



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

Fiscal Policy Board

November 8, 2017

Horace W. Porter School Conference Room

8:30 am

Members Present: Beverly Ciurylo-Finance Director, Ernie Sharpe-FiPAC Chairman, Mark Walter-Town Administrator, Lol Fearon, Superintendent, Carmen Vance, First Selectman

Others Present: Judy Oritz-FiPAC member, Kathy Tolsdorf, BOE Vice Chairperson

Absent: Christopher Lent, Board of Education Chairman

1. Call to Order Chairperson B. Ciurylo called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2017
C. Vance MOVED, L. Fearon SECONDED to approve the corrected minutes of September 27, 2017. MOTION CARRIES 5:0.
3. Correspondence – No correspondence was received.
4. Old Business – No old business was discussed.
5. New Business:
 - A) Board of Selectmen and Board of Education Plan of Action/Response Regarding State Budget
Mr. Fearon noted that cost estimate impacts to the towns which have been published in the newspapers have not been accurate. Updated figures are anticipated to be available after Thanksgiving.
Mrs. Ciurylo handed out a spreadsheet regarding the most current information on municipal aid and how that will impact the Town's budget. It looks like the Town will be short by approximately \$300,000 but the Town could make most of that up by tax collections and watching spending. In addition there was \$40,000 included in the budget for the teachers

retirement payment. Since this did not pass in the budget, the unused funds can be used to offset the decrease in municipal aid. The consensus was that a supplemental tax may not be necessary.

Mr. Walter reported tax collections are going well and he anticipates recouping between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in back taxes through a tax sale.

B) Schedule Tri-Board Meeting

A Tri-Board Meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 7:00 at the Town Hall. FIPAC will meet directly following the Tri-Board Meeting.

C) Review 2018-2019 Proposed Meeting Dates

L. Fearon MOVED, E. Sharpe SECONDED to approve the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Policy Meeting Schedule. MOTION CARRIES 5:0.

D) Update on Special Education Costs

Mr. Fearon reported the Director of Special Education has been able to consolidate transportation costs resulting in savings. Additionally there are students aging out of transitional programming for the 2018/19 school year.

6. Finance Department

Mrs. Ciurylo said boxes of old documents which were stored in the Old Fire House and in Town Hall were being shredded by InfoShred.

The Town audit went well in October and no audit points have been noted to date from the auditors.

Once the ED001 system is open, it will be updated for any changes since the filing on September 1. Then the ED001 will be audited.

The next meeting will be scheduled for December 13, 2017 at 8:30.

7. Audience

Carmen Vance thanked the Board for the work they do and wished them well.

Members agreed Carmen will be sorely missed and is very welcome to attend meetings regularly!

8. Adjournment

L. Fearon MOVED, E. Sharpe SECONDED to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Morey, Clerk