

CORRESPONDENCE FOR BOF 5/19 Meeting

**From:** Brendan Hunscher <imsuprmn@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 10:30 AM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** From a Citizen of Colchester

Good morning,

I have to say that we are in a time where there seems to be so many new things occurring and not many are sure as to how to handle it. With that said, this town is failing. We have spent so much time arguing about the merits of giving the voting to the board versus the people rather than finding a way for the people to have their say. We need to be fighting for us the people to have our say and stop spending all of this energy on just following the EO of the governor...Fight for us! In times like this it is prudent to put a freeze on all increases, additions and expenditures. Discussions need to be made with those who have contracts for the needs of the people. I am fortunate to have worked through this and have some money but I am not the norm. A flat budget is something that is needed, and I am tired...tired of the threats to cut activities and positions or supplies in order to reach this...Listen to the people. I am also tired of people telling me to go to the meetings...with what time? I work 50 plus hours a week and when I get home I take care of my kids, so I write to you now to voice my concern. Look at the history, when have we passed a budget with a 2.9% increase? Regardless of the turnout, it is more than the 6 on the board. This is not business as usual, this is a new time with new concerns, are you even showing any sign that you are taking these into consideration.

Very Respectfully,

Brendan Hunscher  
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From: Steven A. Schuster <sas2628@aol.com>  
To: BOFChair@colchesterct.gov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
Sent: Sun, May 17, 2020 7:43 pm  
Subject: Fwd: Budget recommendations

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From: Steven A. Schuster <sas2628@aol.com>  
To: bofchair@colchesterct.gov <bofchair@colchester.gov>  
Cc: Steven A. Schuster <sas2628@aol.com>  
Sent: Sun, May 17, 2020 6:58 pm  
Subject: Budget recommendations

Rob, here are my suggestions for the upcoming BOF meetings. Please distribute to all of the members of the BOF and enter this into you minutes as well.

1- FREEZE ALL SPENDING. 2- FREEZE ALL SALARY INCREASES UNLESS IT IS CONTRACTUAL AND IF IT IS, ASK THESE AFFECTED EMPLOYEES AND UNIONS, IF ANY, TO RENEGOTIATE THOSE INTENDED WAGE INCREASES. 3- CUT SPENDING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH STATE AID WE WILL BE RECEIVING FOR FY 20/21 BUT I WOULD SAY IT'S GOING TO BE CONSIDERABLY LESS THEN THIS YEAR.

RESPECTABLY,

Steven A. Schuster  
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Colchester, CT 06415-2426

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**From:** deee bouchard <deeedeee1963@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 18, 2020 2:10 PM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Test Email

Thanks Rob.

On Monday, May 18, 2020, 1:06 PM, Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov> wrote:  
Received!

Rob Tarlov, Chairman, Board of Finance  
860-608-4293

**From:** deee bouchard <deeedeee1963@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 17, 2020 7:41 PM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** Test Email

Citizens have contacted me stating this email is not working.  
I'm sending this email as a test

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**From:** jmcnair3@comcast.net <jmcnair3@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 16, 2020 10:53 AM  
**To:** Robert Tarlov <BOFChair@colchesterct.gov>  
**Cc:** First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>  
**Subject:** Rob, process question

Rob,

Soon 6 people have to make an historic decision for many other people. The BoF has line item authority over the Town and bottom line spending over the BoE. My recollection is the BoF can alter the levels but not tell the FS or Superintendent how to get there. One concern I have is the amount of new positions, non-union salary increases and lack of union concessions to at least defer wage or step increases regardless of the mill rate change. Can the BoF adjust spending limits accordingly if a majority of BoF members shares the same concerns?

Thanks and be well,

James

