



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Finance Special Meeting Minutes

Town Budget Workshop

April 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM

**Hybrid:** Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

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**Members Present:** J. Thomas, M. Egan, A. Shilosky, M. Hayes, and T. Vaillancourt

**Member Absent:** A. Migliaccio

**Also Present:** A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), M. Williamson (Finance Director), J. Chaponis (Tax Assessor), J. Leone (Public Works Director), T. Molcan (Highway Supervisor), and S. Sharp (Fleet Maintenance Supervisor)

1. Call to Order – J. Thomas (Vice Chair) called meeting to order at 6 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizens Comments
  - J. LaChapelle asked M. Egan and M. Hayes about emails sent to the Rivereast. K. Kardys asked the First Selectman about a social media concern. K. Paquette discussed concerns related to politics. J. LaChapelle spoke about holding elected officials accountable. D. Bouchard supported J. LaChapelle's comments and related concerns to Dime Bank. J. Malsbenden commented on proceeding with agenda. B. Dennler echoed J. Malsbenden comments and spoke on the Finance Department. D. Bouchard raised concerns about the tax collector and year over year comparisons.
4. Tax Assessor: John Chaponis
  - J. Chaponis provided the BOF clarification on the fuel cell income and grand list.
5. Public Works: Joseph Leone, Director
  - J. Leone provided the BOF updates on the Public Works Department budget.
6. Discussion on Town Budget
  - Discussed the schedule for the BOF and year to year comparisons.
7. Citizens Comments
  - B. Dennler discussed a pavement management plan and the budget reporting. D. Bouchard expressed her concerns about M. Hayes and asked for his resignation; she also asked questions related to the tax assessor's numbers.
  - M. Egan left the meeting at 7:23 PM.
  - J. LaChapelle condemned the behavior of M. Hayes and the political attacks on the finance department (J. LaChapelle and M. Egan interacted during citizens comments off site). B. Dennler discussed the residency of M. Egan. D. Bouchard provided a history of M. Egan's behaviors and raised concerns about B. Dennler not condemning his behavior. J. Malsbenden discussed citizens' comments. R. Silberman discussed decorum and both budgets.



## 8. Next Steps

- Discussed the schedule for the BOF.

## 9. Adjournment – A. Shilosky made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Thomas. Meeting adjourned 7:46 PM

Submitted by A. Migliaccio



2022/2023 TAX COLLECTIONS

	CURREN'	DELINQUEN'	INST&PEN	TOTAL
JULY	\$ 16,432,213.25	\$ 48,783.72	\$ 12,823.14	\$ 16,493,820.11
AUG.	\$ 1,157,761.10	\$ 71,548.47	\$ 38,474.78	\$ 1,267,784.35
SEPT.	\$ 61,215.08	\$ 28,193.26	\$ 10,452.09	\$ 99,860.43
OCT.	\$ 60,258.82	\$ 151,362.82	\$ 51,899.58	\$ 263,521.22
NOV.	\$ 447,969.23	\$ 31,877.71	\$ 12,970.39	\$ 492,817.33
DEC.	\$ 10,191,478.33	\$ 29,132.70	\$ 10,073.81	\$ 10,230,684.84
JAN.	\$ 11,760,340.31	\$ 15,573.06	\$ 28,861.94	\$ 11,804,775.31
FEB.	\$ 833,861.50	\$ 17,314.23	\$ 26,849.98	\$ 878,025.71
MARCH				
APRIL				
MAY				
JUNE				
TOTAL	\$ 40,945,097.62	\$ 393,785.97	\$ 192,405.71	\$ 41,531,289.30
	\$ (441,624.38)	\$ (56,214.03)	\$ (107,594.29)	\$ (605,432.70)
	41,386,722.00	450,000.00	300,000.00	