

12/15/22 BOS meeting

DeAva Lambert <DeAva.Lambert@hotmail.com>

Fri 12/16/2022 2:25 AM

To: Andreas Bisbikos <abisbikos@colchesterct.gov>;Rosemary Coyle <rcoyle@colchesterct.gov>;dBates@cochesterct.gov <dBates@cochesterct.gov>;Denise Turner <dturner@colchesterct.gov>;Jason LaChapelle <jLaChapelle@colchesterct.gov>

Dear BOS,

At last night's BOS meeting during Citizens comments, I attempted to inform you the attached CSCBC presentation Tony Tarnowski gave at the joint BOS/BOF meeting on 11/21/22 indicates on page 7 that **\$342,423.43** has been paid out and **\$702,397.38** is encumbered to be paid for design and engineering costs for the new senior center, which totals **\$1,044,820.81**. That is money already spent, which leaves **\$8,455,179.19** in the budget approved by the citizens of Colchester for the design and construction for the new senior center.

Rosemary emailed you less than 24 hours from last night's meeting and said, "After yesterday's conversation with the attorneys, I will be adding the following motion to the agenda - **Move that the BOS enter into a contract with BRD Builders, LLC for \$8,625,000** to provide for the construction of the Senior Center as described in plans and specifications as prepared by Silver/Petrucci & Associates, and in accordance with bid documents." \$8,625,000 is greater than \$8,455,179.19 by **\$169,820.81**. If that motion had been able to proceed and had passed, then the BOS would have exceeded the budget that the citizens approved right out of the gate.

So, either the entire BOS, save Jason, and Attorney Matt Ritter cannot do simple math, or you all just don't care what the citizens actually approved. Maybe it's both. And for you, Andreas, to have the audacity to express to me in a public meeting that "I am inaccurate a lot of the time" in response to my attempt to relay this information to you goes beyond the pale. Please consult the previous FS on how directly disparaging me worked out for her. Clearly, I'm not the one in this extensive group that can't do simple math. Given that at least two of you were educators makes this all the more astonishing.

I request that this correspondence be included in the meeting documents.

Sincerely,
DeAva Lambert

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Re: 12/15/2022 Meeting Minutes

Michael Dubreuil <dubreuilm@gmail.com>

Thu 1/5/2023 11:31 AM

To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; Denise Turner <dturner@colchesterct.gov>; Deborah Bates <dBates@colchesterct.gov>; Rosemary Coyle <rcoyle@colchesterct.gov>; Jason LaChapelle <jLaChapelle@colchesterct.gov>; Gayle Furman <townclerk@colchesterct.gov>

All,

Tonight, I'm going to act with a little integrity myself and I won't be asking for the meeting minutes to be disapproved. What Ms. Furman said that night was technically true; and for that I apologize for mischaracterizing her statement.

I re-listened to the audio from that night. The town clerk admitted to making the mistake, indicated she corrected it, and said "that was told to Mr. Dubreuil." I believe all those statements are technically true; although they are misleading, which is why I was upset. I believe she's talking about two or more individuals, but doesn't make that clear, which made this confusing. The town clerk never corrected the mistake to me, and it wasn't the town clerk who told me.

I continue to believe it should have been Ms. Furman who should have followed up with me directly on fixing the mistake. I was the person who was tagged as the FOIA requester. It also would have been appreciated if she had responded in the past 2+ weeks to my email requesting clarification. However, I don't think it's a good use of our time addressing this issue tonight.

I do wonder, how did the town clerk know that information was told to me?

- Michael

On Tue, Jan 3, 2023 at 7:40 PM Michael Dubreuil <dubreuilm@gmail.com> wrote:

All,

I believe it's time to restore integrity in the town. One of my requests for Thursday night's meeting will be that you reject the 12/15/2022 meeting minutes.

During citizens' comments I indicated that town clerk Gayle Furman provided incorrect information to me. She was then allowed to speak directly after me and indicated that she had provided correct information. This is recorded in the meeting minutes as, "G. Furman provided clarity on an FOI related to the senior center project."

To be clear, she was incorrect, she didn't provide clarity- she misstated the truth. I emailed her back allowing her to correct her mistake, and that email is attached. As of today, I have never received a response from Ms. Furman.

The first time is an accident, after asking her to correct her mistake and failing to do so- it is now a lie. We have a town employee lying during Board of Selectmen meetings. I would humbly ask that you reject the meeting minutes so that we don't memorialize town employee lies.

Thank you,

Michael Dubreuil
180 Woodbine Rd, Colchester, CT

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.