



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

## BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING

April 20th, 2022 – In Person – 6:30 PM - Town Hall, Room 1

### Minutes

Meeting was recorded

RECEIVED  
COLCHESTER, CT  
2022 APR 22 AM 8:42  
Boyle Freeman  
TOWN CLERK

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

**Also Present:** First Selectman: Andreas Bisbikos, Superintendent: Jeff Burt, CFO: Maggie Cosgrove, BOE Chair: Alexander Oliphant, BOE Vice Chair: Mary Tomasi, BOE Secretary: Jessica Morozowich, BOE Member: Rosemary Cognac, BOE Liaison: Margo Cognac, BOE Member: Christopher Rivers, BOE Member: Donna Antonacci.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair A. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 4/5 Public Hearing, 4/12 Workshop (Town), 4/13 Workshop (Education): Motion by M. Hayes to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Shilosky. **Vote was unanimous, motion carried 6-0.**
4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS: V. Rose commented on attending the workshop and having virtual meetings and urged the board to support the presented budgets and have the citizens vote on the presented budget.
5. REVENUE REVIEW AND DISCUSSION - M. Egan mentioned items of consideration that he would like to discuss, including revenue projections. The board, A. Bisbikos and M. Cosgrove discussed these items. M. Egan motioned to accept the revenue projections for the budgets, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Hayes. **Vote was unanimous, motion carried 6-0.**
6. TOWN BUDGET: The board and A. Bisbikos discussed the town budget.
7. EDUCATION BUDGET: The board discussed the education budget. A. Shilosky motioned to reduce the education budget by \$198,646 to a new total of \$42, 027, 055, 2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Migliaccio. T. Vaillancourt, J. Thomas, M. Egan and M. Hayes voted no. MOTION NOT PASSED. J. Thomas motioned to reduce the education budget by \$200,000 to a new total of \$42, 025,701, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Vaillancourt. **A. Migliaccio, A. Shilosky, J. Thomas and T. Vaillancourt voted yes. M. Hayes and M. Egan voted no. Motion carried 4-2.**
8. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - J. Malspen commented on their support for the proposed education budget with a 0.95% increase. J. Bernowski commented on their support for an increased education budget. A. Vigalo commented on the board's decision for the education budget. K. Kardis expressed her disappointment with the decision to lower the budget and expressed support to increase the education budget. M. Gignac thanked the board and commented on the education budget and its effects on the schools. Unknown commented on their disagreement with cutting the education budget and its effects on the schools. J. Morozowich. commented on the BOE decision making when making the proposed budget, the budget calendar and discussion from the meeting. C. Rivers commented on their disappointment in the education budget cut and how the budget process can be better for next year. V. Rose commented on the education budget cut and its effect on the schools. J. Rose commented on the education budget and supporting the children. M. Tomasi asked about the votes on the motion to cut the school proposed budget.
9. NEXT STEP: A. Migliaccio confirmed with the board that there will be a Public Hearing Meeting on Wednesday, April 27th, 2022 at 6:30 pm.
10. ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn by A. Shilosky, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Thomas. **Vote was unanimous.** Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.



Submitted By,  
Megan Trujillo, BOF Clerk