

Town of Columbia
Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
Wednesday, June 16, 2010 - 7:30 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT. 06237

Members Present: Deputy Chairman Cindy Harrison, Scott Petrequin, Judy Ortiz, Mike Robertson, and Al Smith.

Also Present: Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and First Selectmen Carmen Vance.

1. **Call to Order:** C. Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. **Approval of Minutes**
3.1 FIPAC Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2010: M. Robertson MOVED to approve the minutes of May 11, 2010. A. Smith SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 5:0.
4. **Correspondence**
 - 4.1 BOS 3/16/10 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.2 BOS 3/31/10 Special Meeting Minutes
 - 4.3 BOS 4/13/10 Special Meeting Minutes
 - 4.4 BOS 5/4/10 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.5 BOS 5/18/10 Regular Meeting Minutes: C. Harrison inquired about the hire of Bev Ciurylo as Finance Director. She asked what the distinction is between a Finance Director and a Fiscal Manager. J. Luiz explained that certain job duties have been added to the position of Fiscal Manager, so a new title is warranted in order to emphasize the distinction between the old and new positions. C. Harrison asked if B. Ciurylo will also retain her position as Treasurer. J. Luiz stated yes. C. Harrison asked about the hire for the clerical position at the Beckish Senior Center. He explained that the previous Administrative Secretary at the Senior Center resigned, and we have filled the position since then. He stated that this clerical position is budgeted to work no more than 170 hours annually, but fills in on a more extended basis if needed.
 - 4.6 BOS 6/1/10 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.7 BOE 3/8/10 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.8 BOE 3/22/10 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.9 BOE 3/29/10 Policy Subcommittee Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.10 BOE 4/5/10 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.11 BOE 4/12/10 Negotiations Subcommittee Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.12 BOE 4/26/10 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - 4.13 BOE 5/10/10 Regular Meeting Minutes

4.14 BOE 5/24/10 Regular Meeting Minutes: A. Smith and M. Robertson expressed concern with the Board of Education budget projection discussion stated in the BOE minutes. Specifically, that the minutes show that a “prioritized wish list” is being compiled by the Board of Education to spend surplus money. M. Robertson expressed concern that the BOE may not have been as forthcoming as possible during the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget process with respect to revealing that tuition figures were running lower in Fiscal Year 2009-2010 than budgeted. Discussion followed. C. Vance and J. Luiz reviewed an email with the Commission from Superintendent of Schools, Francine Coss. The email from F. Coss states that the projected surplus is due to a reduction of high school/special education tuition costs along with her choice to hold spending to minimum to pay associated legal costs related to a law suit with the Town of Lebanon. Discussion followed. J. Luiz explained that the BOE is trying to settle this lawsuit by the end of the current fiscal year. A discussion ensued about student transportation.

4.15 Fiscal Policy 3/10/10 Regular Meeting Minutes

4.16 Fiscal Policy 4/14/10 Regular Meeting Minutes

5. Old Business

5.1 Current Year Financials: J. Luiz discussed a memo from the BOE discussing Public Act 10-151. He explained that based on the new legislation, the Town is in compliance by \$ 42,700.

5.2 Previously Tabled Actions: None.

6. New Business

6.1 Transfers: J. Luiz presented FY '09-'10 Board of Selectmen Operating Budget transfers with the Commission. M. Robertson MOVED to approve the following transfers:

\$ AMOUNT	FROM ACCOUNT	TO ACCOUNT
\$ 4,500	10-4112-022 (Exec/Admin, Unemploy)	10-4112-010 (Exec/Admin, Salaries)
\$ 3,137	10-4410-011 (DPW, OT)	10-4410-600 (DPW, Repairs & Maint)
\$ 7,000	10-4410-011 (DPW, OT)	10-4410-610 (DPW, Bldngs & Grounds)
\$ 1,500	10-4112-500 (Exec/Admin, Prof/Tech)	10-4112-515 (Exec/Admin, Contracted Srvc)
\$ 2,500	10-4800-900 (Contingency)	10-4134-010 (Town Clerk, Salaries)

J. Ortiz SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 5:0.

7. **Audience of Citizens:** C. Vance discussed a memo that she sent to the BOS regarding future capital projects that will require bonding. She explained that the BOS will be thinking of possible capital projects that may be necessary in the future and will be discussing them at upcoming meetings. The Commission discussed the upcoming contract negotiation meeting with the BOE scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2010. J. Luiz will be emailing the current contract to the members for review prior to the meeting. Discussion followed.
8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2010 at 7:30 pm.
9. **Adjournment:** S. Petrequin MOVED to adjourn. A. Smith SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted by Kimberly A. Bona