

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Minutes

Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, August 19, 2021 @ 7 PM

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

Others Present: Deanna Bouchard, Matt Bordeaux, Gayle Furman, Craig Scheel, Robbie Avery

1. CALL TO ORDER: FS called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: D. Mizla motioned to have the minutes removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to item 6.1, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Deanna Bouchard expressed concern about the part time Planning and Zoning position.
5. CORRESPONDENCE: ATTACHED
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Reappointment of Gregg LePage as member to the Sewer and Water Commission for a term to expire 10/1/2024
 - B. Reappointment of Robert Peter as member to the Sewer and Water Commission for a term to expire 10/1/2021
 - C. Reappointment of Heide Perham as member to the Economic Development Commission for a term to expire 10/31/2026
 - D. Tax Abatements: R. Coyle motioned to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda, seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- 6.1 Approve the minutes of the August 5 Board of Selectmen: D. Turner motioned to approve the minutes of the August 5 meeting, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED 4-1 with D. Mizla abstaining.
7. Authorization of Professional Services for Town Green Bus Shelter: D. Turner motioned to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents related to the Proposal for Professional Services; Town Green Bus Shelter dated August 9, 2021, from Brewster Architects for architectural and engineering services for the proposed Bus Shelter located on the Town Green, seconded by T. Rudko. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
8. Application for Permitium Online Vital Request System: R. Coyle motioned to authorize the First Selectman and Town Clerk to sign the contract with Permitium noting that there is a conveyance fee of \$4 charged by

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Permitium and a \$1 fee charged by the Town of Colchester to cover postage, seconded by D. Mizla.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Mailing of Absentee Ballot Applications: No action taken

10. Police Department AXON Technology Assurance Plan (TAP): R. Coyle motioned to approve the contract with AXON and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by T. Rudko.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. NECCOG Contract: R. Coyle motioned to approve the 2021-2022 contract with NECCOG for Animal Control Services and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by D. Mizla.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Set Town Meeting Date for CORE (Colchester's Openness to Respecting Equity): D. Turner motioned to set at Town Meeting Date of September 8 for CORE (Colchester's Openness to Respecting Equity), seconded by D. Mizla. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. (See amendment below)

13. Set Town Meeting Date for Town Budget: D. Mizla motioned to set the Town Meeting Date on September 8 for the Town Budget in the amount of \$15,704,961.69, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (see amendment below)

14. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Robbie Avery commented that she would be able to attend the Town Meeting. Deanna Bouchard stated that she was in favor of not sending out absentee ballot applications to all registered voters and that the time and location needed to be part of the motions for the Town Meetings.

Amendment to Agenda Item 12 – D. Turner amended original motion to set the Town Meeting for CORE (Colchester's Openness to Respecting Equity) at Bacon Academy auditorium on September 8 at 6:30 p.m., seconded by T. Rudko. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Amendment to Agenda Item 13 – D. Mizla amended original motion to set the Town Meeting date for Town Budget to September 8 to be held at Bacon Academy auditorium, for the Town Budget in the amount of \$15,704,961.69, at 7 p.m. seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

15. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: The zoning regulations were redone in 2015 and the subdivision regulation were supposed to be done following that, but they never were. This has resulted in both sets of regulations having erroneous references. The Town is looking at having a consultant come in to rectify the situation. This will be coming to a future Board of Selectmen meeting.

COVID numbers continue to be on the rise. Colchester is currently listed in the orange risk category while Hebron, Lebanon and East Hampton are all in the red. FS met with the SE CT Council of Government (SCCOG) earlier in the week and they have written a letter to the Governor to ask for a statewide mandate for mask wearing indoors. The Centers for Disease Control has announced that vaccinated people should get a booster at 8 months after your original shot. The Town will be working with Chatham Health District.


16. LIAISON REPORTS: D. Turner – Conservation Commission – There was one pending application, two enforcement matters and an issue with water and sewer at a subdivision on Cabin Road.

First Selectman – Attended the Sewer and Water Commission and Economic Development Commission.

17. ADJOURN: T. Rudko motioned to adjourn at 8:23 p.m., seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Please see the minutes of future meetings for any corrections hereto.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Heide Perham, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman

Requested by	What is requested	Date requested/received	Date Acknowledged	Date Fulfilled
Steve Schuster	<p>1. All written correspondence in writing and or electronic emails or text messages between the First Selectman's office and Officer Eric Watrous and any other State of Connecticut employees and or the Town of Colchester, CT regarding my (Schuster) speeding ticket and subsequent arrest charging me of "impersonating and officer of the law."</p> <p>2. All written correspondence in writing and or electronic emails or text messages between the First Selectman's office and Colchester Police officer Dominick Sullivan regarding the complaint filed by the First Selectman and any others involved in said complaint that resulted in my (Schuster) requested appearance in the Police Departments office resulting in the "victim/witness statement" that you attached to your Freedom of Information request.</p>	7/18/2021	7/18/2021	

August 2021 FOI Requests