



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING October 19th, 2022 – 6:30 PM - HYBRID Minutes

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

BOF Members Absent: None

Also Present: First Selectman: Andreas Bisbikos, Finance Director: Debbie Kratochvil, Tax Collector: Michelle Wyatt.

1. CALL TO ORDER: BOF Chair A. Migliaccio called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CORRESPONDENCE: None
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 8/10/22 Regular Meeting, 8/17/22 Special Meeting, 8/24/22 Regular Meeting, 9/14/22 Regular Meeting, and the 10/12/22 Joint Special Meeting with BOF and BOS. M. Hayes motioned to approve the 8/10/22 minutes. J. Thomas 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** M. Egan motioned to approve the 8/17/22 minutes. T. Vaillancourt 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** M. Egan motioned to approve the 8/24/22 minutes. M. Hayes 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** M. Hayes motioned to approve the 9/14/22 minutes with the date correction to 9/14/22 instead of 9/19/22. M. Egan 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** M. Hayes motioned to approve the 10/12/22 minutes. M. Egan 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.**
5. BUDGET DISCUSSION: A. Migliaccio shared her screen and passed out a packet of budget information. She then reviewed the documents with the board. The board and A. Bisbikos discussed various budget reduction line items and the new proposed budget. T. Vaillancourt asked about the Director of Operations position and if it will be filled next year. A. Bisbikos said that there is no plan to fill the position next year.
6. CITIZENS COMMENTS: M. Wyatt commented on the hybrid technology and experience. She also asked if the board would be sending a final budget proposal number to the BOS to vote on. Cliff commented on their appreciation for the work that has been done for the budget. R. Avery commented on the hybrid technology. D. Kratochvil asked the board if they or the BOS have a plan to communicate about the budget and referendum with the public.
7. BUDGET DISCUSSION & NEXT STEPS: The board discussed adding language to the voting ballot with "too high" and "too low". M. Hayes recommended that they bring back the suggestion box at the referendum. M. Hayes motioned to add the language "too high, too low and adequate" to the voting ballot for the budget referendum. J. Thomas 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** M. Hayes motioned to move the proposed budget for \$15,622,901 to the BOS to set a town meeting date. A. Shilosky 2nd the motion. All members voted in favor. **MOTION PASSED.** The board and A. Bisbikos discussed potential options to get information out about the

budget and referendum.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by A. Shilosky. 2nd by M. Hayes. ***Vote was unanimous.*** Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Submitted By,
Megan Trujillo, BOF Clerk