



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 19, 2016  
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Public Works Director J Paggioli, Library Director K Byroade, FD Chief Cox, FD A Babineau, Registrar D Mrowka, Town Clerk G Furman, FD D Lee, Garden Club K Kosiba, Land Trust C Pompei, Fire Dept. staff members, and Clerk T. Dean

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda - none**

**3. Approve Minutes of the May 5, 2016 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**

R Coyle corrected #12, last sentence, delete the word 'up'.

R Coyle moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of May 5, 2016, as amended, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**4. Approve Minutes of the May 17, 2016 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**

R Coyle moved to approve the Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of May 17, 2016, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**5. Approve Minutes of the May 18, 2016 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**

S Soby moved to approve the Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of May 18, 2016, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**6. Audrie Babineau CT EMS Volunteer Award Recognition**

Audrie Babineau was presented a proclamation by A Shilosky  
Fire Chief Cox gave a speech about the awards history and meaning, as well as A Babineau's achievements.

**7. Citizen's Comments - none**

**8. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations - none**

**9. Budget Transfers - none**

**10. Tax Refunds & Rebates**

D Mizla moved to approve tax refund in the amount of \$92.28 to Irene M Lonardelli L/U, \$113.86 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, \$148.52 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, \$63.92 to M Ronda Camilleri, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Story Walk Installation at Ruby Cohen Woodlands**

K Byroade described the plan and how it works. Two areas they will test; field and Blue Loop. Then the group will generate feedback and pick one location for the Story Walk. J Paggioli said there is more than enough room to accommodate the walk. It doesn't require anything extra for maintenance & care.

R Coyle moved to accept the Story Walk proposal, including installation at the Ruby Cohen Woodlands, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Hot Rocks BBQ Food Concession at Summer Concerts Contract**

D Mizla moved to accept the bid by Hot Rocks BBQ & More and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on COTT Systems Contract**

G Furman stated this is the current land records indexing contract. One difference in this contract is that COTT is separating the microfilm creation piece. By doing this the town can save \$76/year. This also includes the Toby Trax dog system.

R Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with COTT Systems for their Records Management System, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**14. Discussion and Possible Action on Arcadis Agreement**

A Shilosky stated that this is for the Construction Manager for the WJJMS Project.

S Soby moved accept the agreement for Project Management Services for the William J Johnston Middle School Extension and Renovation Project and authorized the First Selectman to sign the agreement, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**15. Discussion and Possible Action on Recreation Park Improvement Dedication Fund**

R Coyle asked if there is a collection fee now and if so where does it go. J Paggioli stated that no, it is not collected now and not part of the revenue in the budget. S Soby asked where the BOF comes into play according to the approvals specified in the draft. S Soby strongly suggested that the BOS, along with the BOF approves the expenditures.

A Shilosky stated that the proposed draft still needs to be vetted by the CFO. J Paggioli additionally stated that what needs to be determined is whether the oversight is by the BOF or through the Program Fund. S Soby stated he views this as another reserve fund by description vs the Program Fund because it's not operational. R Coyle stated that in order to improve the fields that cannot currently be supported by the budget, that this might be the way P&R can do the improvements. NO ACTION

**16. Discussion and Possible Action on Sewer and Water Budget FY 16-17**

S Soby moved to adopt the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Sewer & Water Commission Operating Budget as recommended and submitted by the Sewer and Water Commission Budget at their meeting on May 12, 2016, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**17. Citizens Comments**

D Mrowka inquired about the vandalism in town recently. A Shilosky gave an update.

**18. First Selectman's Report**

A Shilosky reported that the town interviewed a candidate for the Zoning Enforcement Officer position.

**19. Liaison Reports**

S Soby reported on the Sewer & Water Commission – budget is smaller, incremental changes make it more predictable for cost revenue and users. Sewer connections outside the current hook up area are being discussed with commercial developers and how to manage, along with what DOT allows. May open up two areas for economic development and a rental housing market.

R Coyle reported on the Senior Center subcommittee – finalized talking points for the purchase of the senior center. Deferred other action until we have a budget.

Charter Revision – worked on budget section and how it functions. Two mock up copies of previous charters being looked at. Requested CCM to research towns regarding tax collectors and town clerks for the percentage of elected vs appointed.

Open Space – developing a list of parcels to connect greenway areas. Will look at the open space plan.

CHFD – 154 calls for the month, 663 year to date. Average of 166 calls a month. Captain Babineau received the Connecticut EMS Volunteer of the Year award.

COA – raised \$479 in fundraising that may be used towards the purchase of speakers. Lyon's granted funds for the Senior Resource Guide. Officers were elected. (statistics attached)

J Jones reported on the Conservation Commission – Lake Elaine, off Red Schoolhouse Rd, wants to improve the driveway area, tabled for drainage purposes. Old Rod Rd pond, requested to build a deck around, tabled until design submitted. Pickerell Lake draw down scheduled. DEEP investigating contamination into wetlands area at Fish & Game club due to shot gun shell debris, the shooting operation was shut down. Another location planned in the works.

Prospect Hill Rd building a new house, discussion tabled until new plans come in.

S Soby talked about a documentary on Harvesting Stones, which is about Jewish farmers in eastern CT in the late 1800's that was created by the Baron Funds. There are farmers in Colchester that are featured in the film. S Soby highly recommends seeing the documentary.

**20. Adjourn**

J Jones moved to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attached: COA statistics

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

## COA Meeting-May 9, 2016

Q&A with First Selectman regarding the purchase of property at 95 Norwich Ave. went well, we had approx. 50 people in attendance. More forums to be scheduled throughout town.

TVCCA will not be serving meals on 5/13 due to staff in-service. We are planning a catered lunch with Angelo's Bakery Stuffed Breads that day, so there is a lunch option that day.

Hosted Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Event last Friday for approximately 60 volunteers.

Military Whist Card Party Fundraiser for the senior center on 5/26. Paint Night fundraiser to be held on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Golf Tournament Fundraiser August 12-13.

Energy Assistance season has been extended through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Renters Rebate season runs April 1-October 1.

CSC will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day Holiday

### Programs:

- Mother's Day Brunch 5/9
- Tinnitus Hearing Presentation 5/18
- Be Smart About Antibiotics 5/19
- Brain Games Lunch 'n Learn sponsored by Chestelm 5/23
- Memorial Day Picnic 5/31

### Upcoming Trips

- Hartford Yard Goats Baseball 7/20
- CT Lighthouse Cruise 8/17
- Royal Lipizzaner Horse Show 8/19
- Lady Kate Cruise and Bye Bye Birdie at Goodspeed 8/31
- Providence Waterfire 9/24
- Plaza Suite at Newport Playhouse 10/3
- Tropical Costa Rica 11/5-13
- Overnight -Middlebury Christmas (Middlebury, VT) 12-7-9
- Springtime Tulip River Cruise 4/6-14, 2017

### Attendance & Meals Served:

- Monthly Transports in April: 909
- Monthly Attendance in April: 1215 in 21 days
- Meals served in March: Bistro & Special Meals: 118 Community Café: 156 MOW: 558
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- Active membership in April-940