

Town of Columbia
Financial Planning and Allocation Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 25, 2015 – 7 pm
Adella G. Urban Administrative Offices Conference Room
Route 87, Columbia, CT. 06237-

1. **Call to Order:** E. Sharpe called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. **Approval of Minutes**
- 3.1 **Approval of FiPAC March 18, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes:** E. Sharpe MOVED to TABLE the approval of the March 18, 2015 minutes until next meeting. T. Shepard SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 7:0.

4. **Old Business**
- 4.1 **FY 2015-16 Budget discussion:** Discussion took place among the Commission on the proposed BOE and BOS budgets. E. Sharpe stated that in order to create a 0% increase, \$230,648 would have to be taken from the General Fund. Discussion followed. M. Morrison expressed concern regarding the reduction to the MBR and stated that she would like the Commission to work with the BOE on this matter. Discussion ensued about upcoming healthcare costs. B. Ciurylo explained that she is waiting to get an update from Anthem. K. Peck stated that she researched BOE budgets in surrounding towns and passed out a comparison sheet that she created to FiPAC. She explained that Columbia is at a considerably higher rate than other towns in terms of BOE expenditures. J. Viens stated that he feels as though the increase per student is high. C. Vance spoke of four classes at Porter that contain no more than 11 students. She asked why the classes did not consist of a larger amount of pupils. Linette Dooley said that it depends on the student and if he/she requires more education and attention. E. Sharpe agreed that per pupil cost should be looked into further. Discussion followed. R. Szegda MOVED to take \$230,648 from the Undesignated Fund Balance to result in a 0% increase in the mill rate. J. Viens SECONDED the MOTION and it CARRIED 7:0.

K. Peck MOVED to cancel the special FiPAC meetings scheduled for April 1 and April 8, 2015 and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Next Meeting:** The next FiPAC meeting will be the Budget Hearing on April 22, 2015 at 7 pm in Yeomans Hall.

6. **Adjournment:** T. Shepard MOVED to ADJOURN at 8:12 pm and the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted by Kimberly A. Bona