



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

## BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET FORUM & SPECIAL MEETING

February 8th, 2022 – 6:30 PM

### Minutes

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

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**BOF Members Present:** Andrea Migliaccio, John Thomas, Tim Vaillancourt, Mike Hayes, Mike Egan, Art Shilosky.

**BOF Members Absent:** None

**Also Present:** First Selectman: Andreas Bisbikos, Finance Director: Debbie Kratochvil, Tax Collector: Michelle Wyatt, BOE: Chris Rivers, BOS: Rosemary Coyle

### Budget Forum 6:30

1. Call To Order: BOF Chair A. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. Citizens Comments: A. Migliaccio and C. Rivers spoke about the superintendent's budget presentation and proposed budget with an 8.99% increase. C. Rivers said that a recording of the presentation and powerpoint are online for the public to view. He also said that the BOE budget workshop will give them an opportunity to ask questions about the budget. A. Migliaccio and A. Shilosky spoke about the new waste removal contract for the town and the expected increase in cost for the transfer station. M. Dubreuil commented on the transfer station and possible ideas. D. Bouchard-Sanchez commented on the transfer station and what other surrounding towns do. D. Bouchard-Sanchez also commented on the BOE proposed budget. G. Transue commented on the transfer station and possible ideas. G. Transue also expressed concern over the proposed BOE budget. D. Bouchard-Sanchez commented on the BOE budget and the BOE and BOF working together. J. LaChapelle commented on the BOE budget.
3. Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

### Special Meeting - Immediately following Forum

1. Call To Order: BOF Chair A. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence: None
4. Approval of the Minutes 1/25 Meeting: A. Shilosky motioned to approve the BOF minutes for the 1/25/23 meeting. Motion second by J. Thomas. All members voted in favor via roll call. **MOTION PASSED.**
5. Citizens Comments: M. Dubreuil commented on the BOF and Senior Center Project and an article in the CT Examiner. G. Transue commented on the expenditures and asked the BOF how they will control spending this year. D. Bouchard-Sanchez expressed concern over the expenditures and asked about a specific line item for the Senior Center Project. B. Dennler expressed concern over the town



numbers from Finance and not having a good idea of what has actually been spent or paid. R. Coyle commented on the possible audit talked about at the BOS meeting, the transfer station and the BOS being the authority to set policy.

6. Budget Discussion: A. Bisbikos said he met with all departments and is working on the town's budget.

7. Department Reports:

- a. Finance: A. Migliaccio brought up the expenditure reports and said that the encumbrances have been released.
- b. Tax Collector: M. Wyatt reviewed the tax collectors report, a new report that will be given to the BOF monthly and reviewed this with the board.

8. First Selectman:

- a. Transfers: None
- b. First Selectman's Report: A. Bisbikos said he was working on the budget and new initiatives.

9. Old Business

- a. Survey Monkey: A. Migliaccio shared the survey monkey results and the board discussed the results.

10. New Business: None

11. Liaison Reports: M. Hayes updated the board on the previous ARPA meeting. M. Egan spoke about the BOE meeting and the proposed budget presentation.

12. Citizens Comments: M. Dubreuil commented on the survey monkey and previous items mentioned earlier in the meeting like the expenditures and conflicts. D. Bouchard-Sanchez commented on the survey monkey. J. LaChapelle expressed concern over the numbers, audit and confusion. K. Kardys commented on the prospect of a financial audit.

13. Next Steps: None

14. Adjournment: A. Shiloski motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motioned second by T. Vaillancourt. All in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Submitted by,

Megan Trujillo, BOF Clerk