



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Minutes

Regular Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, October 1, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

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

Others in Attendance: Jim Paggioli, Ian Lily, Maggie Cosgrove, Rob Tarlov, Linda Pasternak, Gayle Furman, Dave Dander, Andrea Migliaccio, Andreas Bisbikos, Bernie Dennler

1. CALL TO ORDER: FS called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: D. Turner motioned to delete number 9 and renumber accordingly, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None
5. CORRESPONDENCE: Attached to Agenda
6. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting
 - B. Tax Abatements: D. Mizla motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED** 4/1 with T. Rudko opposed
7. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointment and Resignations: R. Coyle motioned to reappoint Michael Hinchliffe, Sue Bruening and Donna Rosenblatt to their respective positions with term expirations listed below, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
 - A. Economic Development Commission – Reappointment of Michael Hinchliffe with a possible term to expire 10/31/2023
 - B. Conservation Commission – Reappointment of Sue Bruening with a possible term to expire 10/31/2023
 - C. Agriculture Committee – Reappointment of Donna Rosenblatt with a possible term to expire 11/30/2023
 - D. Planning and Zoning – Reconsideration of Steven Durel with a possible term to expire 12/15/2022: D. Mizla motioned to reconsider Steven Durel to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire 12/15/2022. R. Coyle amended the motion to appoint S. Durel and seconded it. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
 - E. Planning and Zoning – Interview – Ian Lily for a possible term to expire 12/31/2020: Ian Lily was interviewed.

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8. Discussion of Recommendation of the Fire Apparatus Committee: The Board discussed the demonstration of the various trucks and their benefits. Many of the town's apparatus's are outdated and need to be replaced. The estimated cost will be approximately \$4.5 million.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Unassigned Fund Balance Policy – The Board, Board of Finance Chair, R. Tarlov and CFO M. Cosgrove discussed how the Unassigned Fund Balance has been used in the past and difference between assigned, unassigned and committed. The Board of Finance will be meeting to discuss and refine the language and bring it back to the Board of Selectmen for approval.
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Establishment of Ad Hoc Group to Conduct Search for New Fire Chief – FS will be discussing the process with the HR Director and also reaching out to other Fire Departments to see if they would be willing to share their process for conducting search for a new chief.
11. Discussion and Possible Action to Award RFP 2020-07 Fire Company 1 Fuel Oil Tank Replacement: R. Coyle motioned that the RFP 2020-07 Fire Department Company One – Fuel Tank Replacement be awarded to Stula Enterprises, LLC for the base bid cost of \$35,500.00, and hereby authorize the First Selectman, enter into a contract with Stula Enterprises, LLC and to sign and deliver said agreement and any necessary documents required, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
12. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: D. Dander and T. Rudko made comments.
13. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: FS attended a bond sale and got a one year bond for \$2,845,000 at .49% interest to cover costs of WJMS building while the town waits for the state's reimbursement. Harrington Court has had a significant uptick in COVID cases. The town's numbers are also on the rise and now include 4 deaths. The OSHA fines for the Fire Department have been reduced by half and all issues have since been remediated. The town will continue having Zoom meetings instead of in person until at least the new year.
14. LIAISON REPORTS: T. Rudko – No meetings
D. Mizla – No Meetings
D. Turner – Board of Assessment Appeals, one motor vehicle hearing
Long Term Recovery Committee – They are breaking down into small groups to look at the feedback from the survey.
R. Coyle – Senior Center Building Committee – Finalized the exterior of the building. The committee worked on the OPM and a new RFQ went out.
FS – Police Commission – There will be a ceremony on October 9 to honor those who helped save a resident in July.
15. ADJOURN: T. Rudko motioned to adjourn, Seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**