

From: James D McNair III <jmcnair3@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, March 11, 2019 2:24 PM

To: Robert Tarlov

Subject: comment for Tuesday meeting

Rob,

Since there is not a section posted on the agenda for public comment, I wanted to share this with the Board. I will leave it up to you for distribution if you see fit.

After reviewing the present charter, there are several observations. Using the find function, there is no reference to “develop budget”, “developing budget” or “budget process”.

The Board of Selectman budget in the definition section does not state who develops the projected expenditures.

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While some may say the Charter is vague about it, others may say the Budget development process is non-existent once developing was removed from the BOF section.

I urge the Board of Finance to reject any and all notions they lost authority over the Budget. The previous Charter had only one area where developing the BoS budget was explicit. That was under the duties and powers of the Board of Finance. Once removed there is nothing said. As a result, state statute prevails pertaining to the powers of the BoF.

Also, in case the BoS does not share this opinion, please remember one thing. In my years on the BoF, the BoS never showed the ability to objectively vet town budgets. Checks and balances must prevail.

Best regards,

James McNair

----- Original message -----

From: jmcnair3 <jmcnair3@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 6:22 AM

To: Robert Tarlov

Cc: Art Shilosky; Maggie Cosgrove

Subject: Re: Maggie is there an audited Minus report for Town actual spending versus Budget FY 2018?

Thanks

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: James D McNair III <jmcnair3@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Maggie Cosgrove; Robert Tarlov
Subject: Maggie is there an audited Minus report for Town actual spending versus Budget FY 2018?

Maggie,

Good day. I know the BOE posted their audited line item spending report that ties to the \$ 977,297 variance shown on the audit report. Is there a similar report for the town that ties to their \$629,366 variance? I did see an unaudited report that showed \$1,024,077.

Thanks,

James

From: Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>
Date: 3/19/19 6:08 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: James D McNair III <jmcnair3@comcast.net>
Cc: Art Shilosky <aShilosky@colchesterct.gov>, Maggie Cosgrove <mcosgrove@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: Re: Maggie is there an audited Minus report for Town actual spending versus Budget FY 2018?

James,

The breakdown on the audited results is in Opengov.

https://colchesterct.opengov.com/transparency#/29566/accountType=expenses&embed=n&breakdown=09bc7f51-3e25-4b9b-9203-6d73f7268490¤tYearAmount=cumulative¤tYearPeriod=years&graph=bar&legendSort=desc&proportion=true&saved_view=null&selection=8699DE4DD720B11427F21F82AA566FAA&projections=null&projectionType=null&highlighting=null&highlightingVariance=null&year=NaN&selectedDataSetIndex=null&fiscal_start=earliest&fiscal_end=latest

These can be downloaded into Excel, too. (Under "Shared" button in the upper right). I checked, and these results match what is shown in the audit, but with a more detailed breakdown.

Also, pages 72-73 (pdf pages 86-87) in the audit will give you a more detailed breakdown than the page you posted below and make it easier to compare the audit with Opengov.

We hope to have the Budgets Trend Report on the site soon, which will show the breakdown on the past adopted and revised budgets too, but in the meantime, the adopted budget or Munis report you referred to can be used for the breakdown comparison of the budget to the audited results.

The revenue results are in OpenGov also as well as the two years prior to 2017/2018, which was the year we needed to implement the Mitigation Plan to reduce spending due to a reduction in State revenue after the budgets passed.

Rob