



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

BOARD OF FINANCE WORKSHOP: TOWN BUDGET April 12th, 2022 – In Person – 6:30 PM - Town Hall, Room 1 Minutes

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

Also Present: First Selectman: Andreas Bisbikos, CFO: Maggie Cosgrove, Board of Education Liaison: Marguerite Gignac, Town Assessor: John Chaponis

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair A. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. REVENUE DISCUSSION WITH JOHN CHAPONIS - J. Chaponis spoke about the grand list increases, re-evaluations and the MV grand list increases. The board discussed the grand list, re-evaluations and sustainability of the grand list and home evaluations in the future.
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – J. Duigou - Asked for the boards for their thoughts on the strategy for the town based on the current financial situation.
5. TOWN BUDGET: DISCUSSION AND REVIEW - A. Bisbikos gave an overview of the town budget. The board discussed the budget proposal, capital expenses and ARPA funds. A. Shilosky asked about using ARPA funding for more items than are currently using ARPA in the budget. M. Cosgrove commented on using ARPA money to fund budget items and cautioned the board on using additional ARPA funding instead of putting items in the town budget.
6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - J. Duigou - Asked about the cost of using Bacon Academy as an emergency center during natural disasters and expressed that they think there should be a cutoff date for a re-evaluation of the ARPA funding remaining and where the money should be spent.
7. TOWN BUDGET: DISCUSSION AND REVIEW - J. Thomas asked about the tree removal amount in the budget and if it should be higher. T. Vaillancourt asked if the Memorial Day Parade Committee budget could be increased. A. Bisbikos said that he would add an increase of \$1000 to make a total budget of \$3000.
8. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - None
9. TOWN BUDGET: DISCUSSION, NEXT STEP, POSSIBLE ACTION - The board discussed emailing A. Migliaccio with questions on specific line items they have to be forwarded to A. Bisbikos.
10. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - None
11. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by A. Shilosky, 2nd by J. Thomas. **Vote was unanimous.** Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Submitted By,
Megan Trujillo, BOF Clerk