



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Finance  
Budget Forum & Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 07, 2018  
Town Hall Room 1 @ 7:00 pm**

**Members Present:** R. Tarlov, R. Lepore, T. Kane, M. Egan, A. Migliaccio and A. Bisbikos

**Others Present:** First Selectman A. Shilosky, Town Clerk G. Furman, CFO M. Cosgrove, BOE M. Bylone, Early Childhood Coordinator C. Praisner and Clerk J. Campbell

R. Tarlov called the Budget Forum to order at 6:30 pm. Having no one in attendance for this forum R. Tarlov asked for a motion to adjourn. A. Migliaccio MOTIONED to adjourn the February 7, 2018 Public Budget Forum, SECONDED by R. Lepore. All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED 6/0

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – R. Tarlov called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.
2. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** - None
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 17 Regular Meeting** – T. Kane MOTIONED to approve the meeting minutes from the January 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, SECONDED by M. Egan. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS** - None
5. **CORRESPONDENCE** – None
6. **C-3 PRESENTATION** – C3 Presentation was made by the Early Childhood Coordinator Cindy Praisner. She spoke about what C3 does, who they serve, who they reach and what kind of funding is needed to run the program.
7. **DEPARTMENT REPORTS** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of each month
  - a. **Tax Collector**
  - b. **Finance** – M. Cosgrove presented the figures on the Health Insurance Fund and the Program Fund. M. Cosgrove is implementing the new formula to help reduce the volatility from year to year in the Health Insurance Fund. A. Shilosky mentioned that currently there is no policy in place for the Program Fund. This can be discussed once the new Recreation Director gets settled. The Program Fund ran several years in the red and with the work of former Director C. Preston it has been in the black for the past few years.
8. **FIRST SELECTMAN**
  - a. **Transfer requests** - None
  - b. **First Selectman's report** – A. Shilosky reports that both court cases that were decided in the Town's favor, have been appealed. Currently the snow budget has been used to about 45%. There is only one position (Social Services) open at this time. The assistant tax collector will be starting 2/20.

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**9. 2018 – 2019 BUDGET**

- a. **Survey Review** – Board members discussed the survey results as well as commented on what their likes and dislikes were with this survey.
- b. **Calendar Update** – R. Tarlov discussed attached calendar change. The Board will be adding another Open Budget Forum for Wednesday March 21<sup>st</sup> The regular meeting will follow the Open Forum.
- c. **Other Topics** – R. Tarlov presented an email regarding the Governor’s Proposed FY 19 State Budget Adjustments. Colchester stands to lose approx. \$334,000 in ECS Grant money. R. Tarlov mentioned the memo that the Assessor sent out about the 2017 Grand List Totals. The grand list is up 1.2% from last year.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **BOF – Mission, Responsibilities and Limitations** – Please see attached reference material related to this agenda item.
- b. **BOF – Archiving for Future Board of Finances** – R. Tarlov spoke about making sure the discussion of the board members about future policies or ideas that were discussed are accessible for the future members.

**11. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**12. LIAISONS’ REPORTS** – A. Migliaccio reported on the BOE Budget meeting, Food survey results are in. They have been provided in the BOE minutes. Police Commission is stating that the department will be going over in overtime. Commission is also looking to present to BOS an ordinance package that would allow the officers to write Colchester Tickets where Colchester receives the money. A. Migliaccio stated that the commission’s role has changed and thinks they should be more of a public safety board might be more appropriate.

**13. CITIZENS COMMENTS – None**

**14. ADJOURNMENT** – A. Migliaccio MOTIONED to adjourn tonight’s meeting at 8:45 pm, SECONDED by A. Bisbikos. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 6/0

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joanie Campbell*, Clerk

**Attachments:** 2017 Grand List Memo  
Health Insurance Fund  
Survey Results

Budget Calendar  
Program Fund

C3 Presentation  
Reference Material 10A