



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

**Town of Colchester**  
**Board of Finance Regular Meeting**  
**March 3, 2021 – Virtual Meeting – 6:30 PM**

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## MINUTES

All members and citizens were present via Zoom webinar

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Rob Tarlov, Michael Hayes, Mike Egan, Andrea Migliaccio, Bernie Dennler, Andreas Bisbikos

**Others Present:** First Selectman Mary Bylone, Resident State Trooper Sgt. Mike Rondinone, Sgt. Tim Edwards, Police Commission Chair James Stavola, Officer Brian Kowalsky, Superintendent Jeff Burt, BOE Budget Chair Jessica Morozowich, BOE Chair Mary Tomasi, CFO Maggie Cosgrove

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting 02/17 – M. Egan motioned to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hayes. Vote was unanimous, MOTION CARRIED.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None
5. CORRESPONDENCE – None
6. BOE BUDGET UPDATE – Superintendent Jeffrey Burt gave a brief update of the school budget process. He discussed the recent ESSR 2 grant funds that were received and the rules in place for how they can be utilized.
7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - a. Tax Collector – None
  - b. Finance – M. Cosgrove stated new audit reports are available on the town website.
8. FIRST SELECTMAN
  - a. Transfers – None
  - b. First Selectman's Report – M. Bylone reported on the status of the COVID vaccinations in the state. 75% of those 75 years and older have been vaccinated as well as 50% of people 65-74. Ages 55-64 are now eligible as well as K-12 teachers and child care workers. Governor Lamont is expected to relax some restrictions soon. A Community Conversation with Russ Melmed from Chatham Health was recently held. Applications for Building and new businesses have increased. There continues to be a lack of housing inventory in town. There are several business development projects going on while interest in businesses coming to town has increased.
9. NEW BUSINESS – None
10. OLD BUSINESS – None
11. 2021 – 2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION

- a. Review First Selectman's Budget Priorities – M. Bylone stated the Police Department will provide their budget presentation tonight and the IT presentation will be at the next meeting.
  - i. Police Department – Sgt. Rondinone and J. Stavola discussed needs of the Police Department. Sgt. Edwards presented a Powerpoint showing needs for the department based on trends, calls for service, the need for replacing police vehicles, the new Police Accountability law that was recently enacted and mandates for equipment.
- b. Other items.

12. LIAISON REPORTS – None

13. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Carol Vaillancourt spoke in favor of the Police Department budget presentation and the increase for needs they presented.

14. ADJOURNMENT – A. Bisbikos motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Submitted By,

Stacey Schweighoffer, Clerk