



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

BUDGET WORKSHOP - March 7, 2016 – Town Hall

## Meeting Notes

Present: Tarlov, Esteve, McNair, Kane, Bisbikos, Migliaccio.

The workshop began at around 7:30 after completion of the Public Forum.

### Citizens Comments

Board of Finance Budget Discussion resulted in adding 100K back into the schools budget. Although the intent is to restore the teaching positions on the BOE list of reduction, it is the BOE's decision on line items their budget. BOF member Andreas Bisbikos stated he felt the budget should remain at 0% and not be increased.

Discussion on the Town's budget resulted in removing 50K from the Road Maintenance line. This was an additional amount added on top of the plan to replace money that wasn't spent in 2014/2015 due to overages on snow removal. Subsequent reimbursement from FEMA plus underspending over many different line items left 77,000 for that year that is now in Unassigned Fund Balance. The underspending for Roads Maintenance from 2014/2015 will be spent on Roads using that money. All were in agreement.

The revised budget was reviewed. March 16, BOF will vote on the changes proposed tonight; BOF will vote on either April 6<sup>th</sup> or April 20 on the budget that will go to Town Meeting; the BOS will vote to send the budget to Town, Town Meeting would be May 3, pending BOS, and May 10, pending the Town Meeting.

Citizens Comments – Citizen asked for confirmation from chairman Tarlov that he had stated that the net reduction from several large BOE budget items was 800K and that this 100K was added to that amount. Rob Tarlov confirmed the numbers and restated from the other night that the 800K was 2% of the budget and was offset mostly by contractual increases and additional certified special education personnel.

Another citizen said he was concerned with how out of district tuition would be treated and was concerned with per pupil spending.

Workshop ended at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Tarlov

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