



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Agenda

Regular Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, September 3, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

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

Others Present via Zoom: Andreas Bisbikos, Sean Shoemaker, Matthew Bordeaux, Sheila Tori, Jay Gigliotti, David Dander

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: T. Rudko motioned to take item B out of the Consent Agenda and make it number 7 and renumber accordingly, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: FS apologized for cutting T. Rudko's citizen's comments shorter than the allotted three minutes. T. Rudko accepted the FS's apology.
5. CORRESPONDENCE: Two letters attached in agenda. T. Rudko referenced J. McNair's letter regarding the Youth Uprise students' statements at the August 20, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting. T. Rudko stated that he knew in advance that the students were going to make a statement and he found it distasteful that taxpayer dollars are used to foster the comment that was made and that children were willingly and knowingly used as political pawns. FS stated she had not known the statement was going to be made and that she supports all the programming through the Youth Center.
6. CONSENT AGENDA: R. Coyle motioned to approve the consent agenda items A, C and D, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
7. Approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting: T. Rudko wanted to amend line item #23 Citizen's Comments to include his comments at the BOS meeting and Line item #25 under Liaison Reports to reflect "A. Bisbikos brought forward a suggestion as liaison to Parks and Rec to use money in the general fund to irrigate the fields." R. Coyle motioned that the board accept the correction on 25 D as presented by T. Rudko. T. Rudko seconded. **MOTION CARRIED 4/1 FS Opposing.** Action on the minutes at the next meeting.
8. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointment and Resignations

A. Police Commission – Resignation as Chair – Carol Vaillancourt: D. Turner motioned to accept

C. Vaillancourt's resignation, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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B. Parks and Recreation Commission – Resignation – Eric Kundahl: R. Coyle motioned to accept E. Kundahl's resignation with regret and thank him for his years of service, seconded by D. Mizla.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Third and Fourth Amendment for the Middlesex Paramedic Program and Authorize the First Selectman to Sign All Necessary Documents: D. Mizla motioned to accept the third and fourth amendment for the Middlesex Paramedic Program to June 30, 2021 and authorize the First Selectman to sign seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
10. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Long-Term Recovery Committee's Charge: R. Coyle motioned to accept the LTRC charge as presented, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
11. Discussion and Possible Action to enter into Agreement with Attorney David F. Sherwood on Behalf of the Planning and Zoning Department: R. Coyle motioned to authorize the First Selectman to sign an agreement on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Department for the legal services of Attorney David F. Sherwood per the terms outlined in the attached agreement seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Accepting the Service Agreement Extension for Refuse and Recycling with Willimantic Waste Paper Co., Inc. and Authorizing the First Selectmen to Sign Necessary Paperwork: FS will ask Jim Paggioli to present the fee schedule for Transfer Station at a future BOS meeting. T. Rudko motioned to authorize the FS to sign the reauthorization Willimantic Waste contract, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
13. Discussion and Possible Action on a Budget Transfer to Close Out FY 2019-2020: D. Mizla motioned to approve the Budget Transfer, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
14. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters: R. Coyle motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. for personnel reasons, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Board Members exited Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.
15. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None
16. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: FS stated that Colchester hasn't had a new COVID case in 2 months. Senior Center is holding off reopening until after October 1, and Public Boards/Commission Meetings will continue to be through Zoom until further notice, reassess after school starts. Halls Hill Road is almost complete. The Fuel Cell will be operational by Oct. 1, two months ahead, and gas line almost complete. Paper Mill Road will be completed soon. FS toured the Youth Center and will have a presentation for a future BOS meeting regarding repairs needed. There will be a demonstration of a ladder truck for the Fire Company on Tuesday, September 8 at the Town Hall parking lot at 5 p.m. The Town Meeting for the C-Tip for NCT Friction Welding will be held Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom with drive through voting at Town Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
17. LIAISON REPORTS:

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Senior Center Building Committee – The Committee officially accepted the schematic 12B as the layout of the Senior Center and discussed site plan and outside design.

Chatham Health District – They received a grant as part of the CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Cooperative Agreement to support local public health efforts around COVID 19. Year one will be \$106,000, year two \$106,000 and year three \$53,000. They discussed reopening of the Senior Centers within the district.

Police Commission – The Police Department ordered a Ford 2020 F150. They received a new drone. Officer Brown will be replacing Officer Owens as the School Resource Officer. Officers Labonte and Watrous received the CT State Police Life Saving Award for their life saving activities on July 18. James Stavola is the Chair of the Commission and Carol Vaillancourt is the Vice Chair. Officers Goss and Scheel were promoted to Corporal.

Agriculture Commission – Elected Donna Rosenblatt as Chair and Carla Roselli as Vice Chair. Their next meeting is October 19. The commission needs to recruit 2 members and 2 alternates.

Long Term Recovery Committee – They discussed how to address the analysis of qualitative data from the resident survey and how to share the information along with make recommendations. The business survey has been sent out and they are trying to make sure businesses are responding.

Fire Department Apparatus – There was discussion about different types of ladder trucks. There will be a demonstration at Town Hall on September 8 at 5 p.m.

Denise Turner:

CHVFD Exemption Revision Commission – Completed updates to the ordinance and will be ready to present to the Board of Selectmen in September to bring their recommendations to a town meeting.

T. Rudko:

Planning and Zoning Commission – Reviewed two public hearings, one for 489 Old Hartford Road, and NERP Holdings. Under correspondence addressed complaint about 143 Bulkley Hill Road and possible action needed.

Denise Mizla:

No meetings to attend.

18. ADJOURN: T. Rudko motioned to adjourn, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY