



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Bernie Dennler, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting

May 2, 2024 - 7:00PM

Minutes

Colchester Town Hall Meeting Room 1 and Hybrid via Zoom

All items on the agenda are subject to possible action

Members Present: First Selectman Bernie Dennler, Selectmen Art Shilosky, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner, and Cliff O'Donal.

Others Present: Joe Leone, Director of Public Works, Steve Hoffman, Fire Chief, Brad Bernier, Deputy Fire Chief, Tiffany Quinn Director of Parks and Recreation, Tim Vaillancourt, Board of Finance Liaison. Members from Parks and Recreation Commission: Kristin Moody, Chair, Brenda Kniska, Amy Domieka, Nola Weston, and Rosanne Tousignant.

1. Call to Order

B. Dennler called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Dennler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Correspondence

No correspondence was submitted.

4. Citizen's Comments

Skip Sparks spoke about the new Recreational Needs and Coordination Committee and hopes for a focus on a turf field at Bacon.

Brett Mahon spoke about the state of Colchester's recreation fields.

Vince Rose spoke about this year's budget process and thanked those involved for good conversations and information provided.

5. Additions and Changes to the Agenda

R. Coyle MOVED to add item #16 A discussion by J. Leone on the status of the Town Wells. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the Minutes from Special Meeting April 18, 2024
- b. Approve the Minutes from Regular Meeting April 18, 2024
- c. Authorize Tax Refunds

- d. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the Competitive School Readiness Grant application including Quality Enhancement funds
- e. Approval of Policy and Notice of Non-Discrimination
- f. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the Knox Connect Renewal Quote for Knox Decoders used by the Fire Department

D. Turner MOVED to approve the consent agenda. R. Coyle SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

7. Review and Discussion of Colchester Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan

The Strategic plan was presented by Kristin Moody, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair.

Questions and discussion by the Board followed. B. Dennler thanked the Commission for their hard work and advised the Strategic Plan will be shared with the new Recreation Needs and Coordination Ad Hoc Committee as they have begun work as a group.

C. O'Donal MOVED to accept the Colchester Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan. A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

8. Discuss and act on possible sale of Engine Tanker 288 (ET228)

Presentation by S. Hoffman, Fire Chief

Discussion by the Board followed.

R. Coyle MOVED to sell the Engine Tanker 288 (ET228). A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

9. Discuss and act on authorizing the First Selectman to sign the application for EMPG Pool Grant for \$25,000

Presentation by B. Bernier, Deputy Fire Chief

D. Turner MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign the application and related documents for EMPG Pool Grant for \$25,000. R. Coyle SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

10. Discuss and act on authorizing the First Selectman to sign a contract with Infrastructure Consulting Group LLC for \$22,356.30 for an existing conditions pavement study for Colchester's Local Roads

Presentation by J. Leone, Director of Public Works

B. Dennler recommended a bid waiver verbally as it had not been sent to the other Board Members prior to the meeting, all members consented.

Discussion by the Board followed.

R. Coyle MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract with Infrastructure Consulting Group LLC for \$22,356.30 for an existing conditions pavement study for Colchester's Local Roads with funds to come from 13201 48439 "ROAD IMPROVEMENT" (Highway). A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

11. Discuss and act on authorizing the First Selectman to sign a contract with Stula Enterprises for \$18,180 for various pavement shimming projects around town

Presentation by J. Leone, Director of Public Works

Discussion by the Board followed. Based on the type of work arrangement, being a PO and not a contract, it was determined this item did not require authorization by the Board.

12. Discuss and act on authorizing the First Selectman to sign all necessary documentation with All States Construction Inc for \$489,318.25 for various rubberized chip seal projects around town

Presentation by J. Leone, Director of Public Works

Discussion by the Board followed.

D. Turner MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documentation with All States Construction Inc for \$489,318.25 for various rubberized chip seal projects around town with funds to come from 13201 48439 "ROAD IMPROVEMENT" (Highway). R. Coyle SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

13. Discuss and act on authorizing the First Selectman to sign all necessary documentation with Charles Pasteryak Jr. Inc. for \$574,657.50 for various 2" mill and fill projects around town

Presentation by J. Leone, Director of Public Works

Discussion by the Board followed.

R. Coyle MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documentation with Charles Pasteryak Jr. Inc. for \$574,657.50 for various 2" mill and fill projects around town with funds to come from 29532870 48439 "ROAD IMPROVEMENT" (TAR). A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

14. Discuss and act as WPCA on authorizing the First Selectman to sign a contract with Stula Enterprises for \$11,970 for the uncovering of 15 paved over valve boxes

Presentation by J. Leone, Director of Public Works

Discussion by the Board followed.

R. Coyle MOVED to act as WPCA on authorizing the First Selectman to sign a contract with Stula Enterprises for \$11,970 for the uncovering of 15 paved over valve boxes with funds to come from 4003210 44208 "PROFESSIONAL SERVICES" (Water Enterprise). D. Turner SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

15. Discuss and act as WPCA on authorizing the First Selectman to sign all necessary documentation with Haley Ward Engineering for \$24,000 the Elmwood Heights Water Tower project for 3rd party inspection and construction management

Presentation by J. Leone, Director of Public Works

Discussion by the Board followed.

R. Coyle MOVED to act as WPCA on authorizing the First Selectman to sign all necessary documentation with Haley Ward Engineering for \$24,000 the Elmwood Heights Water Tower project for 3rd party

inspection and construction management with the funds to come from ARPA. C. O'Donal SECONDED. CARRIED 5:0.

16. Discussion on the status of the well project at the Colchester Recreation Complex.

Presentation by J. Leone, Director of Public Works. J. Leone shared that he met with Weston and Sampson, the company the Town typically works with for Town water to review this project and received a quote for a process to scientifically find where to dig two wells based on the spot most likely to produce water. As a result of the preliminary numbers provided, he will be requesting more ARPA funds as the cost of the proposed study and wells would be more than was originally allocated for the well project.

Discussion by the Board followed.

B. Dennler suggested bringing this item back to the next Board of Selectmen meeting to further discuss ARPA Funds when J. Leone has all the details.

17. Transfers

- a. Discuss and act on recommendation to Board of Finance to transfer FY22-23 unexpended bond principal budget to Debt Service Fund for future debt service payments. SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

R. Coyle MOVED to recommend to the Board of Finance to transfer FY22-23 unexpended bond principal budget to Debt Service Fund for future debt service payments. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

- b. Discuss and act on recommendation to Board of Finance to transfer FY23-24 unexpended bond principal budget and bond interest to Debt Service Fund for future debt service payment

D. Turner MOVED to recommend to the Board of Finance to transfer FY23-24 unexpended bond principal budget and bond interest to Debt Service Fund for future debt service payment. A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

18. Citizen's Comments

Stephen Coyle spoke about the sewage backing up into the old EOC headquarters. Advised if issue persists lines can be flushed out by East Hampton.

Matt Parsons thanked B. Dennler, The Colchester Public Schools, and Colchester Community for supporting his rally against cancer that raised \$11, 838.96 for the Dana Faber Cancer Institute and Jimmy fund.

19. Adjournment

A. Shilosky MOVED to adjourn at 8:39pm. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

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