



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

Fiscal Policy Board

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

Horace W. Porter School Conference Room

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

Others Present: Kathy Tolsdorf, Board of Education Member

1. Call to Order – Chairperson B. Ciurylo called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.
2. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2017 – C. Vance MOVED, L. Fearon SECONDED to approve the minutes of February 8, 2017 as presented. MOTION CARRIES 5:0.
3. Correspondence – no correspondence was received.
4. Old Business:
 - A. Town Long Range Planning Update – M. Walter reported Jacunski Humes Architects have been hired for the project involving renovations of the old fire house, public works garage and school parking lot. The Town is reviewing payment options with the financial advisor.
 - B. BOE Future Needs Committee – L. Fearon said an on-line survey is being developed for people who aren't able to attend Board of Education meetings to allow as much community involvement in the process of future options for the school. Community participation in the process is a top priority of the BOE. Laptops will be taken to the Beckish Senior Center and paper and pencil surveys may be provided at the Town Budget Hearing and at the Town Library.
5. New Business:
 - A. 2017-2018 Health Insurance - B. Ciurylo said at this time it doesn't appear health insurance rates will be reduced.
 - B. 2017-2018 Budget – B. Ciurylo reported the 2017/18 budget is almost ready to present to FiPAC.

E. Sharpe asked if the deadline for submitting Town budgets has been revised. Implications of extending the budget timeline were discussed. The consensus at this time is to continue with the budget process as planned.

- C. Governor Malloy's Proposed Budget – M. Walters recently attended a meeting at the capital. Many towns are anticipating an increase to their town budget between 3-8 mils. The impact of possible elimination or reduction of ECS funds, special education reimbursement and teachers retirement were discussed.

- 6. Finance Department – E. Sharpe said FiPAC has held off meeting because information from the State is not available or is unclear.

E. Sharpe commented on the fine job and hard work Mrs. Ciurylo has been doing. C. Vance reiterated also noting the lengthy hours Mrs. Ciurylo has been putting in.

- 7. Audience

No comments were received

- 8. Adjournment

L. Fearon MOVED, E. Sharpe SECONDED to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. MOTION CARRIES 5:0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Morey,
Clerk