

**From:** Michael Voiland <baconwrestling@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: 2020-2021 BoE Budget

Mr. Tarlov,

In light of the current covid-19 crisis, I hope you and the board of finance are looking at reducing the proposed BoE budget. I was in support of that budget prior to the current situation but now I cannot support a 2.99% increase. Over the next year or so many families in our town and across our state and nation will be struggling to survive financially as they have lost their jobs, their incomes or have had the incomes drastically reduced and they begin to see prices of essential goods starting to rise. Adding any increase to their property taxes will make a tough situation even tougher and to near impossible for some. I hope you and the board will do the right thing even though it will be hard and reduce the burden on the citizens of Colchester until we get through this health and financial crisis.

Thank you,

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**From:** jmcnair3@comcast.net <jmcnair3@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 6:35 AM  
**To:** First Selectman Bylone <mbylone@colchesterct.org>; Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** History should matter

Mary and Rob,

Good day to you. Forgive another email but I think this information may be of public value.

In 2007, the voters were really surly. In 2003, The First Selectman convinced the BOS to change tradition. They had the budget referendum questions reduced to one combined question. She claimed it was because of the law with a supporting legal opinion. Politically, it allowed the Town Budget to ride on the coattails of the more popular BOE budget. The voters were more concerned about passing an affordable budget than about timing. They drove it to zero % in the Fall. In 2008, the BOS went back to 2 questions.

I have heard there is some feeling a budget has to be passed by mid-June one way or the other. 2007 is a precedent that says different in my opinion as one citizen.

Be well,

James McNair

**From:** Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 11:18 AM  
**To:** James McNair <jmcnair3@comcast.net>  
**Cc:** First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: may 19th meeting agenda

Hi James,

As Mary said, both she and I would be glad to answer people's questions, but if they first go to the recordings of the budget workshops, I think they will get these questions answered as these things were reviewed in various parts of the presentations.

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Rob

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**From:** James McNair <jmcnair3@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 10:42 AM  
**To:** First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>  
**Cc:** First Selectman Bylone <mbylone@colchesterct.org>; Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: may 19th meeting agenda

Understood and I have already passed that on. Vacuums tend to create this.

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On Apr 19, 2020, at 10:30 AM, First Selectman <[selectman@colchesterct.gov](mailto:selectman@colchesterct.gov)> wrote:

Hi James.

My suggestion would be to direct people who reach out to you for information to myself or Rob. Trying to be the inter mediator is filled with potential issues and misinformation.

The agenda has not been determined.

Mary

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**From:** jmcnair3@comcast.net <jmcnair3@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:36:14 AM  
**To:** First Selectman Bylone <mbylone@colchesterct.org>; Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** may 19th meeting agenda

Hello,

I'm getting more and more inquiries about the agenda of the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. "Voting options" is what they are wondering about. I know there is a minimum posting requirement. Hopefully, it will be sooner than that. Have the Board Chairs decided by when the agenda will be hashed out? Also, it says voting options. Does that include who will have the budget making authority or will that be decided at a different meeting.

Thanks and be well,

James

From: Arthur Shilosky <artshilosky@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:14 PM  
To: Rob Tarlov <ctparagon@comcast.net>  
Subject: Budget Process

Hi Rob

I'm sending this email because I have a concern about the citizens and taxpayers of Colchester based on the budget.

It appears that the budget process based on the charter has broken down, citizens and the taxpayers cannot afford a tax increase. If anything it should be a tax decrease based on the predicted revenue.

I have a simple answer and that is to not let the budget go to referendum in July, then last year's budget will prevail.

I believe that if it goes to referendum it will fail and at the cost of \$6000 to the town each time it goes out for a vote.

As a citizen of Colchester and a tax payer please take this into consideration. If there is anything else I can do, please let me know.

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