



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 2016
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM

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, Town Planner R Benson, Wetlands Enforcement Officer J Gigliotti, Clerk T. Dean, and other citizens.

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- 1. Call to Order**
First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- 2. Additions to the Agenda - none**
- 3. Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2016 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**
R Coyle moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of February 4, 2016, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
- 4. Approve Minutes of the February 19, 2016 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**
R Coyle moved to approve the Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of February 19, 2016, seconded by J Jones. One abstention by A Shilosky. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 5. Citizen's Comments**
A Norton spoke regarding Norton Mill and asked the town to investigate saving the masonry and stone work as much as is possible.
D Wasniewski concurred with A Norton on preserving the history and would also like to see more promotion of the Norton project.
- 6. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations - none**
- 7. Budget Transfers - none**
- 8. Tax Refunds & Rebates**
S Soby moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$54.29 to Ibrahim Lami, \$266.17 to Brian and Donna Snell, \$460.48 to Evans Automotive Repair, \$488.43 to Michael or Patricia Holl, \$1169.02 to Rafael and Patricia Cohen, \$116.15 to Wendy Taylor, \$2688.43 to John Adams, \$84.02 to Gail Kittle and David Thomas, \$55.61 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, \$750.00 to John & Kathleen Stone, \$131.44 to Rodney Higgins, \$2331.61 to Gary & Andrea Waters, \$45.00 to Stephen Kromer, \$10.00 to Marion Stanavage, \$50.00 to William and Nancy Cone, \$84.13 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, \$2237.79 to Liberty Bank, \$39.06 to Robert Thereault, and \$1121.67 to Jon & Tana Handwerk, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Norton Mill**
J Paggioli stated that staff has not received any written comments from the public. Some questions were posed via the newspaper which has been responded to. Two phases in the project with the first being demolition and remediation and the second being the creation and use of a park. During the second phase the town will engage stockholders and solicit input on use and planning on the park. Have not to date heard back on the Brownstone Relief Fund.

S Soby motioned that the Town of Colchester approve the purchase of a portion of 139 Westchester Road as shown on Parcel B on a Plan entitled "Boundary Survey Property of Norton Paper Mill, LLC. Showing Land to be Conveyed to Town of Colchester 139 Westchester Road Colchester, Connecticut Scale 1"=20' November 11, 2015 as prepared by Arthur von Plachecki, L.S. 18873, and in accordance with the Second Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement between Norton Paper Mill, LLC and the Town of Colchester, dated March 2, 2016, for the purchase price of one dollar; and hereby authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents in order to close on the property transaction as detailed within the Purchase and Sale Agreement noted herein, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously Approved. MOTION CARRIED.

S Soby presented his dollar donation for the purchase of Norton Mill to N Wasniewski.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Two Generation Pilot Program

Cindy Praisner stated that the plan was almost ready to be sent out on March 4th. She is asking that the town be the lead applicant as part of the grand process requirement. Board of Education has signed off on the letter at their last meeting. C3 will act as the vehicle which the project will be implemented. No additional dollars will be allocated to the grant now or in the future.

R Coyle moved that the Town of Colchester be the Lead Applicant in the Two Generation Pilot Program and to authorize the First Selectman to sign the letter as lead applicant, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Acquiring 24.5 Acres of Land off Bull Hill Road

J Chaponis, Assessor, stated that part of the land in the subdivision off Bull Hill Rd. is undevelopable. The LLC has not paid taxes since 2008. The town could foreclose, but the cost would be approximately \$5-\$6,000 and the town would end up with landlocked property. The owner was receptive to deeding the town the property for \$1 which the town could use as open space or a land swap with the State of Connecticut. The legal fees would be approximately \$600 to do this.

