



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 7 PM  
In Person Meeting – Room 1

Members Present: First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos, Selectman Deborah Bates,  
Rosemary Coyle and Denise Turner. Jason LaChapelle was absent

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TOWN CLERK

1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Andreas Bisbikos called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
3. ADDITIONS OR DELECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: R. Coyle motioned to move #7A to #6A. Deborah Bates seconded. Motion carried 4-0. A Bisbikos made a suggestion to move #4 to become #11. Therefore, all items on the agenda will move up one. D. Bates motioned and D. Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0. A Bisbikos suggested to move fire chief interviews to Executive Session. Motion made by R. Coyle. D. Bates seconded. R. Coyle made a suggestion and then made a motion to add a discussion of in-person meetings and masks to the agenda as #12. D. Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
4. CORRESPONDENCE: ATTACHED. No Comments
5. CITIZENS COMMENTS: B. Smith speaking as State Rep and citizen. Residents asked him to engage with DOT to do a study on various within Colchester because of accidents. Looked for letter of support from First Selectman's office to request DOT to do study. G. Transue Asked BOS to explore possibility of hybrid meeting capabilities. A. Bisbikos replied that right now it's either in-person or zoom, but our IT support will be reviewing the setup next week at town hall to offer options.
- 5A. Approve minutes of the November 18<sup>th</sup> Board of Selectmen meeting. J. LaChapelle made motion to table transmittal form and R. Coyle seconded it last BOS meeting. #13 Strike motion on November 18, 2021 meeting minutes. R. Coyle moved minutes as amended. D. Turner seconded.
6. CONSENT AGENDA: D. Turner motioned to move Consent Agenda. R. Coyle seconded.
  - A. Accept resignation of Sandra Gaetano from the Commission of Aging with a term to expire 12/1/2023
  - B. Accept Nola Weston from alternate to full membership with an expiration date of 12/31/23 for the Commission of Aging
  - C. Accept Quinn Kozak from alternate to full membership with an expiration date of 12/1/23 on the Commission of Aging
  - D. Tax Collector' refunds

7. C-TIP TAX ABATEMENT FOR INCORD: M. Bordeaux, Town Planner and Bruce Goldstein, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission presented to the board a recommendation from the EDC for an application from a business in town, InCord. A. Bisbikos made a motion to support the C-TIP abatement for InCord. D. Bates seconded. Motion carried 4-0. R. Coyle amended motion recommended C-TIP should be brought before the legislative body of the town for the town meeting 12/16/2021 at 6:30 p.m. in town hall. D. Bates seconded. Carried 4-0.
8. SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED MOTIONS: T. Tarnowski spoke about referendum passing. Need BOS to approve recommendations to proceed to next step. R. Coyle moved to approved schematic design. A. Bisbikos seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- R. Coyle motioned to authorize design and development phase. D. Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- R. Coyle motioned to authorize construction of document phase. D. Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- R. Coyle motioned to authorize Construction Solutions Group – Phase 1 services as being complete and satisfactory of contract. D. Turner seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
- R. Coyle motioned to authorize Construction Solutions Group to proceed with design development phase of contract. Seconded by D. Turner. Carried 4-0
- R. Coyle motioned to authorized Construction Solutions Group to proceed with the construction documents phase of contract. Seconded by D. Turner. Carried 4-0.
9. LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: State issued application. Asked that the Board of Selectmen approve vendor participation form. R. Coyle moved to approve town participation. D. Bates seconded.
10. CT FOODS FOR CT CHILDREN GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL: C. Roselli spoke that she submitted for a 10K grant. She would do presenting of this initiative and it's a no payback grant. Deadline is 12/20/21. She will need a letter of support from the First Selectman to be submitted with the application. This program won't start until April of 2022. R. Coyle moved to approve this grant. D. Bates seconded. Motion carried 4-0.
11. FIRE CHIEF INTERVIEWS
- A. Steven Hoffman
- B. Michael Salonia
12. IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND MASKS: R. Coyle in-person meetings are really an issue until numbers come down or until we can do hybrid. D. Turner and D. Bates lives with elderly parents. Decision is to have zoom on December 16. R. Coyle asked A. Bisbikos to encourage other boards to do zoom. A. Bisbikos will not mandate but wants to leave the boards to do this at their discretion but would agree to zoom meetings for those that feel more comfortable doing it this way. Participants of the board are allowed to zoom in. R. Coyle referred to sign about masks and the concern of people are unvaccinated not wearing masks.

13. REVIEW BOARD OF SELECTMEN BYLAWS -- no action taken. Conversation suggested moving to next Board of Selectman meeting.
14. REVIEW BOARDS & COMMISSIONS/LIAISON ROLES: Board of Selectmen members decided upon liaison roles.
15. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None
16. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: Issued Proclamation for Plotkin's Day. Pardoned Gobbles the turkey. Town entered into the national opioid settlement. Signed off on Affordable Housing documents. Reduced First Selectman's salary. Instructed Human Resources to review policies and practices related to diversity, inclusion, and outreach. M. Cosgrove officially submitted intent to retire. Citizen's Bank property in front of town hall has been purchased. Police Commission is being re-evaluated to be restructured. Holiday Homecoming on town green this Saturday, December 4, 2021. Following that is the Holiday concert at Bacon Academy at 6:30 p.m.
17. LIAISON REPORTS: ARPA 30 applications.
18. ADJOURN: R. Coyle motioned to adjourn. D. Turner seconded.

