



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

BOARD OF FINANCE SPECIAL MEETING September 23, 2021 – Zoom Meeting – 6:30 PM Minutes

All members and citizens were present via Zoom Webinar – Meeting was recorded

BOF Members Present: Chairman R. Tarlov, B. Dennler, M. Egan, M. Hayes, A. Bisbikos, A. Migliaccio
Also Present: First Selectman M. Bylone

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Tarlov called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Special Meeting 08/25 – Chairman Tarlov had concerns with a motion from the 8/25 meeting being properly stated in the minutes. He reviewed the Zoom recording and determined that the minutes are correct, but he feels the statement made in the motion was factually incorrect. B. Dennler motioned to approve the minutes, 2nd by M. Hayes. The vote was 3-3 and would not have carried, however, the members instead decided to table the vote until the next regular meeting when a discussion item can be added to the agenda.
3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None
4. CORRESPONDENCE – attached
5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS – No discussion during this meeting.
 - a. Tax Collector
 - b. Finance
 - i. June 30: will be reviewed at the next meeting
 - ii. July 31: were not available to review
 - iii. August 31: were not available to review
6. FIRST SELECTMAN
 - a. Transfers – None
 - b. First Selectman's Report – First Selectman Mary Bylone reported the Director of Public Works is retiring effective 9/24/21. The recruitment process will begin with HR. The 2 buildings set for demolition on Mill St and Westchester Rd will begin October 4th. The Fire Chief position will be reposted in the hopes of increasing the pool of applicants. Park and Rec Director Tiffany Quinn recently held a meeting to listen to concerns related to the RecPlex playground upgrades. The ARPA committee is meeting weekly via Zoom. Applications are being accepted in the First Selectman's office for people interested in serving on the new CORE Commission.
7. 2021/2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION – Discussion and Possible Action – M. Egan motioned to set the mill rate for Real Estate/Personal Property at 33.05. 2nd by M. Hayes. Vote was unanimous, motion carried 6-0. M. Hayes made a motion to set the mill rate for Motor Vehicles at 33.05. 2nd by A. Migliaccio. Vote was unanimous, motion carried 6-0.
8. COMPENSATION POLICY – Review wording in context of the legal opinion provided in August. R Tarlov said he added this to agenda in view of the legal opinion that where the policy states that annual increases

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should be included in the proposed budget that those increases are due employees regardless of passage of the budget by the voters. R Tarlov asked if members felt the Board should have a discussion of that wording should be changed. Some members felt no discussion was needed as we had a legal opinion. A Bisbikos said legal opinions are not always right. B Dennler, M Hayes and M Egan felt the policy should have the same weight as the contractual obligations in the CB negotiated contracts. Some members felt policy changes are outside the purview of the Board of Finance. R Tarlov stated that in the past the Board of Finance had created Town policies related to the Board of Finance and on other policies, including the creation and subsequent amendment of this policy, were jointly passed by BOS and BOF. A majority of the members felt further discussion by this board is not desired at this time.

9. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – None

10. ADJOURNMENT – M. Egan motioned to adjourn. 2nd by M. Hayes. Vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Submitted By,

Stacey Kilgus, Clerk