



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING August 8th, 2022 – In Person – 6:00 PM - ZOOM Minutes

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

BOF Members Absent: None

Also Present: First Selectman: Andreas Bisbikos, Finance Director: Debbie Kratochvil, Public Works: John Jones.

1. CALL TO ORDER: BOF Chair A. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. BUDGET DISCUSSION: A. Migliaccio pulled up a document with a table showing the proposed budget, actual budget and the percent of total. The board reviewed this data. She then pulled up a document with the proposed reduction and went over each one with the board. The board discussed each proposed reduction and its impacts. They then all agreed on each item and chose some that needed further review.
4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: D. Bouchard-Sanchez commented on some board members being at the town hall for the meeting, expressing her concern over the budget and reductions and revenue. G. Transue commented on the new initiative of the Senior Center bus driver that is being cut from the budget. B. Dennler commented on restoring the accountant position to full time and that it is absolutely necessary. He also commented on concerns for the budget.
5. BUDGET DISCUSSION: J. Thomas spoke about his support for the new proposed budget and the possibility of this budget passing. A. Shiloski agreed and said that the budget can't be reduced more without going backwards for the town. M. Hayes thanked everyone for their hard work, cautioned everyone on the increase of delinquencies, that more data is needed on the revenue and that the new proposed budget is below last year's budget. T. Vaillancourt spoke about the republicans having a good caucus meeting the night before, that they need the budget to pass and that he is comfortable letting people vote on it. M. Egan spoke about the board's hard work on the budget, pitfalls of not having an approved budget, that J. Jones gave good insight to that and that there is a lot to talk about after the budget passes. A. Bisbikos said that this budget is a winner, they are at a breaking point for operations of the town, the budget needs to pass and that they worked together.
6. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by M. Egan 2nd by M. Hayes. **Vote was unanimous.** Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm

Submitted By,
Megan Trujillo, BOF Clerk

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