



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

BOARD OF FINANCE MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING – MAY 25, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Lepore, Andreas Bisbikos, Thomas Kane, Andrea Migliaccio, Stephanie Lowe, and Robert Tarlov via phone conference

OTHERS PRESENT: Stan Soby via phone conference, Art Shilosky, Rosemary Coyle, Ron Goldstein, and Jeff Mathieu

Vice Chairman T Kane called meeting to order at 7:35 pm

Discussion & possible action on budget:

A Bisbikos made a motion as follows: A motion to freeze all spending on all BOE & Town Capital Projects in the proposed budget until Malloy numbers are known, not to include WJJMS Building Project. A Migliaccio seconded.

R Tarlov asked if this referred to projects in the capital plan, the FY 16/17 budget, or to projects specifically in the proposed 17/18 budget. A Bisbikos stated new items funded by the 17/18 budget.

R Tarlov stated that he would vote against the motion as he does not believe the Board of Finance has the authority to direct the Town or BOE to reduce spending or direct where spending is to occur once the budgets were approved.

Amended motion by A Bisbikos: Board of Finance recommends to the BOS & BOE that there be no new capital expenses be made until the final 17-18 state budget, excluding WJJMS or capital items being paid for from reserve. A Migliaccio seconded. Motion passed 6 - 0

Andrea Migliaccio made a motion as follows: A motion to clarify that once Malloy cuts are determined that the BOF protocol shall be to consider general fund balance first, cuts next and then supplemental billing. T Lepore seconded. R Tarlov stated that all three should be considered but was against specifying an order as he thought it would be interpreted as the order of thing that would be implemented and thought "consider" was vague. Motioned passed 4 - 2 with T Kane and R Tarlov voting against.

R Lepore made a motion as follows: A motion to rescind the motion from the May 23 meeting which assumed a 1 million ECS/Special Ed revenue reduction. R Tarlov seconded. Motion passed 4 - 1 - 1 with S Lowe voting no and A Bisbikos abstaining.

R Lepore made a motion as follows: To move the proposed Town budget of \$14,708,083 and the BOE budget of \$40,636,405 to Town Meeting with the Board of Selectman to set the Town Meeting date. Motioned passed 4 - 2 with A Bisbikos and S Lowe voting against.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Migliaccio

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