



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

**Board of Finance – Regular Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 23, 2023 @ 7:00 pm**  
**Hybrid: Town Hall – Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom**

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BOF Members Present: A. Migliaccio, J. Thomas, M. Egan, M. Hayes, T. Vaillancourt, A. Shilosky

Members Absent: none

Others Present: M. Williamson, Finance Director, A. Bisbikos, First Selectman, C. Rivers, Chair of BOE Budget Committee, M. Millington, Board of Education, M. Gignac, Board of Education

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call Board of Finance**

A. Migliaccio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by M. Hayes to approve meeting minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting and August 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Seconded by T. Vaillancourt. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Correspondence: NONE**

**5. Additions to the Agenda**

Motions made by A. Migliaccio to change item #7 to Colchester Audit Review. M. Egan moved the motion, seconded by M. Hayes Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion made by A. Migliaccio to add a second addition for item #8 to be Senior Center Bonding. Second by A. Shilosky. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Citizens Comments**

G. Furman – Addressed that the revised agenda was uploaded to the website.

S. Chapman – Thank the board for Hard work and being here. Also discussed the board to push for more timely and frequent expenditure reports. Appreciates updated agenda regarding the bonding and audit. Concerns over our bond rating going down. Discussed financials, rates, etc.

D. Bouchard – Confused at agenda because of “Special meeting” on part of the agenda. Needs to be sure it is correct to meet FOIA requirements. Chairman cannot rely on the town clerk and should be paying more attention.



## **7. Colchester Audit Review**

A review and discussion was had regarding the Audit and the progress thus far, as well as the effect it all has on our bonding. Plans were made on how to continue and finish the process. Both the 21-22 audit and the new audit are being worked on. Included was discussion with the BOE on the status of their audit and budget documents.

## **8. Senior Center Bonding**

A review of the Senior Center Bonding status. The referendum question and the bond letter has not yet been produced for the public. A discussion was also had to include more information with agendas for the Senior Center Building Committee. Operational costs and thoughts on where to put information that can be accessed by all were discussed.

## **9. DEPT Reports-**

### **a. Finance Dept**

The finance Dept report was reviewed. June was looked at as well as July.

### **b. Tax Collector**

The Tax Collectors report was reviewed, and all looks well.

## **10. First Selectman Report**

The Gazebo on the Town Green has been completed and the work on the Green is moving along. The roofing is being completed on the Youth Center and some interior work will be looked at and completed as well. The Fire Dept parking lot work will begin on Aug 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. Transfers: NONE**

Clarification was addressed on how to properly transfer funds, either within the same department or otherwise. Questions regarding budget and monthly expenses, revenue, etc. were addressed amongst the Board. Also a brief question about the Natural Gas conversion and expenses regarding this.

## **12. Liaison Reports:**

An update was given regarding a Social Services/ ARPA grant

## **13. Old Business: NONE**

## **14. New Business:**

Coming up with ideas to move forward with the BOE Budget, and making sure going forward that the BOE meetings are recorded. BOE Budget process looks at timeline and other criteria. Starting to think about what the Town Budget priorities are/ need to be. Look to provide the Board with the impact of contractual bids

## **15. Citizens Comments regarding**

M. Dubreuil – Disagrees with M. Egan to look at William J for direction on transparency. Citizens should have access to every document that they pay for. Made a comment regarding the ARPA grant.

D. Bouchard. Ditto's M. Dubreuil's comments. Also discussing the water issues with the current Senior Center project as well as the funds regarding the project. We should have answers to questions and be accurate, truthful, and transparent for the referendum. Commented that Mr. Hughes has left Colchester Public Schools, and the school wants to add in security measures. Board needs to pay attention.



J. Lachapelle – Commented about what personal information is included and spoke of at meetings. Glad to see discussion of ARPA funds. States that the amount of Senior Center information that should be provided is all of it, and agrees that there should be accessibility to it.

## **16. Adjournment**

- A. Shilosky called to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm, T. Vaillancourt Second the motion. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED