



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2019 @ 7PM
Town Hall, Room 1**

Members Present: R. Tarlov, R. Lepore, N. Negron, M. Egan and A. Bisbikos

Members Absent: A. Migliaccio

Others Present: First Selectman A. Shilosky, CFO M. Cosgrove, BOS R. Coyle, Town Clerk G. Furman, Registrar of Voters D. Mrowka and clerk J. Campbell

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman R. Tarlov.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – No additions
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 5, Regular Meeting** M. Egan MOTIONED to approve the minutes, SECONDED by A. Bisbikos. N. Negron ABSTAINED. All other members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 4/0/1
4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** – No Comments
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – No Correspondence
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - a. **Tax Collector** – M. Wyatt turned in a summary of December. R. Lepore asked that in the future if M. Wyatt won't be in attendance to also include in the notes sections whether the results are in line to what she would expect. M Egan added that would be good to know where the current month falls in comparison to the previous year.
 - b. **Finance** – Numbers are starting to look better in comparison to last year with the delay in MV bill revenue. We are still slightly ahead of 2 years ago. Questions were asked and answered on line items in grounds maintenance and public works. J. Paggioli is working on applying for FEMA reimbursement for the flooding issues from back in September 2018. \$75,000 could potentially be reimbursed.
7. **FIRST SELECTMAN**
 - a. **Transfer requests** – No Transfer Requests
 - b. **First Selectman's report** – A. Shilosky reports the grant for the trail work has been received. YSS also received a grant for drug awareness. Website committee met today and the new website should be up and running 2/1. A Bisbikos asked if there were any updates on the candidates for Resident State Trooper, answer is No. He also asked if Colchester will be contributing to the New London Homeless Center. A. Shilosky stated that it was presented to the BOS but at this time no decision has been made.
8. **OLD BUSINESS** –
 - a. **Paramedic Program – update** – R. Lepore stated that the fire department put together some financial information. R. Coyle and R. Lepore reviewed and had several questions to review. Next meeting with the FD will be on 1/16. Hoping to have joint board meeting on 2/6.
 - b. **Opengov.com – update** – R. Tarlov stated that the Senior VP of Opengov seems to think we are days away rather than weeks away from launching. On 1/2 Mario followed up with Opengov

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regarding current status of launch and found out there is still verification needed. M. Cosgrove, A. Shilosky and R. Tarlov met yesterday. The format Opengov is using is not the one we need for verification. Opengov worked on those issues. R. Tarlov is going to ask Opengov for a change in contract dates due to the delays in launching. R. Tarlov believes it will be about 1 week for verification and a couple days after for passwords for the Board Members.

- c. **Budget – update** – R. Tarlov stated that he sent the survey to R. Lepore for proofing. All survey questions are the same currently. In reviewing R. Lepore thought the question on the need for Senior Center, Police Station, etc. was still needed as we got the input last year and have already made decisions on those items. Board members agreed the senior center response option should be removed and the police station option would be phrased more like the fire dept. option already in the question. R. Tarlov said several board members might have conflicts for the workshops and asked the board members for any updates on their schedules for the April 8 & 10 meetings. Still potential conflicts and as these two workshops are very important for all to attend, there is the ability to move back one week. We'll revisit at next meeting. Survey will go live on Friday.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Open Colchester (Opengov) - subcommittee appointee** – The subcommittee will become permanent so BOF needs a member. R. Tarlov recommended R. Lepore. Board members agree.

10. LIAISONS' REPORTS – N. Negron reported that the grant to connect the 2 pieces of the airline trail was received. A grant for marketing the trail was also received. Halls hill project will begin 7/2019. This is a DOT funded project. \$709,000 to add bike trails and downgrade the slope of the hill. Should be done before the start of school. A. Shilosky also stated that the center of town light project should start 7/2019 as well. A. Bisbikos reported on Parks and Rec. They are working with PW to replace the playground. He stated that J. Paggioli will present it to the board this budget season. A. Shilosky stated he was unaware of this. Fundraiser Monday Feb. 25th at Inishmor Pub Trivia Night. Proceeds will go to scholarships. A. Shilosky also reported YSS was successful with their fundraising on the Resolution Run. Made over \$5,000.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS – R. Coyle asked how much money the Town has spent currently on Opengov. R. Tarlov stated that first year cost was about \$15,000 and that the second year will be due 4/1 (about \$12,500). R. Coyle asked what was going to be done to recoup the funds, since we haven't been able to use the product. R. Tarlov stated that would like to have the contract renew on 7/1 rather than 4/1 and wants the next billing waved.

12. ADJOURNMENT – A. Bisbikos MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM, SECONDED by N. Negron. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Campbell, clerk

Attachments:

November Finance Reports

December Tax Collector Report

Opengov: Citizen Engagement Launch Packet

Report Guide

Launch Guide