



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance Minutes
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 7, 2019
Colchester Town Hall @ 7 PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Nilda Negron, Mike Egan, and Nilda Negron

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrea Migliaccio, Andreas Bisbikos

OTHERS PRESENT: First Selectman Art Shilosky, CFO M Cosgrove, Tax Collector M Wyatt, M Hayes and clerk T Dean

1. Call to Order

R Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Additions to the Agenda - none

3. Approval of Minutes: July 17, Regular Meeting

R Esteve moved to approve the July 17, 2019 meeting minutes, seconded by M Egan. Unanimously Approved with two abstentions by N Negron and R Esteve. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Citizen's Comments - none

5. Correspondence – none

6. Department Reports

a. **Tax Collector** – M Wyatt reported (attached)

b. **Finance Department** – no report

7. First Selectman

a. **Transfer Requests** – none

b. **First Selectman's report** – FEMA reimbursed for the storm last year, \$45,443.58. Candidates for the Senior Center Committee and Norton Committee were interviewed and will be selected next Thursday. Town Planner tentative offer made. The property owners of the old Jack Chevrolet property had a tentative agreement with Dollar Tree which fell through. Open Colchester committee was sent information on an issue to be discussed. Purchased fuel oil and gas, will save \$72,000 for the Town and BOE.

8. Old Business – none

9. New Business

a. **2020-2021 Budget – Discussion items in advance of next year's budget**

i. **Youth and Social Services – for future discussion with Department Head, data and questions**

R Tarlov stated that he will give the Boards questions and data needed ahead of time for next budget discussions. Asked for input from the Board. M Egan would like information on programs with issues, along with drug abuse programs and any information on coordination with the schools, police department and emergency services. Also what additional resources are needed. N Negron would like energy and renters rebate program details for the Social Services position, and what is needed in the budget for this position. R Tarlov spoke on behalf of A Bisbikos, that they would like information on the Youth Center in terms of programs, when they are open, and attendance. Also youth summer trips and community conversation program statistics.

ii. **C-3 – for future discussion with Department Head, data and questions**

M Egan stated a lot of questions can be answered by going on C3's website. The website lists activities, newsletters, strategic plans and additional resources. Suggested prior to having Cindy attend a meeting that the Board do the research on the website first. Discussion on the board included how to make C3 sustainable, if the town contribution increases what would the amount needed be and what kind of coordination is happening to warrant the towns 25k investment, statistic on the long term benefits of the pre-k program, lack of communication to the public being an issue, and the Board of Education function vs the Town. R Tarlov will send the link to the Board and will find out the level of involvement on the Board of Education.

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b. Opengov

R Tarlov stated some problems the town is having; 1-website is not showing 18/19 data any longer, 2- haven't received a response from opengov regarding the request to get the invoicing on our budget year vs calendar year, and that we still don't have access to the second part of the program, 3-setting up a webinar training for department heads. R Tarlov stated that he would like to see the BOF and BOE look at and utilize the software before coming to conclusion on what they think of the system. The benefit of using the software is you are able to get a year to year history to get consistent information to base future budgeting decisions.

c. Status: Charter Article VI – C 601 C

R Tarlov stated that the BOS discussed and feel the MOA in place is sufficient to operate going forward. The time and expense to redo the Charter at this time was not beneficial. R Esteve stated he feels this is much to do about nothing. R Tarlov stated that by the time the next charter is reviewed most of the Board will not be in place. The MOU is on the website for review. The Board suggested starting a file to keep potential changes for the future charter revision. Also suggested an active word document to add to as issues are found. N Negron added that she felt it would be beneficial to have something on the website to have residents send suggestions on changes they would like to see.

d. Paramedic Program – status of Informational plan

A Shilosky stated he has not received any more information from Chief Cox. M Egan stated that the FD needs to get the word out or else what has already been invested is wasted. R Tarlov stated they need to have accurate, consistent information to make the public aware. Discussion on the Board that the FD have consistent presentations that the BOS and BOF has vetted. Concern on differing presentations and explanations on the program by FD members.

10. Liaison Reports – none

R Tarlov polled the Board about cancelling the next Board meeting on 8/21. All agreed to cancel the meeting due to board member vacations.

11. Citizens Comments - none

12. Adjourn

R Esteve moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m., seconded by N Negron. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment: Tax Collector Report

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

Tax Collector's Report for the Month of -JULY 2019

Collection Rate: 50.33%

Current Taxes Collected: \$20,157,350.22

Interest on Current Taxes Collected: \$20.00

Delinquent Taxes Collected: \$201,957.93

Interest on Delinquent Taxes Collected: \$50,526.33

Lexis Nexis Summary:

Money Collected: \$

Notes:

- The Tax Sale was held on Friday July 12 in Meeting Room 1 at 10:00am. Prior to the sale a number of accounts were satisfied. 10 parcels were in the sale of which ½ of them were sold. The sale brought in a total of \$209,214.13. For the parcels that did not sell we paid attorney fees in the amount of \$5,300