

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 3, 2008
Colchester Town Hall
Meeting Room 1 – 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Stan Soby, Rosemary Coyle, John Malsbenden, Greg Cordova

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Evan Evans, Mike Caplet, Gregg Schuster, Jack Faski, Bruce Hayn, Donald Herbert, Rob Esteve, Dave Gesiak, Brendon Healy, Joseph Pelletier, Paul Catalano, Charles Guarino

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectmen L. Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Additions to Agenda:** R. Coyle motioned to amend the agenda adding Donald Herbert as an interview for the Business Development Task Force, remove Main Street Coalition and Police Commission interviews, add interview of Rob Esteve for the Ethics Commission and David Gesiak for the Planning and Zoning Commission, add item 13. BOS Liaisons to Boards/Committees/Commission/Etc., and correct date to 2008, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Citizen's Comments:** None
4. **Approve minutes of the December 20, 2007 regular meeting :** R. Coyle motioned to approve the December 20, 2007 regular meeting minutes, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Tax Refunds & Rebates:** After review J. Malsbenden motioned to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$87.03 to Kim Previti, \$6.99 to Jonathan Childs, \$232.11 to Deborah Hiebert, \$30.20 to Gary and Bonnielee Harris, and table refund of \$57.25 to D.H. Marvin, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
6. **Transfers:** A transfer of \$4,202 was requested by Central Service for overtime costs paid to BOE Senior Network Technician to provide IT coverage for Town due to vacant position.
From Account: 11801-40101 Regular Payroll \$4,202
For Account: 11801-40103 Overtime \$4,202

A transfer of \$300.00 was requested by Town Clerk to send Assistant Town Clerk to school.

From Account: 11501-44271 Micro Film \$300.00

For Account: 11501-43213 Travel, Training, and Meetings \$300.00

After review J. Malsbenden motioned to approve the transfers as requested, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

- 7. Elderly Tax Relief Task Force. C-705. Eligibility and appointment of members of appointed boards.**
A. All members of appointed boards shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to procedures adopted by the Board of Selectmen. Only electors of the Town who do not hold an elected position within Town government are eligible for appointment as a member of an appointed board. ...” Task force currently consists of one Board of Selectman, one Board of Finance, two citizens, one Commission on Aging member, one Westchester Village resident, and one Colchester Commons resident. Suggest change to: **Four citizens, one Commission on Aging member, one Westchester Village resident, and one Colchester Commons resident, with a Board of Selectman and a Board of Finance liaison.**

R. Coyle and R. Goldstein had previously been appointed as the BOS and BOF representatives to the Elderly Tax Relief Task Force. According to Charter, as elected officials they can not serve as voting members. R. Coyle motioned to alter the composition of the task force to include four citizens, one Commission on Aging member, one Westchester Village resident, and one Colchester Commons resident, with a Board of Selectman and a Board of Finance liaison seconded by J. Malsbenden. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Boards and Commissions – interviews and possible appointments:

- **Elderly Tax Relief Task Force (maximum one year term to end with the committee’s final report to the Board of Selectmen):** **Brendon Healy, Joseph Pelletier, Robert Kodym, Bill Wagner (Commission on Aging Representative):** Brendon Healy and Joseph Pelletier were interviewed. Robert Kodym was not present. J. Malsbenden motioned to appoint Brendon Healy as a citizen and Bill Wagner as Commission on Aging representative to the Elderly Tax Relief Task Force for a maximum one year term, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Economic Development Commission (term expires 12/15/12):** **Paul Catalano.** After being interviewed S. Soby motioned to appoint Paul Catalano to the Economic Development Commission for a five year term to expire 12/15/12, seconded by R. Coyle. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Lebanon Avenue Revitalization (term expires 12/15/08):** **Charles Guarino.** After being interviewed J. Malsbenden motioned to appoint Charles Guarino and Jenny Lenkiewicz to the Lebanon Avenue Revitalization Committee for a one year term to expire 12/15/08, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Business Development Task Force (term expires 12/15/08):** **Jack Faski, Evan Evans, Greg Schuster, Donald Herbert .** All candidates were interviewed. No decisions were made.
- **Park & Rec Commission (term expires 12/15/11):** **Jody Barr (from alternate to member).** S. Soby motioned to appoint Jody Barr as a member to the Park and Rec Commission filling the vacancy, created by the expired term of Diane Kendrick, with a four year term to expire 12/15/11, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Ethics Commission:** **Rob Esteve.** After being interviewed R. Coyle motioned to appoint Rob Esteve to the Ethics Commission for a three year term to expire 12/15/11 and take affect 1/11/08, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Planning & Zoning:** **David Gesiak.** Mr. Gesiak was interviewed. Being interested in both Planning & Zoning and Open Space Commissions, he will attend a meeting of each commission to become more acquainted with what they do and will then let the First Selectman know which commission he prefers.

