



# *Town of Colchester, Connecticut*

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

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Bernie Dennler, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Regular Meeting – Minutes  
Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.  
Colchester Town Hall  
Meeting Room 1 and Hybrid via Zoom**

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

**Others Present:** Demian Sorrentino, Planning Director

**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**

Email from Jared Szuba regarding the proposed Flock Camera System in Colchester

Email from Sean O'Rourke regarding the proposed Flock Camera System in Colchester

Email from Deanna Bouchard regarding the proposed Flock Camera System in Colchester

Memo from Board of Education legal counsel

**4. Citizen's Comments**

Luke McCoy commented on his intentions as a resident in joining the Recreation Needs and Coordination Ad Hoc Committee.

Deanna Bouchard commented on page 61 in the Agenda Packet and the memo from BOE Legal Counsel.

Vince Rose spoke about the participation and presentations in the budget forums.

**5. Changes to the Agenda**

*R. Coyle MOVED to add the following to the consent agenda: item #8 (Making Memories Grant) as 7.D., #9 (Historic Document Grant) as 7.E., and #14 (Homeland Security Grant Program) 7.F. and 7.G. Appoint Sam Wilson to the Agriculture Commission with a term to expire 11/30/2025. A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

*R. Coyle MOVED to add Item #16 Citizens Comments and #17 Adjourn to the agenda. D. Turner SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. 5:0.*

*R. Coyle MOVED to add agenda item #10. A. (now #8. A.) an agreement between the Town of Colchester and Sertex LLC. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

## **6. Approve Minutes from March 21, 2024**

*A. Shilosky MOVED to approve the minutes from March 21, 2024. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

## **7. Consent Agenda**

- a. Tax Refunds
- b. Authorize the First Selectman to Sign any and all Documents related to the award of the Town of Colchester's \$15,235,000 General Obligation Notes at a Net Interest Cost of 4.312% to Oppenheimer
- c. Authorize the First Selectman to Sign the State of Connecticut Annual Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects
- d. Approval of FY 25 Making Memories Grant funding for Senior Center
- e. Approval of FY 25 Historic Document Grant for Town Clerk's Office
- f. Approval of Homeland Security Grant Program
- g. Appoint Sam Wilson to Agriculture Committee with a term ending 11/30/2025

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

## **8. Discussion and Possible Action on Novus Proposal for Phone Services at New Senior Center**

*R. Coyle MOVED to approve the Novus Proposal for Phone Services at the New Senior Center. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

- a. Agreement between The Town of Colchester and Sertex LLC for the installation of fiber optic line to the Senior Center

*R. Coyle MOVED to approve the agreement between the Town of Colchester and Sertex LLC for the installation of fiber optic line to the Senior Center from Town Hall. D. Turner SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. 5:0.*

## **9. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt the Resolution for CT DEEP CERCLA 128(a) Grant for Norton Park**

Presentation by D. Sorrentino, Planning Director

*D. Turner MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to Execute a Personal Services Agreement with the State of Connecticut for Financial Assistance to Perform Environmental Remediation (Cleanup) of the Former Norton Paper Mill Located at 139 Westchester Road (CT Route #149), Colchester, Connecticut CT DEEP CERCLA 128(a) Brownfield Grant Program C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

## **10. Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt the Resolution for accepting the CT DEEP Urban Act Grant**

Presentation by D. Sorrentino, Planning Director

*D. Turner MOVED to authorize the First Selectman to Execute and Deliver Documents on Behalf of the Town of Colchester for the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) Urban Act Grant Program Environmental Remediation (Cleanup) and Redevelopment of the Former Norton Paper Mill Located at 139 Westchester Road (CT Route #149), Colchester, Connecticut. R. Coyle SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

**11. Discussion and Possible Action for CT DEEP Flood Management Certification Proposal from Langan regarding the Old Norton Paper Mill Site**

Presentation by D. Sorrentino, Planning Director

Discussion by the Board

Consensus by the Board on waiving the bid policy for Langan, the Town's Environmental consultant on the Norton Mill project since 2015.

*R. Coyle MOVED to authorize the First Selectmen to sign the CT DEEP Flood Management Certification Proposal from Langan regarding the Old Norton Paper Mill Site. A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Appointments to the Recreation Needs and Coordination Ad Hoc Committee**

Discussion by the Board

*R. Coyle MOVED to make the Recreation Needs and Coordination Ad Hoc Committee 7 Members and 2 Alternates. A. Shilosky SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

*D. Turner MOVED to appoint the following candidates Kyle Calash, Michael Dubreuil, David Emery, Luke McCoy, Matthew Parsons, Christopher Pianta and Suzanne Salemi as Members and Seth Bretmaier and Nina Minella as Alternates to the Recreation Needs and Coordination Ad Hoc Committee. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

**13. Citizens Comments**

Luke McCoy spoke about the budget process, the Recreation Needs and Coordination Committee and the Langdon contract.

Ron Liberman commended the professionalism of the BOE, BOF and BOS and D. Sorrentino for his work on the Norton Park grants.

Deanna Bouchard commended D. Sorrentino's work on Norton Park Grants and spoke about the Recreation Needs and Coordination Committee, the Senior Center phone services, corrected her previous statement in citizens comments.

Vince Rose spoke about the professionalism and commitment to the budget process by all the boards.

#### **14. Adjourn**

*D. Turner MOVED to Adjourn at 7:47pm. C. O'Donal SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 5:0.*

Respectfully submitted,

Taryn Scott

Executive Assistant to the First Selectman