



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

AMENDED
Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2016
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Art Shilosky, CFO M Cosgrove, BOS: D Mizla and R Coyle, BOE: R Besaw, M Voiland, R Goldstein, D Kennedy, Superintendent J Mathieu, WJMS Principal D Bennett, Town Clerk G Furman, Tax Collector M Wyatt, Registrar D Mrowka, B Wagner, J Kelly, S Schuster, B Churney, J Mattos, Clerk T. Dean and civics class students

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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 that the following be added to the agenda; Item #8.b.i Discussion and Possible Action on Items on Tax Collectors Suspense List, renumber remaining items.

T Kane moved to add the agenda item as presented, seconded by R Esteve. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes: May 4 Regular Meeting; May 10 Special Meeting; May 12 Special Meeting

T Kane moved to approve the Regular Board of Finance meeting minutes of May 4, 2016, seconded by R Esteve. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

T Kane moved to approve the Special Board of Finance meeting minutes of May 10, 2016, seconded by R Esteve. Unanimously approved with one abstention by T Kane. MOTION CARRIED.

T Kane moved to approve the Special Board of Finance meeting minutes of May 12, 2016, seconded by R Esteve. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments

Steve Schuster – Stated that seniors are the largest demographic group, and they are concerned that the town won't be able to afford or get bonding for a new senior center. Asked the Board not to forget the seniors.

Bill Churney – Stated his displeasure with adding back \$100,000 to the Board of Education budget and the additional cost for another referendum.

5. First Selectman

a. Transfer Requests – none

b. First Selectman's Report – none

6. Budget Discussion – Discussion and Possible Action

J Mathieu passed out a budget adjustment sheet (attached). R Goldstein stated they came up with a net reduction of \$190,000, which brings the budget to \$39,705,064.

J McNair moved to send the Board of Education budget to the Special Town Meeting on May 25, 2016 in the amount of \$39,705,064, seconded by T Kane. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

7. Correspondence - none

8. Department Reports

a. Finance

CFO M Cosgrove stated revenue is at 98.4%. The tax collection rate is what the budget was based on, with two months to go. Other revenue is in good shape. Expenditure side; no snow removal transfer needed, vehicle maintenance in the FD is over expended. Health insurance balance is shy of 2.6 million, slight drop in April because of the high deductible, this is normal.

b. Tax Collector

M Wyatt stated 149 liens on delinquency for real estate. 249 mv supplemental to collect. Past two weeks sent personalized demand notices. Attended the Tax Collectors Spring Convention. Discussed DMV and some supplemental bills not being sent out. June 30th property taxes being billed.

i. Discussion and Possible Action on Items on Tax Collectors Suspense List

The list consists of accounts that have been at the collection agency for a long time. Either can't find the person, filed bankruptcy, or court ordered. State Statute needs to be followed. The account will still stay on the books and able to collect for 15 years. \$227,000 total.

R Esteve moved to authorize the designated taxes on the list to be deemed to be uncollectible and moved to suspense, seconded by T Kane. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Liaison Reports

A Migliaccio reported on Commission on Aging – R Coyle has been updating the seniors on budget and senior center building plans. Art and Rosemary recently made a presentation at the Senior Center on the plan for the current building and future plans for a new Senior Center. About 50 people attended. \$2,500 transportation fees raised through fundraisers. Received a grant from the Lyons for a Senior Resource Guide to be created.

Agriculture – Received a grant for a greenhouse at Bacon. Also working on Farm to School project. Sending out a donation request to town residents for wheelbarrows, pots, etc.

R Esteve reported on Building Committee – Reviewed and approved the revised educational specs prior to the BOE meeting. BOE voted to approve the educational specs for forwarding on to the state. BOE approved the building project phase 2. No money will be spent until approved and appropriated from the state. Rob Tarlov reported that the Senate approved bonding for WJMS with a 1.4 million more than we projected. The House has not voted on the bill yet.

Board of Education – discussed reductions to the budget. Board of Ed website has the presentation by the superintendent, also tells how the reductions will restructure how middle school day goes and the revised curriculum. Stated the Senate passed the bonding bill. Getting 1.4 million more than projected. House passed the budget bill but did not vote on the bonding bill. Next Thursday and Friday will be back in session to review bills. No further work at WJMS will take place until the house passes.

A Bisbikos reported on the Economic Development Commission – Potential new business on Parum Rd. Working on a blueprint for ongoing development potential, also working on fb site plans.

10. New Business – none

11. Old Business

a. Recreation Field Subcommittee - none

b. Senior Center Study Committee - none

c. Health Insurance Funding Policy – update

R Tarlov and a group met with Lockton to discuss ways to see if there can be a decrease in volatility in the health funding. CFO will do numbers crunching and see the impact.

12. Citizens Comments- none

13. Adjournment

J McNair moved to adjourn at 7:33 pm, seconded by R Esteve. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment: Board of Education Budget Adjustment

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk