



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

## BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING

April 7, 2021 – Zoom Meeting – 6:30 PM

### Minutes

All members and citizens were present via Zoom Webinar

**Members Present:** Chairman R. Tarlov, B. Dennler, A. Migliaccio, M. Egan, M. Hayes, A. Bisbikos

**Also Present:** First Selectman Mary Bylone, CFO Maggie Cosgrove, Superintendent Jeff Burt

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.
2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting 03/17 – M. Hayes motioned to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Dennler. Vote was unanimous. *Motion Carried.*
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – D. Bouchard commented that the Board should do more to engage the public to participate in meetings.
5. CORRESPONDENCE - None
6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS
  - a. Tax Collector – none
  - b. Finance – none
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  - a. Transfers – none
  - b. First Selectman's Report – none
8. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. Review COVID related grants and other relief money – M. Cosgrove discussed some of the funds that have been received and where they were used. She will prepare more details for a future meeting.
9. OLD BUSINESS
  - a. Review Draft of Text of Approved Unassigned Fund Balance Policy – tabled for discussion at a future meeting.
10. 2021 – 2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION
  - a. Public Hearing Discussion – Some items in the budget were discussed for clarity.

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- b. Other – Based on the earlier citizen comment, ways to promote the public meetings and discussions about the budget were discussed. Suggestions included streaming events on Facebook Live, signs placed around town, sandwich board style signs at prominent intersections notifying the public of virtual meetings to be held, Digital Backpack, and email blasts.
11. LIAISON REPORTS – M. Hayes reported there will be a public educational forum held 4/8 at 7 pm via Zoom on the fire apparatus. Link is available on Town website.
  12. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – D. Bouchard thanked the Board for their discussion about public engagement.
  13. ADJOURNMENT – M. Hayes motioned to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Bisbikos. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Submitted By,

Stacey Schweighoffer, Clerk