

Town of Colebrook
Board of Finance
Minutes of Meeting, February 2, 2022

Members Present

D. Bielefield
T. Hiller
T. McKeon
M. Neal
D. Wilber

Absent

J. Millar

Others

C. Johnstone, Selectman
D. Johnstone
K. Kennedy

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by M. Neal, temporary moderator.

1. Reviewed the updated contact list. One correction: D. Bielefield phone number is 860 614 -1817.

2. Reviewed the updated Calendar noting the change in time for March 23 to 6:30.

3. The Board reviewed the P&L Budget vs Actual report. The following line items were discussed:

109 Assessors Expense, the increase related to the hiring of the new assessor.

116 Town Attorney, currently over budget and will require a supplemental appropriation.

304B Town Garage repairs. Addressed later.

4. The BOF, with input from the First Selectman discussed areas of interest for the upcoming 22/23 budget:

Colebrook Consolidated School repairs to boiler room and HVAC system.

Town Garage should be addressed

New Fire Truck

Contaminated well at Town Hall

New Assessor must be hired.

The Grand list increased by 2.5%, a significant portion of the increase related to Motor Vehicle tax.

While no guidelines for the BOE or Selectman were voted on, it was suggested that maybe there might be room for some cuts to line items.

Tax collections are consistent with prior years at this date.

5. The BOF reviewed the BOE proposed budget and members were encouraged to submit questions to J. Millar and M. Neal prior to the February 16 meeting with the BOE.

The Region 7 figures were reviewed and it was noted that Colebrooks share would increase by 6.2%. Additional budget figures after the Region 7 budget presentation on March 23.

6. T. McKeon moved to accept the minutes of December 8, 2021. Second, M. Neal. Affirmative, McKeon, Hiller, Wilber, Neal.

7. D. Wilber moved to adjourn, second T. Hiller. Unanimous
Meeting adjourned at 6:57.
Respectfully submitted,
Martha Neal, Secretary