



TOWN OF COLUMBIA
Fiscal Policy Board
April 13, 2016
Horace W. Porter School Conference Room
8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Bev Ciurylo-Finance Director, Lol Fearon-Superintendent, Christopher Lent-Board of Education Chairperson, Natasha Nau-Town Administrator, Earnest Sharpe-FiPAC Chairman, Carmen Vance-First Selectman

Others Present: Judy Ortiz-FiPAC Member, Lisa Napolitano-BOE Member, Katherine Tolsdorf-BOE Member

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Ciurylo called the April 13, 2016, Fiscal Policy Board meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

II. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2016

L. Fearon **MOVED** and C. Lent **SECONDED** to approve the February 10, 2016, minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIES: 6-0

III. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2015

L. Fearon **MOVED** and E. Sharpe **SECONDED** to approve the November 4, 2015, minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIES: 5-0-1

B. Ciurylo, L. Fearon, N. Nau, E. Sharpe, C. Vance **VOTED FOR THE MOTION**

C. Lent **ABSTAINED**

IV. Correspondence

- **Ms. Nau** handed out a copy of the CCM Public Policy & Advocacy Appropriations and Finance Committee Release of FY17 Budget Adjustments email. Actual figures should be available by the end of the legislature session on May 4th.
- **Mrs. Ciurylo** handed out updated 2016/17 budget and mill rate documents.

V. Old Business

- Library Project Update** – **Ms. Nau** reported that the library project remains under budget at \$100,000 with the completion target date of mid-August. She will be contacting the State Library to see if a drainage issue will be covered in the grant budget.
- Roof Replacement Update** – **Mrs. Ciurylo** reported that New Britain Roofing has agreed that there was a billing error that will result in \$1,000 being reimbursed to the project. The Roof Project is now complete with total reimbursement of 47.14% to the Town.

VI. New Business

- Board of Education Additional Appropriation** – **Mr. Fearon** requested that in May the Board of Selectmen schedule a Town Meeting to approve the appropriation of approximately \$400,000 to the Columbia Board of Education for unanticipated special education costs.
- Non-Lapsing Fund Account** – **Mr. Fearon** reviewed the Board of Education's request for the Town to establish an account where up to 1% of the unused budget appropriation could be assessed for unanticipated expenses. The appropriation would be made by the Town/FiPAC with spending done by the Board of Education. This account would not impact MBR. **Mr. Sharpe** clarified that the Board of Selectmen would assign FiPAC to oversee this account and requested updated auditor information/concerns. **Mrs. Ciurylo** will provide **Mr. Sharpe** with his requested information.

VI. New Business (continued)

- c. **April 27, 2016 Public Budget Hearing** – the Budget Hearing will be held in Yeomans Hall. The Superintendent and Board of Selectmen will present their respective budgets. There will be invited discussion and after adjournment, FiPAC will hold a special budget session.

VII. Fiscal Department – Mrs. Ciurylo reported the finance department continues to work on the 2016/17 budget. The State is continuing its work on the mandated Uniform Chart of Accounts. She predicts it will take up to one year to implement.

VIII. Audience

Ms. Nau thanked Fiscal Board members for the chance to work with them and for the Town. She explained that after this week, she will no longer be employed by the Town of Columbia. Fiscal Policy Board members wished Ms. Nau the very best in her future endeavors.

IX. Adjournment

C. Vance **MOVED** and L. Fearon **SECONDED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 a.m.
MOTION CARRIES: 6-0

The next meeting will be May 11, 2016 @ 8:30 a.m. in the H. W. Porter School Conference Room.