquent Report and Posted Batch Report as of August 18, 2014. He also explained the procedure for collecting past due personal property tax through demand notices and Rossi Law Offices.
7. **FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT**
 - a) **Transfer Requests:** R. Tarlov read emails he received from Susan Banning against the purchase of the fire arms and an email from Stacey Olivieri for the purchase of them. First Selectman Soby spoke with citizens about the need for the active shooter kits saying that while we have a State barracks in town it would be the local police that would be the first responders. Most towns

- b) already have the requested equipment. J. McNair said he contacted Congressman Courtney's office about the DoD 1033 program. J. Ringo motioned to approve a transfer request of \$25,486 from Equipment Reserve (from the sale of the DARE car) with \$5,000 being used through the police department for the CARD program and other drug education related activities through Youth Services, and \$20,486 being used to purchase "Active Shooter Response Kits" for each police officer pending BOS approval, seconded by T. Kane. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - c) **First Selectman's Update:** There continues to be discussion on the cost for the dispatch center. Consolidation would be in Montville. A five year plan is being looked at for spreading out the cost of the increase. There has been no response from the engineer working on the senior center study.
8. **LIAISON REPORTS:** A. Shilosky reported that the appropriation for the Building Committee had been approved. The Senior Center netted \$3,042 from their golf tournament and money is earmarked for computers. R. Tarlov reported that the Bacon Academy principal resigned to go to Windham Tech. The BOE is in the process of hiring an interim principal for one year. The cost for the interim will be less than budgeted for the principal. The incoming kindergarten class is larger than projected. Due to contractual obligations an additional teacher needed to be hired. Bacon Academy's enrollment has increased by 10 this year.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
10. **OLD BUSINESS**
- a) **Status of Review of Capital Improvement Plan – Equipment:** None
 - b) **Budget Review and 2014-2015 Planning Objectives**
 - I. **Updates:** R. Tarlov reported that Stan and he had scheduled a meeting to discuss the Transfer Policy but Stan was unable to attend as negotiations ran longer than expected. Also reported in the BOE liaison report that due to unexpected agenda items, the start of their Strategic Plan discussions was delayed until September.
 - II. **Subcommittee Reports:** J. McNair reported that the subcommittee of Curran, Frantzen, Bernier, Tarlov, Kennedy (absent) and himself met last week. Discussed need for executive summaries for budget presentations as well creating consistency in how the BOE and Town budgets are presented. Also what means can be used to communicate. The committee also agreed to work on the survey and will meet again on 9/2. T. Kane reported that the other subcommittee would have their first meeting next week.
 - III. **Survey:** Laurie Robinson will be meeting with the subcommittee on 9/2/14 to discuss the survey further.
 - c) **Transfer Policy – review draft of agreement with BOS for approving over expenditures and transfers:** First Selectman Soby and R. Tarlov will discuss and then bring before the board on 9/3.
11. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** B. Bernier thanked board members and the First Selectman for their help with the needed items for active shooter response.

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A LEGAL MATTER:**J. Ringo motioned to go into executive session inviting First Selectman Soby, seconded by J. McNair. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** Executive session was entered into at 8:47p.m. and exited out of at 8:57p.m.
13. **ADJOURNMENT:**J. Ringo motioned to adjourn, seconded by J. McNair. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** Chairman Tarlov adjourned the meeting at 8:58p.m.

Submitted by,

Dawn LePage, Clerk