D Mizla moved to permit the Assessor to move forward on acquiring the legal title/ownership of the vacant land off Bull Hill Road and Farm Gate Drive (Assessor's Map 6-18 Lot 23-29A), for one dollar, currently owned by Orchard Estates II LLC, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Appointment of Patty Watts as Municipal Agent for the Elderly for the Town of Colchester for a two-year term to expire on June 17, 2017

R Coyle moved to re-appoint Patty Watts as Municipal Agent for the Elderly for the Town of Colchester for a two-year term to expire on June 17, 2017, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Police Canine Donation

D Mizla moved to approve the purchase of the Police Canine in the amount of \$2,300 by accepting a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from Stop & Shop, accept a donation in the amount of \$100 from the Merciful Savior Gift Shop, with the balance of \$200 to be taken out of the Police Forfeiture Fund. In addition, the Police K-9 handler, Ofc. Goss, will be paid 1 hour/day handling of the dog, over his regular duties as overtime, to be paid out of existing overtime budget. Food will be provided by Tractor Supply and Colchester Vet will supply care of the dog at no charge, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Police Union Contract

S Soby stated that this is an extension of the contract retro to July 2015 through June 2016. K-9 handler information has been added (Article XX, Sec 17) and a 2 ¼ pay increase.

D Mizla moved to approve the Police AFSCME Council #4 Collective Bargaining Agreement from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Small Cities Program Resolution

R Coyle moved to resolve that the Board of Selectmen is cognizant of the conditions and prerequisites for State Assistance imposed by Part VI of Chapter 130 of The Connecticut General Statutes and that the filing of an application by the Town of Colchester in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 is hereby approved, and that the First Selectman is hereby authorized and directed to file such application with the Commissioner of the Department of Housing, to provide such additional information, to execute such other documents as may be required by the Commissioner, to execute an Assistance Agreement with the State of Connecticut for State financial assistance if such an Agreement is offered, to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, to carry out approved activities and to act as the authorized representative of the Town of Colchester, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

16. Discussion on Proposed Ordinance Regarding Disposition of Building Applications

The legal opinion from Town Counsel has suggested that the town not move forward with this matter. NO ACTION

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center

At the last meeting the CCSU students did a great job presenting to the committee. As part of their capstone project they discussed what options and layout may be available for a new senior center. The students were very receptive to the committee's suggestions for improvements. Next meeting is 3/8.

18. Citizen's Comments – none

19. First Selectman's Report

Planning and Zoning has written four applications to SCCOG for a road safety audit, SCOGG came and assessed. New business coming to Key Stone Shoppe's area, Creative Designs. State of Connecticut is working on Rte. 85/16 no turn on red light and timing for a possible right on green arrow. Received four applications to date for the open Zoning Enforcement Officer position. Still no contract finalized with the Building Committee and O&G.

20. Liaison Reports

J Jones reported on the Conservation Commission – Alfred Q building will be adding 49,000 sq. ft. Fireside Investigation business applied to do work bordering Rte. 2. Duplex on Hebron Rd submitted modifications which were accepted. J Fellow purchased land to gain access off Miles Standish Rd, the state did not grant the access.

R Coyle reported on Senior Center Subcommittee which was discussed previously under agenda item #17

S Soby reported on the Blight Task Force – First draft is being created, the building official has looked it over. Next will pick and choose from samples from other towns that they have investigated.

Planning & Zoning – Special exception for signage not approved. The group will take a look at new signage regulation as it may be too restrictive in response to the court ruling that took out all waiver language, will look at other options to be able work to more effectively with businesses from an economic development standpoint as well as from a planning and zoning standpoint.

Agriculture Commission – Looking seriously at a Food Hub option in Colchester. Storage however will be an issue. Looked at opportunities to have a Winter Farmer's Market and feel that one could be done here in Colchester.

D Mizla reported on Board of Education – presented their original budget. 2 Generational Pilot Program was approved. Also approved a swing space project to start 6/27 at the middle school.

Youth Advisory Board – next Community Conversation will be on alcohol on 5/4. A mock car crash will be on 5/12. Spring Cleanup at the Youth Center will be 4/19. Fundraising planning ongoing for the Youth Services van.

18. Adjourn

J Jones moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk