



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2016
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rob Tarlov, Thomas Kane, James McNair and Andrea Migliaccio

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rob Esteve and Andreas Bisbikos

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman A Shilosky, CFO M Cosgrove, Selectman R Coyle and D Mizla, OE B Bernier, Registrar D Mrowka, Assessor J Chaponis, R Lepore and Clerk T. Dean

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1. Call to Order

Chairman R Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

R Tarlov asked to move agenda item #10a. BOF Vacancy to agenda item # 6, add agenda item #6a Interview Applicant for Upcoming BOF Vacancy, add agenda item #6b Discussion and Possible Action - BOF Upcoming Vice-Chair Vacancy, renumber remaining items accordingly.

J McNair moved to approve the additions as presented, seconded by T Kane. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes: July 20 Regular Meeting

T Kane moved to approve the Regular Board of Finance meeting minutes of July 20, 2016, seconded by A Migliaccio. Unanimously approved with one abstention by J McNair. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments – none

5. Revaluation Presentation/Discussion: John Chaponis

Assessor J Chaponis stated the revaluation is due by 1/31/2017 and is 70% complete on collection and entry for residential property, and 30% complete on the commercial side. Every for sale property is being inspected inside, with a small portion of other homes also being inspected inside. Will be finished with the process mid to late October. Impact Notices will go out by November. Motor Vehicle mill rate capped at 32 mills for the assessment year commencing on October 1, 2016. Discussed Public Act 16-3 impact on the state and town (handout attached). R Tarlov asked about timing to communicate to residents on revaluation and impact. J Chaponis advised around mid-January to get accurate numbers. J Chaponis pointed out that the town is not making extra revenue in reassessments, rather shifting the burden to keep it fair.

6. Board of Finance Vacancy

a. Interview Applicant for Upcoming BOF Vacancy – Roberta Lepore was interviewed

b. Discussion and Possible Action - BOF Upcoming Vice Chair Vacancy The Board discussed the timing of electing a new Vice Chair. One of the Selectman present stated that the Charter did not permit electing a replacement until the position was actually vacant or until the current Vice Chair resigned. Chairman Tarlov stated it was not a Charter issue, but a By-Laws issue. Action was TABLED until more research could be done.

7. First Selectman

a. Transfer Requests - none

b. First Selectman's Report

A Shilosky reported that contract negotiations are going slow due to scheduling. Public Works Director looking into feasibility of opening the dump one Sunday a month in the summer. Senior Center received a grant. Road repairs starting, list of roads being repaired can be found on the

town website. Planning stages for Rite Aid and Noels plaza underway. Last mediation at Jack's Chevy being conducted.

8. Correspondence - none

9. Department Reports

a. Finance – no update

b. Tax Collector – no update

10. Liaison Reports - none

11. New Business

a. Liaisons

J McNair posed the question to the Board asking the purpose behind having BOF members serving as liaisons to commissions. Asked to revisit the procedure for liaison reports. A Migliaccio agreed that there is potential to remove some commission responsibilities and keep some main ones that have relevancy to the BOF. T Kane agrees that the BOE and BOS may be the most relevant Board to have a liaison serve. R Tarlov agrees and would like to add the Building Committee as a relevant commission to have a liaison on as well. Also discussed the BOE ad-hoc budget committee meetings. D Mizla, BOS, stated this matter is currently being discussed at the Charter Revision committee meetings. R Coyle, BOS, added that she believes having BOF liaisons at commission meetings gives the Board a bigger picture vs only budget numbers. R Tarlov stated he feels that communication with Dept. Heads gave the Board a better understanding of how the town runs and potential issues vs going to commission meeting. TABLED

12. Old Business

a. BOF web page – review changes made

R Tarlov stated the changes/additions discussed at the last meeting were done. J McNair asked if the link named Research, which bring up the Whiter Paper Ambulance Report, could be changed. No other suggestions made, will keep the link named Research for now.

b. Communication during off budget season – discussion and possible action

R Tarlov would like to communicate the impact of revaluation before January. TABLED

c. 2016-2017 BOF Goals and Objectives – review, amend and prioritize – no update

d. Recreation Field Subcommittee – update

R Coyle, BOS, stated that the subcommittee walked the recreation fields at the last meeting.

R Coyle discussed a situation with the field that abuts the new housing development.

e. Senior Center Subcommittee – update

R Coyle informed the Board that the committee has been going out to complexes in town for question and answer sessions about the potential purchase of the existing Senior Center. More visits scheduled, including one at Town Hall on 8/10 at 7pm. T Kane suggested the committee consider educating the parent groups on the purchase.

13. Citizens Comments

R Coyle encouraged the Board to research ways to explain to residents the revaluation and how this impacts the mill rate. Stressed that the residents need to know that if the mill rate gets adjusted doesn't necessarily mean their taxes will go up.

14. Adjournment

J McNair moved to adjourn at 8:50 pm, seconded by A Migliaccio. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment: Public Act 16-3

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

Public Act 16-3

Sec. 12-71e. Motor vehicle mill rate. Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act, municipal charter or home rule ordinance, for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015, and each assessment year thereafter, each municipality and district shall tax motor vehicles in accordance with this section. Notwithstanding any mill rate for motor vehicles set by a municipality before the effective date of this section, for the assessment year commencing **October 1, 2015, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 37 mills**, except in the case of a municipality that set a mill rate before the effective date of this section for motor vehicles of 32 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall be the lesser of 37 mills, the mill rate set before the effective date of this section for real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for such municipality for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015, or a mill rate for motor vehicles set by a municipality after the effective date of this section that is less than 37 mills. For the assessment year commencing **October 1, 2016, and each assessment year thereafter, the mill rate for motor vehicles shall not exceed 32 mills**. Any municipality or district may establish a mill rate for motor vehicles that is different from its mill rate for real property to comply with the provisions of this section. No district or borough may set a motor vehicle mill rate that if combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the municipality in which such district or borough is located would result in a combined motor vehicle mill rate (1) above 37 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015, provided in the case of a district or borough that set a mill rate before the effective date of this section for motor vehicles that if combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the municipality in which such district or borough is located resulted in a combined motor vehicle mill rate of 32 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015, the mill rate on motor vehicles for any such district or borough for such assessment year shall be the lesser of (A) a mill rate for motor vehicles that if combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the municipality in which such district or borough is located would result in a combined motor vehicle mill rate of 37, (B) the mill rate set before the effective date of this section for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2015, on real property and personal property other than motor vehicles for such borough or district, or (C) a mill rate for motor vehicles set by a borough or district after the effective date of this section that is less than 37 mills when combined with the motor vehicle mill rate of the municipality in which such district or borough is located, or (2) above 32 mills for the assessment year commencing October 1, 2016, and each assessment year thereafter. For the purposes of this section, "municipality" means any town, city, borough, consolidated town and city, consolidated town and borough and "district" means any district, as defined in section 7-324.