



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Minutes

Regular Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, March 4, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

Members Present: First Selectman Mary Bylone, Selectmen Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner, Denise Mizla and Taras Rudko

1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Mary Bylone called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: R. Coyle motioned to move agenda item number 9 to agenda item number five and renumber accordingly and to switch the order of the Executive Session items, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None
5. C-PACE: R. Coyle motioned to recommend to the legislative body of the Town of Colchester, the Town Meeting, the adoption of a resolution to approve the Connecticut Green Bank's Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Agreement and authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver the C-PACE Agreement. A town meeting shall be held March 18, 2021 to vote on the resolution, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 with T. Rudko abstaining.**
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting
 - B. Tax AbatementsD. Turner motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
8. Boards and Commission – Interviews and/or Possible Appointment and Resignations
 - A. Commission on Aging - Interview of Rosanne Tousignant for a possible full member appointment with a term to expire 12/1/2021: R. Coyle, motioned to appoint Rosanne Tousignant as a full member of the Commission on Aging with a term to expire 12/1/2021, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
 - B. Commission on Aging - Interview of Nola Weston for a possible alternate position with a term to expire on 12/31/2022: R. Coyle motioned to appoint Nola Weston as an alternate member on the Commission on Aging with a term to expire on 12/31/2022, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED 4-0-1 with T. Rudko abstaining.**

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9. Assessor John Chaponis follow up from Board of Selectman Meeting February 18, 2021 Grand List Discussion: No action needed.

10. Lebanon Street Scape Design Consultant Services: T. Rudko motioned to award the contract for the performance of design services related to the Lebanon Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project to Anchor, a Barton & Loguidice Company and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents related to the performance of design services as outlined in the letter dated February 22, 2021, seconded by D. Mizla.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

R. Coyle motioned to approve a Waiver of Request for Proposal/Competitive Bid Process due to the schedule and sequence of submittals associated with the LOTCIP program requirements, seconded by D. Mizla.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Memorial Day Parade: No action needed.

12. Purchase of Ambulance: Sean Shoemaker will continue to research the costs of purchasing an ambulance.

13. Executive Session:

A. To Discuss a Possible Land Purchase for Open Space

B. To Discuss Strategy with Respect to a Pending Claim Pertaining to an Employment Issue.

R. Coyle motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. and invite Town Planner Matt Bordeaux and Wetlands Enforcement Officer Jay Gigliotti to attend for item 13A on the agenda, seconded by D. Turner.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Members exited Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

13 A To Discuss a Possible Land Purchase for Open Space: R. Coyle motioned to recommend to the Board of Finance for an appropriation of \$87,000 to supplement the grant received to purchase land on Middletown Road for Open space, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED 4-1-0 with T. Rudko opposed**

13 B To Discuss Strategy with Respect to a Pending Claim Pertaining to an Employment Issue: T. Rudko motioned that the town hire a third-party administrator to handle claims under state statute 7-433C and authorize the First selectman to sign the associated contract as necessary, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE

15. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: COVID numbers are decreasing in the state. The Governor is relaxing some of the restrictions. Chatham Health District is focusing on getting teachers and childcare workers vaccinated. At the Board of Finance meeting, the Police Department did a presentation on staffing and vehicle replacements. According to Tom Hennick with Freedom of Information Board members are not required to have their cameras on during meetings.

16. LIAISON REPORTS: D. Turner – Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion: James Stavola, Police Commission Chair, and Town Planner Matt Bordeaux attended the last meeting. The committee is finalizing their charge and working on a presentation for the Board of Selectmen.

D. Mizla – None to report.

T. Rudko – None to report.

R. Coyle – Senior Center Building Committee – The committee is working with the architect on the 8-24 Mandatory Referral to Planning and Zoning.

Senior Center Building Public Information Subcommittee – The committee is working on the newsletter mailer and a designated website.

Long Term Recovery Committee – Planning on coming to BOS with recommendations.

Chatham Health District – They have approved their 21-22 budget. Per capita Colchester will see a \$7,742 increase, about a 4% increase, this is due to COVID and filling of open positions.

17. ADJOURN: T. Rudko motioned to adjourn at 8:44 p.m., seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY