

Town of Columbia
Tri-Board Meeting Minutes
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
Wednesday, February 16, 2011 - 7:30 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
323 Route 87, Columbia, CT. 06237

Members Present: Chairman Earnest Sharpe, Vice-Chairman Cindy Harrison, Scott Petrequin, Allen Smith, Judy Szegda-Ortiz, Michael Robertson, Pamela Missal.

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

1. **Call to Order:** E. Sharpe 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 Tri-Board Meeting Minutes of 1/19/11:** S. Petrequin MOVED to approve the Tri-Board Meeting Minutes of 1/19/11. C. Harrison SECONDED and it CARRIED 7:0.
4. **Correspondence:**
 - 4.1 **BOS 2/1/11 Regular Meeting Minutes:** S. Petrequin inquired about the town's relationship with Andover Hebron Marlborough Youth Services (AHM). J. Luiz stated that AHM is an expense that was originally contracted with Columbia because the town wanted a Juvenile Review Board (JRB). He explained that the JRB consists of a state trooper, a social worker, school staff and others. He explained that the JRB acts as a quasi disciplinary and judicial body figure for youths who have been convicted of a first-time offense or a series of minor offenses. He stated that the JRB acts in place of a state court and that is designed to impress on the troubled youth that they have one more chance to change before the state court system begins to deal with them. J. Luiz told FiPAC that there has been a lot of discussion amongst the BOS with regard to Columbia becoming full-time members of AHM so the town would receive more services in addition to the JRB. C. Vance explained that there are four members of the BOS that feel the town should become full time members of AHM, but that she was in opposition to full-time membership. P. Missal asked what the percentage of repeat offenders is with respect to the cases placed before the JRB. J. Luiz stated that does not have that percentage on hand but does know that the percentage of success at the JRB is very high. He told P. Missal he could get her that percentage if she would like.
 - 4.2 **BOS 2/8/11 Special Meeting Minutes**
 - 4.3 **BOE 2/7/11 Regular Meeting Minutes**
 - 4.4 **Article in Chronicle dated 1/21/11:**

5. Old Business:

5.1 Budget Calendar / Review Process: Discussion ensued regarding the budget schedule and review process. E. Sharpe stated that on 3/16/11 J. Luiz and Superintendent Francine Coss will present budgets to FiPAC.

5.2 Email from Bond Attorney: The Commission discussed the email between J. Luiz and Bond Attorney Joseph Fasi. J. Ortiz asked about the re-financing and whether or not it would be worth considering.

J. Luiz reviewed the PAYT presentation with the Commission. He explained that BOS scheduled a Town Meeting to take place on February 28, 2011 at 7pm at the H.W. Porter Café to determine whether or not the program is implemented permanently. J. Luiz said that the BOS has pledged to abide by whatever the outcome is from the vote of the Town Meeting vote. He discussed that single stream recycling may be a factor in the amount of recycling increase. Also, the fact that approximately 180 households switched to curbside pick-up.

6. New Business

6.1 Budget / Asset Management Consideration: E. Sharpe discussed the undesignated fund balance and stated that it is currently at approximately 2 million. He stressed it will not be used to “buy down the mill rate, but that a portion of it could be used to cover one-time expenses.” Discussion ensued regarding the fund balance. Discussion regarding the Brand Money took place from the perspective of LoCIP reimbursements.

J. Luiz briefly discussed the Governor’s budget and stated that the town is going to be funded the same in every category except Public Transportation, Pilot is down a bit, TAR will continue and be put in state’s general fund, while LoCIP will be bonded again.

6.2 Transfers: C. Harrison MOVED to approve the following transfers:

AMOUNT	FROM A/C #	DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #	DESCRIPTION
\$1,300	10-4800-900	Contingency	10-4410-630	Rental
\$5,000	10-4800-900	Contingency	10-4112-022	Unemployment
\$1,007	10-4800-900	Contingency	10-4350-600	Rep./Maint.

\$20,000	10-4800-900	Contingency	10-4120-500	Prof./Tech.
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A. Smith SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 7:0.

C. Harrison MOVED to approve the following transfer. J. Ortiz SECONDED. Discussion followed. A. Smith stated that he feels electricity at the Senior Center has gone up a significant amount. C. Harrison explained that the building was enlarged therefore the increase in the electricity. J. Luiz stated that there was an increase in electricity in last year's budget due to the enlargement and that an additional transfer was still needed then to cover the cost for electricity. C. Vance stated that the BOS will look into the high cost of electricity. J. Luiz explained that it is very hard to control cost at the Center. MOTION CARRIED 6:1:0 with A. Smith opposing.

AMOUNT	FROM A/C#	DESCRIPTION	TO A/C #	DESCRIPTION
\$3,000	10-4800-900	Contingency	10-4260-230	Electricity

7. **Audience of Citizens**
8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2011 at 7:30 pm.
9. **Adjournment:** MOTION to ADJOURN CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona