



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

AGENDA –BOARD OF FINANCE REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 10, 2022 – via Zoom – 7:00 PM

(All items on this agenda are subject to possible action.)

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BOF Members Present: Andrea Migliaccio, John Thomas, Art Silosky, Tim Valilancourt, Mike Egan, Mike Hayes

BOF Members Absent: None

Also Present: Debbie Bates, Acting First Selectman; Finance Director: Debbie Kratochvil

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Remarks
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITONS/DELETION none
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 7/27 Regular Meeting: A. Silosky motioned to approve 7/27/22 minutes, M.Egan seconded the motion the board voted via roll call vote was unanimous: MOTION PASSED. 8/8/.22 Speical Meeting, M. Hayes motioned to approve 8/8/22 minutes, seconded by. A. Shilosky, board voted via roll call vote, was unanimous MOTION PASSED
5. COORESPONDANCE none
6. CITIZENS' COMMENTS R Coyle: Spoke in support of adding a medical driver to the budget and removing software as it's a campaign promise and it's not needed. Open Gov didn't work in the past. G. Transuit: Echoed support of medical driver and spoke about her concern with increased hours in the town hall. D. Bouchad: echoed previous two speakers with her support of a medical driver, stated she felt job descriptions should be looked at. R. Silberman: Spoke to senior unable to get to chemo, past EMT cuts stating the town keeps cutting things out.
7. DEPARTMET REPORTS
 - a. FINANCE: July reporting shows overages, most specifically in salaries because we are using last years budgeted number since we didn't pass a budget. First Selectman budget has an overage of \$53.00, Town Clerk Budget has an actual overage due to Town Hall Clerk receiving certification that comes with a pay increase. Also, the Microfilming budget is over by \$200 as the contract came in higher than expected. These items are

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manageable in the budget. Revenues: looking good. July comparable show little less than last year, likely due to motor vehicle & personal prob bills not going out due to no budget. Everything else in line. Noted tht there is no accountant, so some July revenues not yet posted due to low staffing in her department.

b. TAX COLLECTOR: none

8. FIRST SELECTMAN

a. TRANSFER REQUESTS none

b. FIRST SELECTMAND REPORT none, First Selectman out of country, Debbie Bates covering for Andreas, no report.

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10. BUDGET DISCUSSON

A Migliaccio commented on bus driver, commodity contracts. M Egan noted that we were looking into things beyond what we have done in the past, stressed the need to get a budget J Thomas agreed with M Egan. AMigliaccio stated we relied on past CFO and with her leaving we are looking at data unlike in usual years. Also stated BOF wants to take a closer look at the bus driver after budget closes. The increased revenue wasn't known at budget #2 and still needs to be understood. Mike E recognizes \$13,500 as a line item in First Selectman's budget. Also, he (Andreas) cannot make a transfer without. BOS and BOF approval to buy software. He could buy the software if its within his department, but not with a transfer unless he has BOS and BOF approval. Mike E agreed to look at making the bus driver FT after budget closes. The software would most benefit the BOF and he is willing to do more work in lieu of funding the software. A. Shilosky: commented on the bus driver. His concern is not having it in the budget then creating it later is not a good practice. He did not want to remove the driver position but at last meeting he went along with the majority. Mike E asked to reduce FS budget by \$13,000 and. Increase Senior Center by \$18,000. A Shilosky: doesn't want to back into a budget number. AMigliaccio: spoke of 26.88 mil rate from last meeting and an increase of the mil to 26.91 (.03 mils) could cushion the inflation to commodities.

11. CIITZENS COMMENTS R Coyle: stated that her concerns over the bus driver and software are not politicly motivated. She is not opposed to software, its just not the time or place to be speaking about it. R.Silberman Agrees with Rosemary; needs based budget: feels negativity hurt the budget and the budget can be promoted better. D Bouchard: spoke of inflation, data suggesting 62% of citizens would see a tax increase, spoke about First Selectman's actions in the last budget and didn't see where BOF could be comfortable with raising delinquencies in the tax office revenues based on past reporting. Expressed need for more charts for citizens to look at. V. Rose: he ls in favor of added transparency but cautions overselling the software, a zero budget doesn't mean the budget meets the needs of he citizens. He thanked the board for their work. D Bates: speaking as a private citizen: agreed with Rosemary, cuts are a big deal and spoke in favor of the bus driver. K ,Paquette: spoke about ARPA funds, as a homeowner hearing about \$1M to businesses feels ego driven by the First Selectman rather than meet the needs of the community. She would like to hear how ARPA funds reduce the taxes on a homeowner.K. Kardys: spoke on behalf of seniors, the bus driver is vital.

12. LIASON REPORT: none (BOE cancelled meeting for August)

13. ADJOURNMENT