



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 19, 2015
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM**

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D. GAYLE FURMAN

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Denise Mizla, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman John Jones, and Selectman Stan Soby via teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director J Paggioli, P&Z G Therian, Assessor J Chaponis, Wetlands Enforcement Officer J Gigglioti, Town Clerk G Furman, Registrar D Mrowka, Engineer S Tassone, D Martin, L Goodwin, Clerk T. Dean, and other citizens.

1. Call to Order

First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

A Shilosky asked that the following be deleted on the agenda #8 Interview of Janell Mullen for Town Planner. Added to the agenda #16 Discussion and Possible Action on Water & Sewer Copier Addendum Lease Agreement, #17 Discussion and Possible Action on Police/Recreation/Youth Services Replacement Copier, #18 Discussion and Possible Action on Moroch Property Purchase, and #19 Discussion and Possible Action on JJIS Repeater System Replacement, renumber remaining items accordingly.

R Coyle moved to approve the deletions and additions on the agenda as presented, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. Approve Minutes of the November 5, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

R Coyle moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of November 5, 2015, seconded by D Mizla. Abstention by S Soby and J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments – none

5. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations

a. WJJMS Building Committee – Possible appointment to the WJJMS Building Committee

D Mizla moved to appoint Lynn Goodwin to the WJJMS Building Committee for a one year term, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

b. Youth Services Advisory Board – Rob Suchecki possible reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2018

S Soby moved to reappoint Rob Suchecki to the Youth Services Advisory Board for a three year term to expire 12/1/2018, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

6. Budget Transfers - None

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates

D Mizla moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$6.09 to Gregory & Samantha Vanzilen, \$2327.71 to Christina Madeira & David Pero, \$100.03 to Justin Osuch, \$64.00 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, \$32.37 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, \$32.61 to William Jr or Charlene Labruna, and \$73.51 to ICG a Lereta LLC Company, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and Possible Action on CHVFC Tax Exemption

Assessor J Chaponis explained the levels of exemptions in place currently. State Statute states the home rule; municipality only has expressly granted authority. In this language the power of the municipality is not perceived to be there. In order to change the rule, an ordinance would need to be revised and then go to Town Meeting. A Shilosky suggested that this be extended to Town Counsel for ruling and what options the town has. D Martin agreed with J Chaponis and believes that legal would be the way to go to determine language.

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- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance Change as Presented by Planning & Zoning**
Assessor J Chaponis expressed his opinion that the proposed ordinances doesn't seem beneficial and it may be more detrimental than helpful. He listed out the issues that this ordinance could potentially create. Stated that for Real Estate the taxes are always paid, and when late the town receives the payment with 18% interest. This ordinance may actually deter some from applying for a permit. Assessor will review as well as legal counsel.
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- 10. Discussion and Possible Action on 2016 Small Cities Community Development Services**
R Coyle moved to approve that the Board of Selectmen, due to the specific nature of the grant application process, and the significant successful application funding grant history that L. Wagner & Associates has accomplished, enter into a contract with L. Wagner & Associates for the Professional & Technical Services Small Cities CDBF Application Assistance as outlined in RFP #2015-15 and to hereby authorize the First Selectman deliver said agreement and necessary documents required, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action on 2016 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates**
D Mizla moved to approve the 2016 Board of Selectmen meeting dates as presented, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action on 2016 Chairmen Commission Meeting Dates**
R Coyle moved to approve the 2016 Chairmen Commission meeting dates as presented, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 13. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Subcommittee Members**
R Coyle moved to appoint S Soby and J Jones as Board of Selectmen members to the Budget Subcommittee, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 14. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission Liaison Assignments**
All commission liaisons assigned, except for Sewer & Water Commission which will be tabled until the next meeting.

S Soby moved to approve the liaison assignments with revisions as presented, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 15. Discussion on Senior Center Building**
Triboard meeting held for BOS/BOF/BOE and COA members. Discussed exiting Senior Building and timeline, along with next steps. Next meeting on 12/10 at 5:45 will discuss the potential need for a new appraisal, copies of the engineering report and payment options for a new senior center, and what the financial impact looks like.
- 16. Discussion and Possible Action on Water & Sewer Copier Addendum Lease Agreement**
R Coyle moved to approve the addendum to the five year lease agreement with Leaf Capital Funding, LLC to include a copier for the Water & Sewer Department from Ryan Business Systems, and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 17. Discussion and Possible Action on Police/Recreation/Youth Services Replacement Copier**
D Mizla moved to approve the five year lease agreement with Ricoh USA, Inc. under the U.S. Communities Master Lease Agreement and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 18. Discussion and Possible Action on Moroch Property Purchase**
J Gigglioti explained that the resolution allows to put public recreation access agreement and easement. This is required through the DEP.
R Coyle moved to authorize the Colchester First Selectman to sign all necessary documents associated with the Moroch Property Purchase and CT DEEP Open Space & Watershed Land Acquisition Program #481 entitled "The Moroch Property", seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 19. Discussion and Possible Action on JJIS Repeater System Replacement**
The funds are in Security Funds and there is left over funding which the system falls under security.
J Jones moved to approve using the School Security Fund to purchase the Repeater System, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 20. Citizen's Comments – none**

21. First Selectman's Report

Colchester received a grant for DUI Enforcement that will be utilized from Nov 21, 2015 until September 10, 2016.

22. Liaison Reports

D Mizla reported on Budget Communications Subcommittee – the group assigned roles. Rivereast will publish articles each week from Dec-Jan. Five topics will be communicated in depth in these articles; Introduction, school enrollment, Fire Dept., Maintenance, and Self Insurance. J Jones suggested the group talk about how to receive feedback and questions from the public.

Board of Education – Bacon is one of CT top performers in advance placement testing. Bacon Asst. Principal began on 11/18. SAT testing will replace Smarter Balance Testing for grade 11. Executive Session took place to extend the Superintendents contract to 6/30/2018.

R Coyle reported on Commission on Aging – Lost the chairperson and looking for replacement. Fundraiser at Stop & Shop to raise money for programs brought in \$100. Strategic Plan Committee is working on what the facility would look like for a new senior center. Membership continues to grow.

Fire Department – Vehicle repair presentation made to BOF on 11/18 which also included ambulance problems. J Jones updated the Board on specifics of vehicles and repair prices.

Building Committee – hired an architect, Tecton. Last meeting they interviewed three construction managers.

23. Adjourn

J Jones moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m., seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk