



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 5, 2019
Colchester Town Hall @ 7:00pm

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Mary Bylone, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Mizla, Denise Turner, Taras Rudko

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk G. Furman, Director of Public Works J. Paggioli

1. **Call to Order:** Mary Bylone called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Changes to the agenda:** Mary Bylone added the application of Gregg LePage for the Water and Sewer Commission. M. Bylone deleted number 8 on the agenda – Discussion and Possible Action on Transitioning out the WJMS Building Committee, stating she would update in her First Selectman's report. M. Bylone deleted number 9 Old Business – Training for Board Members for Open Colchester (open Gov) product, due to the fact that there will be a meeting with Open Gov on Monday, December 9th. R. Coyle moved to approve the additions and deletions to the agenda as presented, seconded by D. Mizla. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**
4. **Citizen's Comments** – Leslie Curtis, member of the Agriculture Commission endorsed Carla Rosselli who has an application before the BOS to join the Agriculture Commission.
5. **Approve Minutes of the November 21, 2019, Board of Selectman Meeting** – M. Bylone explained that the minutes had been taken out of the Consent Agenda after at the November 21st meeting where she and T. Rudko had to abstain from the entire Consent Agenda due to not being eligible to vote on the previous meetings minutes. D. Mizla moved to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 BOS meeting, seconded by D. Turner. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**
6. **Consent Agenda** – T. Rudko asked to remove the Reappointment of Bruce Hayne to Planning and Zoning from Consent agenda for discussion. D. Turner seconded. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED.** R. Coyle moved to approve the consent agenda with the reappointment of David Wasniewski from Regular member to Alternate Member – Agriculture Commission – Term to Expire 12/31/2022 and the Tax abatements. D. Mizla seconded. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

T. Rudko stated why he wanted Bruce Hayne's reappointment removed. Discussion followed. R. Coyle moved to reappoint Bruce Hayne to Planning and Zoning Commission – term to expire 12/31/2022. Seconded by D. Mizla. The vote was 4 to 1 for appointment with T. Rudko opposing. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **Boards and Commissions** – Theresa Congdon interviewed for Historic District Commission. Carla Rosselli interviewed for the Agriculture Commission and Gregg LePage interviewed for the Water and Sewer Commission.
8. **Citizen's Comments** – Bruce Hayne thanked the board for reappointing him and he looked forward to continuing to serve the town.
9. **First Selectman's Report** – M. Bylone stated that the Tri-Board had approved the Director of Human Resources position to be shared between the Town and the Board of Education. The position has already been posted.
There will be a meeting with Open Gov to discuss how that product is working and she will have an update at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
Bloom Energy is moving forward with their fuel cell project and hope to be completed and functional by the end of 2020.
M. Bylone is working with FB to reinstate the Town of Colchester Selectman's Page that had been deleted. Optimistic that it could be reinstated.
The Resolution Run by Youth and Social Services will be held on January 1st and anyone interested in helping should contact Val Geato.
Building Committee for WJJMS still has a punch list of items that need to be completed. The committee will no longer hold regular meetings, but there is a procedure for reviewing invoices so all projects can be completed.
10. **Liaison Reports** – T. Rudko reported on the Ethics Committee. They reviewed chapter 53 of the town charter and are looking to recommend changes to some of the verbiage.
R. Coyle reported on Open Space. This is the third year the town has participated in the Source to Sea cleanup and when they recently cleaned up at the Jeremy River, by Rt 149 and the commuter lot, they retrieved 60 tires. She presented pictures of the clean up. They spoke with the DOT and the State Police to see about monitoring the area for dumping. The committee is considering donating the open space from the four lot subdivision on Scott Hill Road to the Norwich Reservoir. If the reservoir doesn't want it, they will collect fees from the town. They are building an 8 car gravel parking lot by the land trust on Bulkeley Hill for educational and nature programs.
D. Turner reported on the CHVFD Tax Exempt Committee. They only have two members and need a third.
R. Coyle reported Open Space is down to two people as well.
D. Mizla reported that Parks and Recreation won't meet until January and she missed the most recent Youth Services Advisory Board meeting.
M. Bylone reported on Board of Finance. They are putting together the survey for budget questionnaire and working on dates for budget workshops.
11. **Adjourn:** D. Turner motioned to adjourn seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED.** First Selectman M. Bylone adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heide Perham
Executive Assistant to First Selectman