



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, July 21st, 2022, at 7 PM

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Members Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), D. Turner, J. LaChapelle, R. Coyle

Members Absent: D. Bates

Others Present: S. Hoffmann (Fire Chief), J. Jones (Public Works Director)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
 - D. Bouchard spoke about the 7/7/22 minutes. A. DePaola spoke about the political climate in town. K. Paquette spoke about the political climate in town.
5. Consent Agenda
 - R. Coyle made a motion to make 7/7/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes 5A under the consent agenda and then all other items 5 B, C, and D including the other minutes. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - A. Approve the 7/7/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes, 7/11/22 Joint Board of Selectmen/ARPA Ad-Hoc Special Meeting minutes, and 7/11/22 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes
 - A conversation on how the minutes were created and how they should be amended. A. Bisbikos agreed to amend the minutes and make the appropriate adjustments.
 - B. Accept the Tax Collector's Refunds for 7/7/22 and 7/21/22
 - C. Accept the appointment of Tyler Migliaccio as a regular member of the Economic Development Commission with a term set to expire on 10/1/24
 - D. Possible action to approve the Unemployment Compensation Service Agreement and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents
 - E. Possible action to approve the Agreement by and between the Northeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and the Town of Colchester Regarding Animal Services and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents.
 - R. Coyle made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items B, C, D, E. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
6. Contract Discussion

- A. Possible action to approve a contract to allow Consulting Engineering Services (CES) to conduct a Colchester Town Hall HVAC Study in the amount of \$5,850 and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents.
- D. Turner made a motion to approve a contract to allow Consulting Engineering Services (CES) to conduct a Colchester Town Hall HVAC Study in the amount of \$5,850 and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- B. Possible action to approve a license agreement by and between The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Town of Colchester and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents
- S. Hoffmann explained that this was an initial step in understanding the need of 800mhz radio system upgrade for the town. This MOU would have no cost to the town.
 - R. Coyle made a motion to approve a license agreement between the between The Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection and the Town of Colchester and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- C. Possible action to approve of the First Amendment to Lease and Maintenance Agreement between James J. Noel and the Town of Colchester and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents
- A. Bisbikos provided an overview of the lease agreement between Jamie Noel and the Town of Colchester.
 - R. Coyle made a motion to approve of the First Amendment to Lease and Maintenance Agreement between James J. Noel and the Town of Colchester and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

7. MOU Discussion

- A. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Municipal Employees Union regarding Pam Minella and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents
- A. Bisbikos made a motion to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Municipal Employees Union regarding Pam Minella and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- B. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Municipal Employees Union regarding Tyler Molcan and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents
- A. Bisbikos made a motion to approve of the MOU between the Municipal Employees Union regarding Tyler Molcan and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

8. Unassigned Fund Balance

- A. Possible action to recommend to the Board of Finance that \$44,010 of unassigned fund balance be utilized for the removal of the existing 10,000-gallon UST located at Colchester's Town Hall, for the

temporary installation of town provided 1,000-gallon convault tank and tank pad, and any other labor associated with the project

- J. Jones provided a history of the oil tank, its status, and the urgency of replacing it.
- R. Coyle made a motion to add to the agenda a motion to waive the purchasing policy as 8A, with the possible action being 8B. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- 8A. R. Coyle made a motion to waive the purchasing policy because time is a critical factor in removing the tank. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- 8B. R. Coyle made a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance that \$44,510 of unassigned fund balance be utilized for the removal of the existing 10,000-gallon UST located at Colchester's Town Hall, for the temporary installation of town provided 1,000-gallon convault tank and tank pad, and any other labor associated with the project. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

9. ARPA Discussion

- A. Possible action to approve of \$48,000 in ARPA funding for UHF Portable and have the First Selectman sign any necessary paperwork
- D. Turner made a motion to approve \$47,949.88 in ARPA funding for UHF Portable Radios and have the First Selectman sign any necessary documents. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0.***
- B. ARPA Playbook Review, Updates, Next Steps
- A. Bisbikos provided an update on various ARPA related Projects, SLR's services, and on the recent ARPA-Ad Hoc meeting.
- J. LaChapelle made a motion to add M. Ritter's legal opinion as part of the agenda 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
 - Discussion on M. Ritter's legal opinion occurred.
 - J. LaChapelle made a motion to adjourn (it was not 2nd)

10. Citizen's Comments

- K. Paquette discussed a recent FOI request of a citizen. R. Silberman discussed ideas regarding ARPA and the bid process. S. Gillette-Green spoke about noise concerns in town. D. Bouchard spoke about the purchasing policy.

11. First Selectman's Report

1. ARPA Initiative Completed: Nearly half of the ARPA small business checks were sent out today
2. Tree companies have been coming into town and removing dead trees
3. Town Green Project Start Date: Anticipated for August 1st /August 2nd

4. Early last Saturday morning, I had the pleasure of spending time with the Bacon Academy football team and our Parks & Recreation staff who volunteered to freshen up our high school. Their work was nothing short of impressive
5. Next week, I will be presenting the list of suggested budgetary reductions, which were gathered through the collaboration of our department heads, to the Board of Finance
6. A friendly reminder that both the Cragin Memorial Library and the Firehouse are the designated cooling centers for the Town of Colchester. They have been operating all day as such and will continue to do so during any extreme heat.
7. The Making Memories Program grant through Senior Resources was awarded for FY 2023 in the amount of \$19,012.50. The contract will go to the BOS in 2 weeks.
8. The Natural Gasline on Mainstreet: Night work will begin August 1st, it is an Eversource Project, and the project will bring into our town significant revenue.

12. Liaison Reports

- D. Turner provided updates on the Youth Coalition and the CORE Commission.
- R. Coyle spoke provided updates on the ARPA Committee meeting and the Senior Center Building Committee
- J. LaChapelle – No Updates

13. Adjourn – A. Bisbikos made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by R. Coyle. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM