



**TOWN OF COLUMBIA**

**Fiscal Policy Board  
January 11, 2017  
Horace W. Porter School Conference Room  
8:30 am**

Members Present: Bev Ciurylo-Finance Director, Ernie Sharpe-FIPAC Chairman, Carmen Vance-First Selectman

Members Absent: Mark Walter-Town Administrator, Lol Fearon- Superintendent

Others Present: Judy Ortiz-FIPAC Member, Lisa Napolitano-BOE Member

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:39 by B. Ciurylo.

2. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2016

C. Vance MOVED, E. Sharpe SECONDED to approve the minutes of November 9, 2016.  
MOTION CARRIES 3:0.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

4. Old Business:

A. Library Update- B. Ciurylo announced that the library expansion project is complete except for a few items pending at this time; such as, replacement of light fixtures. Once the pending items are completed, the town will submit for the grant reimbursements.

B. 15/16 Budget Update – B. Ciurylo that the 2015-2016 year is complete and that BMSI, the accounting system was closed for that fiscal year.

C. 15/16 Town Audit and ED001 Audit Update – B. Ciurylo announced that the draft audit report has not been received. The auditors have filed an extension since they were

unable to file by December 31. The extension is not the result of anything outstanding from the Town but on the part of the auditor. Overall, the audit was clean with no exceptions. The ED001 audit also had no exemptions and was filed on time by the auditor.

- D. 17/18 Budget – B. Ciurylo mentioned that both the Town and School have begun work on their 17/18 budgets. The Town will be presenting the operating budget to the Board of Selectmen at their first meeting in February.
- E. Long Range Planning Update – B. Ciurylo mentioned that the Town's Long Range Planning committee had met. There are a number of Capital Projects that are being reviewed. The list includes a DPW salt shed, the DPW garage upgrade, Town Beach renovation, Master Plan for Rec Park, re-pavement of parking lots, re-siding of Town Hall and revamping the old Fire House for use by the school and Town as workshop and storage areas. Open Space is also part of the long range plan. With the town revaluation, there has been a decrease in the property values which is impacting some of the open space the town is reviewing for purchase.
- F. Fuel Costs for 17/18 – B. Ciurylo announced that the Town and School anticipate remaining with the same vendor but have not yet locked into the pricing for oil and diesel for 2017-2018.

5. New Business:

- A. Tri-Board Meeting in December – B. Ciurylo mentioned that the December meeting was successful and members are moving forward with budgetary preparations.
- B. Long Range Planning – Financial Needs Roundtable – E. Sharpe asked if funds should be transferred now in order to provide funding for planning for anticipated projects. B. Ciurylo suggested including a line item in the budget for capital projects which would allow funding for planning purposes and architectural/engineering services to be available yearly.

6. Finance Department

- A. Audit Update - Earlier in the meeting it was noted the auditors have filed an extension. B. Ciurylo reports the Affordable Care Act filing is almost complete. B. Ciurylo also reported that the broker is working on the health insurance rates. A RFP was sent out for health insurance quotes and at this time Anthem is the most reasonable with an approximately 10% increase. Other companies were coming in at over 20%. The broker is looking also at the ECHIP program through Eastconn.

E. Sharpe noted an inquiry was received and responded to concerning the transfers to and from the non-lapsing account.

He asked if special education cost updates could be provided a few times per year instead of just at the end of the year. B. Ciurylo said that she would pass that request to the L. Fearon and B. Wilson, Director of Student Services.

7. Audience - none

8. Adjournment

C. Vance MOVED, E. Sharpe SECONDED to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m.  
MOTION CARRIES 3:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Morey,  
Fiscal Policy Board Clerk