9. Bond Release

• **Cambridge Court**

S. Soby motioned to approve a bond reduction of \$333,918.00 to Brom Builders for Cambridge Court Subdivision as per recommendation of the Town Engineer, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

• **Czarkowski Builders Subdivision**

J. Malsbenden motioned to approve a bond reduction of \$19,019.00 to Czarkowski Builders for Cousins Road off Windham Avenue as per recommendation of the Town Engineer, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Southern Connecticut Water Advisory Representative Advisory Board Appointment:

R. Coyle motioned to appoint Mark Decker as the representative to the SCWA Advisory Board, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding authorization of the Colchester Spring Clean-up Volunteer Day Sponsorship Opportunity: R. Coyle motioned to approve the Colchester Spring Clean-up Volunteer Day Sponsorship Opportunity, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding authorization of the First Selectman to sign the General Mills Champions for Healthy Kids grant application: G. Cordova motioned to approve and authorize First Selectman Hodge to sign the General Mill Champions for Healthy Kids grant application, seconded by J. Malsbenden. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

13. BOS Liaisons to Board/Committees/Commissions/Etc.: The BOS reviewed current liaison assignments and changed assignments as desired. J. Malsbenden motioned to approve the liaison assignments as follows:

Group	BoS Liaison
Board of Education	Greg Cordova
Board of Assessment App.	Linda Hodge
Board of Finance	Linda Hodge
Business Development	Linda Hodge
Commission on Aging	Rosemary Coyle
Conservation Comm.	John Malsbenden
Cragin Library	Linda Hodge
Economic Dev. Comm.	Linda Hodge
Elderly Tax Relief Task Fce.	Rosemary Coyle
Energy & Fuel	Stan Soby
Athletic Facilities T.F.	Work completed
Fire Department	Rosemary Coyle
Historic District Comm.	Rosemary Coyle
Housing Authority	John Malsbenden
Jack Jackter Bldng. Com.	Stan Soby
Lebanon Ave. Revitalization	Linda Hodge
Main Street Coalition	Linda Hodge
Open Space Task Force	Rosemary Coyle
Parks & Rec. Comm.	Greg Cordova
Police Commission	Linda Hodge
Police Retirement Brd.	Stan Soby
Pre-K-2 Bldng. Comm.	Stan Soby
Senior Center Task Force	Rosemary Coyle

TransferStationTaskForce	Stan Soby
Sewer & Water Comm.	Greg Cordova
Youth Services Adv.Brd.	Greg Cordova
Zoning & Plann. Comm.	John Malsbenden
Zoning Board of Appeals	Stan Soby

The motion was seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Citizen's Comments: None

15. First Selectman's Report: The First Selectman reported on issues of concern and what she has been working on.

16. Liaison Reports: The selectman reported on their respective boards.

17. Executive Session – Strategies for Collective Bargaining

- **Police**
- **Public Works**
- **Administrators**

R. Coyle motioned to go into Executive Session for Strategies for Collective Bargaining, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The BOS entered into Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 9:45

18. Adjourn: Greg Cordova motioned to adjourn at 9:45 p.m., seconded by John Malsbenden. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Dawn LePage, Clerk