

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Finance Budget Workshop #3

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 6, 2024 @6:00 pm

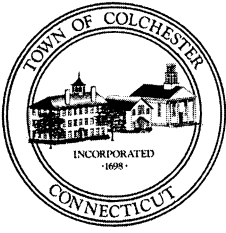
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**BOF Members Present:** S. Chapman, K. Belding, T. Vaillancourt, M. Egan, M. Hayes, J. Thomas

**Also Present:** Valarie Geato- Youth & Social Services Director, Cindy Praisner- Director of Collaborative for Colchester Children (C3), Kate Byroade- Library Director, Tiffany Quinn- Recreation Director, Patricia Watts- Senior Services Director, Julianne Shilosky- Republican Registrar of Voters, Sara Mussen- Democratic Registrar of Voters, Demian Sorrentino- Director of Planning, Salvatore Tassone- Town Engineer, Joe Leone- Director of Public Works.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chair, Scott Chapman called meeting to order at 6:07pm
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES PRESENTATIONS:
  - a. YOUTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES: Valarie Geato- Youth & Social Services Director gave a presentation on the duties and responsibilities of the Youth & Social Services department.
  - b. COLLABORATIVE FOR COLCHESTER CHILDREN (C3): Cindy Praisner- Director of Collaborative for Colchester Children (C3) gave a presentation on the mission and responsibilities of C3 as well as programs offered for families.
  - c. LIBRARY: Kate Byroade- Library Director gave presentation on duties of the library staff, services offered, budget usage and programming assistant position.
  - d. RECREATION DEPARTMENT: Tiffany Quinn- Recreation Director gave a presentation on the duties of the Park & Recreation department, how revenue is generated and budget cost breakdown.
  - e. SENIOR SERVICES: Patricia Watts- Senior Services Director gave a presentation on the functions of the senior center as well as activities and services offered.
4. CITIZENS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:
  - a. M. Decan: Thanked the board for their hard work, expressed that the staff is great and suggest that the library programming assistant be increased to a full-time position.
  - b. R. Northcutt: Spoke about her support of the library and C3.
5. BOARD Q&A: Board members asked questions to the Youth & Social Services, C3, Library, Recreation Department and Senior Services regarding their department duties, services and budget needs.
6. GENERAL GOVERNMENT PRESENTATIONS:
  - a. ELECTIONS: Julianne Shilosky- Republican Registrar of Voters, Sara Mussen- Democratic Registrar of Voters gave a presentation on the duties of the Registrars of Voters office and early voting requirements.
  - b. PLANNING/CODE ENFORCEMENT: Demian Sorrentino- Director of Planning spoke about the duties and responsibilities of the Planning and Code Enforcement office, grants, projects being worked on and budget needs.
  - c. ENGINEERING: Salvatore Tassone- Town Engineer spoke about his duties as the Town Engineer, grants and budget breakdown.
  - d. PUBLIC WORKS: Joe Leone- Director of Public Works gave a presentation on the Public Works Department regarding positions, payroll increase and increase in budget for maintenance for town and fields.



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7. CITIZENS COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

a. John- Spoke in support of the library programs.

8. BOARD Q&A: Board members asked questions to Registrar of Voters, Planning & Code Enforcement, Town Engineer and Public Works regarding their department duties, services and budget needs.

ADJOURMENT- Motion to adjourn by J. Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Vaillancourt. **Motion carried 6-0.** Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Submitted By:

Kayla Fortier, Clerk