



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Finance Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

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Members Present: A. Migliaccio (Chair), J. Thomas, M. Egan, A. Shilosky, M. Hayes, and T. Vaillancourt
Also Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), M. Williamson (Finance Director), T. Tarnowski (Senior Center Building Committee Chair), and M. Tomasi (Vice Chairman of the Board of Education)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
 - M. Hayes made a motion to move #11 A. to #4 and continue the agenda as presented. 2nd by T. Vaillancourt.
Motion passed unanimously 6-0
3. Chairman's Remarks
 - A. Migliaccio provided an update on the budget process. Made it clear that no action will be taken on either budget.
4. New Business: Senior Center Status
 - T. Tarnowski provided an update on the Senior Center Project. A. Migliaccio & A. Bisbikos provided an update on a potential Joint Meeting on the Senior Center Project.
5. Town Budget Discussion
 - The Board of Finance discussed the year-over-year comparison reports, expenditure reports, and revenue reports.
6. Possible Action on the Town Budget – None
7. Citizens Comments
 - P. Bureau presented a statement by T. Rudko. J. LaChapelle spoke about M. Egan in relation to transparency and about M. Hayes in relation to decorum. B. Dennler spoke about the Finance Department. D. Bouchard discussed her concerns related to M. Egan and M. Hayes, the overall role of the tax collector, and on the finance department.
8. Education Budget Discussion
 - Board of Finance members talked about expectations related to meetings and expectations.
9. Possible Action on the Education Budget - None
 - M. Williamson provided an update on town finances. M. Wyatt provided an update on the current collection rates, budget requests, and answered related questions.
10. Citizens Comments
 - J. LaChapelle discussed concerns related to M. Egan and M. Hayes. M. Tomasi asked questions related to scheduling. R. Silberman spoke on the funding disparity between the Town and the BOE. P. Bureau spoke against the BOE Budget, and concerns related to the Senior Center Project. M. Dubreuil spoke about the lack of

transparency coming from the BOE. S. Nelson asked questions related to the BOE Budget scheduling. D. Bouchard brought up concerns related to the Senior Center Building Project. J. Malsbenden spoke about decorum. T. Moroch spoke about affordability. B. Tiezzi spoke about the BOE Budget process. M. Millington spoke about the BOE Budget process.

11. Next Steps

- Discussed the schedule for the BOF.

12. Adjournment – A. Shilosky made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by T. Vaillancourt. Meeting adjourned 8:19 PM

Submitted by A. Migliaccio