

**Town of Colebrook
Board of Finance**

Minutes to Meeting of December 6, 2017

Members Present

J. Millar, Chairman
R. Carfiro
D. Johnstone
M. Neal

Absent

T. Corvo

Others Present

None

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman J. Millar.

1. The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of M. Klimkosky and wished him well as a newly elected member of the Board of Selectmen. Following brief discussion, M. Neal moved to appoint Kate Kennedy to fill the Board vacancy so created. Second, D. Johnstone. Passed unanimously.
2. A draft of the 2018 meeting calendar was reviewed, and M. Neal then moved to approve it. Second, D. Johnstone. Passed unanimously. J. Millar will confirm the referendum date with Region 7 and circulate any changes necessary.
3. Discussed the aid that Colebrook will receive in 2017-18 under the State's recently-adopted budget. Even though the total of \$668,325 exceeds the amount assumed in the budget by \$41,197, there was general acknowledgement that the State's financial situation is such that further cuts are almost inevitable.
4. D. Johnstone suggested that a joint meeting of the Boards of Finance and Education might promote a good working relationship and better understanding of the issues faced by each. All Board members thought this was a good idea, and J. Millar will follow up with the Board of Education to coordinate a date, ideally in January 2018.
5. J. Millar noted that Barkhamsted has requested Region 7 to present their 2018-19 budget at the town's regularly scheduled budget hearing rather than at a separate meeting. The rationale is that more people will attend the hearing than a special meeting. A similar approach may also be appropriate for Colebrook. J. Millar will discuss the matter in more detail with Region 7.
6. M. Neal moved to accept the minutes of October 18, 2017. Second, R. Carfiro. Passed unanimously.
7. D. Johnstone moved to adjourn. Second, R. Carfiro. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha F. Neal
Secretary