



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

BOARD OF FINANCE BUDGET WORKSHOP

April 28, 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, A. Migliaccio, M. Egan, M. Hayes, A. Bisbikos

Also Present: CFO M. Cosgrove, BOE Chairman Mary Tomasi, Superintendent Jeff Burt, Town Clerk Gayle Furman, Tax Collector Michele Wyatt, BOE Budget Chair Jessica Morozowich, Selectman Rosemary Coyle (acting First Selectman)

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Meeting 04/21 – A. Bisbikos motioned to approve minutes, 2nd by B. Dennler. Vote was unanimous. *MOTION CARRIED.*
3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – Citizens comments were heard.
4. CORRESPONDENCE – Attached
5. NEW BUSINESS – None
6. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION
 - a. Specific Items
 - i. Review of BOE Reductions – Superintendent Burt discussed items that will be cut from the BOE budget proposal.
 - ii. Revenue Update – Changes made to the revenue discussed on information received from the Assessor and Tax Collector were discussed. R Tarlov mentioned that the State Finance committee had recommended reductions in ECS that would impact of revenue by 364,000 although PILOT money was increasing by 52,000. J Burt mentioned he had heard that there was talk of appropriating 7 million to hold towns harmless, meaning no reduction. R Coyle said that Senator Needleman said the same.
 - iii. Budget Calendar – Review dates for Town Meeting and Referendum – The possibility of delaying the referendum was discussed. ~~Most~~ All members are in favor of delaying for one week in the hopes of having received guidance on how grant funding may be spent and that some budget items could be covered by those funds. Town Clerk Gayle Furman went over some scenarios of date changes and how changes could impact the tax office as well as other financial implications.
 - b. Other Items
7. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION – Several citizens made comments.
8. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION – no further discussion
9. CITIZENS' DISCUSSION – no comments
10. BOARD BUDGET DISCUSSION – Possible Action
11. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – one citizen commented.
12. ADJOURNMENT – M. Egan motioned to adjourn. 2nd by A. Migliaccio. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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Submitted By,
Stacey Schweighoffer, Clerk