



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

NANCY A. BRAY
TOWN CLERK

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Thomas Kane, Art Shilosky and John Ringo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Curran

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Jim Ford, Maggie Cosgrove, Gregg LePage, Nancy Bray, Brad Bernier, Dot Mrowka, Kurt Frantzen, Ryan Blessing, Civic Students and other Citizens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Wednesday, October 2, 2013 meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting – September 11, 2013

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve the minutes of September 11, 2013 regular meeting as typed. **SECONDED** by T. Kane. R. Esteve abstained. All members present voted in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

4. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Finance Department

M. Cosgrove stated the collection rate to date is ahead compared to last year. Not much change in expenditure compared to last month.

b. Treasurer

G. LePage stated service fees are down slightly.

c. Tax Collector

Reports were provided prior to meeting.

6. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

a. Transfer Requests

R. Esteve **MOTIONED** to approve the additional appropriation of \$2500 from "Fund Balance (18501-36250)," to \$2500 "Tax Collector-Regular Payroll (11303-40101)." **SECONDED** by J. Ringo. R. Tarlov opposed. All other members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

J. Ringo **MOTIONED** to approve the following budget transfers as a block:
\$1,385 from "Mileage, Training & Meetings (11301-43213)," to \$1385 "Professional Services (11301-44208)," \$24 from "Fuel/Heating (15101-45221)," to \$24 "Water & Sewer (15101-

45222),” \$124 from “Service Contracts (15101-44223),” to \$124 “Office Supplies (15101-42301),” \$65 from “Service Contracts (15101-44223),” to \$65 “Copier (15101-42233),” \$151 from “Data Processing (44205),” to \$151 “Postage (44217),” \$250 from “Legal Notices (11201-44230),” and \$58 “Equipment Repairs (11201-46224),” to \$308 Parades & Celebrations (11201-47242),” \$115 from “Technical Reference Materials (11201-42343),” to \$115 “Printing & Publications (11201-44232),” \$67 from “Office Supplies (11201-42301),” \$113 “Professional Memberships (11201-43258),” and \$815 “Postage (11201-44217),” to \$995 “Professional Services (11201-44208),” \$135 from “Office Supplies (11201-42301),” to \$135 “Mileage, Training & Meetings (11201-43213),” \$12,538 from “Professional Services (11205-44208),” to \$9,241 “Legal (11205-44203),” and \$3,297 “Employment Advertising (11205-44231),” \$1,385 from Mileage, Training & Meetings (11301-43213),” to \$1,385 “Professional Services (11301-44208).” **SECONDED** by T. Kane. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b. First Selectman’s Update

First Selectman Schuster reported that work will begin on the sidewalks at town hall beginning tomorrow. First Selectman also stated that discussions with KX regarding a potential merger consolidation have been progressing. Three bids were received and reviewed by the sub-committee who has made a recommendation to the full KX board of directors on which path to proceed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. LIAISON REPORTS

R. Esteve reported at the Board of Education meeting Youth and Social Services received a grant to be used for safe school collaborative project, the school district also received a memorial fund grant which part will be used towards the early literacy partnership program the AP tests are changing and may cause budgetary implications and one area of attention will be on tuition for Magnet schools. A. Shilosky reported the Police Commission approved the revisions to the rules and regulations, the police cruisers spare tire issue is being addressed and the DARE car will go to auction at the Pumpkins & Pooches event on the town green this weekend.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. OLD BUSINESS

a. Town Staffing

None

b. Building Project

None

c. CIP Plan and Routine Facility Maintenance Plan

i. Town – Jim Paggioli

None

i. School – Ken Jackson

None

d. Status of Health Insurance Fund

M. Cosgrove stated the health insurance fund is in good shape to date. First Selectman Schuster suggested that future discussions should be had regarding the impact of the Affordable Care Act.

e. Budget Process Follow-up

i. Discussion and Possible Action on Future elected Officials Compensation Process

Discussion was had regarding what process should be followed in the future regarding compensation for elected officials and when this process should begin. R. Tarlov suggested every other year or every fourth year. Board members suggested a survey be conducted by CCM comparing other towns. R. Tarlov stated they will wait for results and continued discussions following will be had.

f. Grant Opportunities

R. Tarlov stated that the results from the survey were all over the board.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

A. Shilosky **MOTIONED** to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. **SECONDED** by J. Ringo. All members present voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant