



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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**Board of Finance
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2019 @ 7PM
Town Hall, Room 1**

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Members Present: R. Tarlov, M. Egan, N. Negrón & A. Migliaccio

Members Absent: R. Esteve & A. Bisbikos

Others Present: First Selectman A. Shilosky, CFO M. Cosgrove, BOS R. Coyle, D. Mizla, BOE M. Bylone, Town Clerk G. Furman, Tax Collector M. Wyatt, Registrar D. Mrowka & Clerk J. Campbell

1. **CALL TO ORDER** R. Tarlov called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** M. Egan MOTIONED to amend agenda item #3 to February 20th Regular Meeting Minutes and add the February 20th Joint Meeting Minutes, SECONDED by N. Negrón. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED 4/0
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Clerk J. Campbell stated a couple changes were brought to her attention. M. Wyatt is listed at Tax Clerk and should be Tax Collector. Item #5 Rosemary Coyle comment "...to see if that was the intent of the group," should be changed to "...to see what was the intent of the group."
 - a. **February 20, Regular Meeting** A. Migliaccio MOTIONED to approve the regular meeting minutes with the above changes, SECONDED by N. Negrón. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 4/0
 - b. **Joint BOS/BOF Meeting Minutes** N. Negrón MOTIONED to approve the Joint Board Meeting minutes, SECONDED by M. Egan. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 4/0
4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** No Comments
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** See Attached. M. Egan feels the correspondence this week go far beyond what should be discussed between one member of the board and a resident on an ongoing issue. He feels the conversation should be had amongst all members at a public meeting and not in correspondence. He thinks the board members should be allowed to weigh in on the conversation. He suggests that we be careful going forward.
6. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**
 - a. **Tax Collector** See attached report. M. Egan stated that the town's efforts to collect the back taxes over many years should be noted to the public regarding the tax sales since this practice has not been done by the town for quite some years.
 - b. **Finance** Collection rate is still trending slightly higher than last year. Public Works OT Budget is over budget, however Regular Pay is under budget. A FEMA grant is still being worked on to help with the cost of the flooding issue last fall. With the snow storm last weekend the snow removal budget is still in good shape.
7. **FIRST SELECTMAN**
 - a. **Transfer requests** None
 - b. **First Selectman's report** A. Shilosky reported that the security breach is being handled and only one department remains effected. NOVA & School IT were brought in to assist with the ransomware. A mandatory training for staff will take place on March 21st.
8. **OLD BUSINESS –**
 - a. **Charter Revision – Section C-601 C – Discussion and Possible Action** BOS will discussing this at tomorrow's meeting. A. Shilosky stated that he understands the issue and the board is willing to work on

this issue. N. Negron commented that this is a significant error that needs to be analyzed and addressed. This issue should be rectified immediately. M. Egan stated that going forward the process needs to be delineated more efficiently. Who has what authority, and needs to be addressed in the charter. A. Migliaccio stated that the charter should state if the BOF has a line by line authority or a bottom line authority.

- b. **Opengov.com – Discussion and Possible Action** IT has worked with Opengov today to resolve the link from Munis to Opengov. At this point it is ready to go live. A. Shilosky stated it will be on the BOS agenda for tomorrow to get approval to go live.
- c. **Paramedic Presentation – Discussion** M. Egan stated his issue with the presentation is that they only presented one solution. (see attached handout) M. Egan did research on several towns throughout the state. N. Negron stated that the presentation was very informing, but the program needs to be balanced. She feels the voters need to decide on the paramedic program. A. Migliaccio stated the price tag on this program scares her. She feels that the town has an essential need for a new Senior Center. A. Shilosky stated that the Paramedic program should be looked at as a service and not a revenue source. R. Tarlov stated that he had a great meeting with A. Bisbikos, Chief Cox and several staff members and was promised revenue numbers that he still hasn't received. He met with Jean Walsh but still could not verify the expenses as every time he addresses them, the program changes. M. Egan stated that there are other avenues that need to be explored to see if they could be more cost effective. M Egan and R. Tarlov said some numbers in their presentation were misrepresented.

9. NEW BUSINESS None

- 10. **LIAISONS' REPORTS** A. Migliaccio reported on the BOS, J. Ford resigned. BOE presented their budget on 1/26. They are having a workshop tomorrow. She has not yet heard the Superintendent speak about the ECS cut. BOE is applying for a school safety grant. They are looking to add 4 new tech positions per school. The question on why 4 was brought up at that meeting. Tomorrow's meeting is at 7pm at WJJMS. M. Cosgrove stated that the positions are not positions, but stipends to assist within in IT department. R. Tarlov reported on YSS. They have outgrown the youth center and will be moving meetings to Town Hall. Officer Owens was presented as the new Liaison from the Police Department. 4/28 is the Kids wellness fair. Survey results are in. Both middle school and high school kids took the substance abuse survey. 95% of MS and 89% of HS with only a 1-3 % margin of error. The goal is to create a community group to respond to the survey.
- 11. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** D. Bouchard asked if the survey results were going to be published. R. Tarlov stated that the goal is to create the community group to react to the results and then present the results. She also hopes there will be a resolution to the Charter Revision issue. She also asked why the BOF didn't invite the FD to the meeting so they could hear the board's opinions. R. Tarlov responded by saying that the FD has been presented with all the concerns of the board. A Bacon student informed the board that the survey was a 35 base question survey that expanded if a student answered yes to a question.
- 12. **ADJOURNMENT** A. Migliaccio MOTIONED to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM, SECONDED by N. Negron. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 4/0

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Campbell, Clerk

Attachments:

Correspondence
Tax Collector's Report (Feb)
Finance Reports (Jan)
M. Egan's Paramedic report