



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Agenda
Regular Meeting via Zoom
Thursday, November 5, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

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

Others Present: Gayle Furman, Greg Barden, Ian Lilly, Sal Tassone, Matt Bordeaux, Linda Pasternak, Marge Mlodzinski, Tiffany Quinn and Andreas Bisbikos

1. CALL TO ORDER: FS called meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: R. Coyle motioned to replace the Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule in the Consent Agenda with the Amended Meeting Schedule, seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
4. Presentation by Tom Hennick with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission
5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Ian Lilly spoke about data storage.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting
 - B. Approve the Quality Enhancement portion of the Competitive School Readiness Grant Application
 - C. Approve 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule
 - D. Tax Abatements

R. Coyle Motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by D. Mizla. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
8. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointment and Resignations
 - A. Reappointment of Denise Salmoiraghi to the Housing Authority for a term to expire 5/1/2025: R. Coyle motioned to reappoint Denise Salmoiraghi to the Housing Authority for a term to expire 5/1/2025, seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - B. Appointment of Ian Lilly as Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a possible term to expire 11/5/2023: D. Turner motioned to appoint Ian Lilly as Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a possible term to expire 11/5/2023, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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- C. Appointment of AnnMarie Maffuid as Member to the Youth Services Advisory Board for a term to expire 11/5/2023: D. Turner motioned to appoint AnnMarie Maffuid as Member to the Youth Services Advisory Board for a term to expire 11/5/2023, seconded by D. Mizla. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D. Appointment of Carol Wikarska as Member to the Youth Services Advisory Board for a term to Expire 11/5/2023: D. Mizla motioned to appoint Carol Wikarska as Member to the Youth Services Advisory Board for a term to Expire 11/5/2023, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- E. Agriculture Commission – Interview – Timothy Francis for a Possible Term to Expire 11/19/2020: T. Rudko motioned to table interview as T. Francis was not present, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Board Selectmen Minutes Content: R. Coyle motioned to include motions, first and second, liaison reports, First Selectman report and in Citizens Comments include the name of person and topic they spoke on and if they state their stance it will be noted, seconded by D. Mizla. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Memorandums of Agreement Pertaining to Collective Bargaining with Colchester Fire Fighters, Local 3831, IAFF, AFL-CIO and Municipal Employees Union Independent, SEIU Local 506:
- Municipal Employees Union Independent, SEIU Local 506 - Adding the Park and Recreation Director to the Union: R. Coyle motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, D. Turner seconded. MOTION CARRIED 4/1 with T. Rudko abstaining.
- Colchester Fire Fighters, Local 3831, IAFF, AFL-CIO – Carrying Vacation Time Over: R. Coyle motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, seconded by T. Rudko. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- Colchester Fire Fighters, Local 3831, IAFF, AFL-CIO - Right of First Refusal for Scheduling: R. Coyle motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, seconded by T. Rudko. MOTION CARRIED 4/1 with T. Rudko opposed.
- Colchester Fire Fighters, Local 3831, IAFF, AFL-CIO – Scheduling: R. Coyle motioned to approve the Memorandum of Agreement, seconded by T. Rudko. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
11. Discussion and Possible Action to Accept the Long Term Recovery Committee’s Report and Amend their Charge: R. Coyle motioned to accept the Long Term Recovery Committee’s Report, seconded by D. Mizla. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
- R. Coyle motioned to approve the amendment to the Long Term Recovery Committee’s charge, seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
12. Discussion of Town Charter: FS will send Board members the attorney’s memo and the section out of charter that refers to review and revision and put it on agenda for November 19 Agenda.

13. Discussion and Possible Action of Assignment of Clerks to Boards and Commissions: FS will bring a priority list for Boards and Commissions in needs of clerks as well as the projected costs annually monthly and remainder of budget year and put it on the November 19 agenda.

14. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE

15. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: The election had 89.35% of registered voters turn out to vote. There are 10,946 registered voters, 9,780 of those registered voted. There were 106 people who registered to vote on Election Day. 37% of the votes were absentee. COVID update – Colchester is still in the orange zone, have pulled back from Phase 3 to Phase 2.1, restaurants will have to be closed by 9:30 p.m. and residents are asked to stay home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Indoor gatherings have to be limited to 25 people. Town Hall is open to the public. COVID testing at Town Hall Friday, November 6 from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. and Sunday, November 8, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

16. LIAISON REPORTS: D. Mizla: No meetings to attend.

D. Turner: Historic District Commission held a public hearing for an application for certificate of appropriateness for Eagle Scout for a sign for Colchester Cooperative Nursery School, amended and approved the application. Historic district signs need to be repaired and painted but they have no budget.

T. Rudko: ZBA meeting there was a variance for a garage.

Planning and Zoning: There was a change in regard to what could be in the Historic Preservation Zone to allow and Auto parts shop.

R. Coyle: Long Term Recovery Committee amended their charge and continue to work on implementation.

Discussing restaurant week in December

Senior Center Building Committee – Evaluated proposals of rebid and schedule interviews

Chatham Health – Requests from Superintendents regarding students from out of town, recommended that they do not change their policy. Overwhelmed with contact tracing. Ran out regular flu shots but have extra high dose flu shots for seniors.

FS – Attended the Police Commission

17. ADJOURN: D. Turner motioned to adjourn, seconded by R. Coyle. 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