



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 17, 2019
Colchester Town Hall @ 7:00pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Denise Mizla, and Selectman Denise Turner

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Fire Chief W Cox, Recreation Director T Quinn, Town Clerk G Furman, Fire Marshal S Shoemaker, BOF A Migliaccio, BOE M Bylone, E Evans, T Rudko, D Gesiak, 6 students and clerk T Dean

1. Call to Order

A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

- 2. Additions to the Agenda** – A Shilosky added #8 Discussion and Possible Action on Bloom Connecticut Clean Energy Company LLC Energy Tax Stabilization. R Coyle added #9 Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase Request of 129 Westchester Road, renumber remaining items.

R Coyle moved to approve the additions to the agenda as presented, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Citizen's Comments – none

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 3, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting
- b. Housing Authority – Reappointment of Janet LaBella for a five-year term to expire 11/30/2024
- c. Parks & Recreation Commission
 1. Reappointment of Traci Bruni for a four-year term to expire 11/1/2023
 2. Reappointment of Brenda Kniska for a four-year term to expire 11/1/2023
- d. Planning & Zoning Commission – Reappointment of Joseph Mathieu for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2022
- e. Agriculture Commission – Reappointment of Leslie Curtis as an alternate member for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2022
- f. Historic District Commission – Reappointment of Ellen Sharon for a five-year term to expire 11/1/2024
- g. Reappointment of Dean Hunniford as Tree Warden to expire 11/17/2020
- h. Tax Abatements

S Soby moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

5. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations

- a. Emergency Management Director – Sean Shoemaker possible appointment to expire 11/19/2020
S Soby moved to appoint Sean Shoemaker as Emergency Management Director for a one year term to expire 11/19/2020, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Deputy Emergency Management Director – Richard Peruta possible appointment to expire 10/31/2020
D Mizla moved to appoint Richard Peruta as Deputy Emergency Management Director for a one year term to expire 10/31/2020, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Recreation Department Halloween Event

S Soby stated concern that Friday night 11/1 potentially might exclude people from participating as it is the Jewish Sabbath, as well as a Christian holy day observed. Input from T Quinn on scheduling conflicts as to why this was the earliest date that worked.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Mutual Police Assistance Compact

A Shilosky stated that he wasn't confident that having mutual assistance from the Mohegan Tribe and Mashantucket Pequot Tribe would be in the best interest of the town due to distance. S Soby asked what generated this request and the

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position of our Sgt. Resident Trooper. A Shilosky stated he was just given the contract by the PD and there was no position stated. The Board agreed that due to currently having state police available if needed, that the current program was satisfactory. NO ACTION

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Bloom Connecticut Clean Energy Company LLC Energy Tax Stabilization

A Shilosky gave an overview of the project to date. Eversource is currently installing pipeline for natural gas through Colchester. Bloom has requested breaking down the tax payment of \$9 million tax over 20 years at a set rate semi-annually. This would provide the same final tax payment over the 20 years, but at a set amount per year. This would not incur any cost to the town. A Town Meeting to approve this is required. Discussion on potential risk if company changes hands and whether contract language is noted that the obligation would carry to the successor owner.

R Coyle moved to send the following question to a town meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7pm in Town Hall meeting room 1; Should the town of Colchester enter into a twenty year tax stabilization agreement with Bloom Clean Energy Company, LLC where Bloom will pay a stabilized annual tax payment for their personal property that is equal to what they would have paid if they had been tax conventionally.

S Soby inquired if the motion language has been reviewed by town counsel for legal sufficiency. A Shilosky will follow up.

R Coyle withdrew the motion . NO ACTION

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase Request of 129 Westchester Road

R Coyle stated that the BOS and BOF have reviewed and both approved the purchase. The board would like to move forward by purchasing the property. The demolition and remediation are not time sensitive and there are a few options available to fund it.

R Coyle moved to approve the purchase of the property at 129 Westchester Road adjacent to Norton Park for the price of \$1.00, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Citizen's Comments – Evan Evans regarding the property purchase of 129 Westchester road. He encouraged the Board to get a full assessment of the property before purchase.

11. First Selectman's Report - none

12. Liaison Reports

R Coyle reported on Commission on Aging – attached

D Mizla reported on Board of Education – Approved 2020 meeting dates. Presentation of grade 3-8 student assessment results and Bacon Academy math improvement update. Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board (EWIB) donated four large fabrication tables. The WEIB has supported BA's manufacturing program and has been instrumental in establishing a pipeline to employment that our students benefit from. Projected enrollment is slightly higher than projected (attached).

S Soby stated that given the projected contracts with Electric Boat, there is definitely a huge need for manufacturing students. The EWIB program is a way to give students the experience base needed to move into that workforce.

13. Adjourn

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

Attachment:
129 Westchester Road
Commission on Aging report
CPS enrollment

September 25, 2019

Colchester Board of Selectmen
Norwich Avenue
Colchester, CT. 06415

I would like to offer the Town of Colchester a piece of property at 129 Westchester Road, Colchester, Ct. with existing building, for the price of \$1.00. I would hope this property might be added to the already approved, and in the the progress of development, to Norton Park, to which it is adjacent.

I enclose a map of said property.

Sincerely,

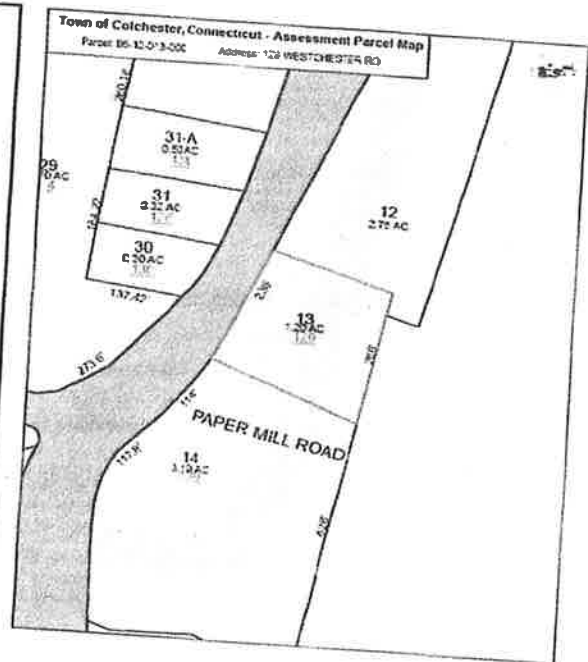
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nan Wasniewski", is written over the printed name.

Nan Wasniewski

167 Marvin Road
Colchester, Ct. 06415

Address	129 Westchester Road
Property Description	Finley House
Owner/Title	WASNIEWSKI NANCY N
Grantor	
Sale Date	12/31/1985
Acreage	1.2
Appraised Value	\$110,600.00
Assessed Value	\$77,500.00
Annual Taxes	\$2,508.68
Monthly Rental Income	\$0.00
Zoning	R60
480 Property	NO
Parcel ID	06-12/013-300
Account Number	W0253200
Transferred to RW-NW Trust	NO
Insurance	
Insurance Carrier	Landlord's
Coverage	Gerhardt - Travelers
Premium	\$0.00
Premium Due	\$0.00
Last Updated	N/A
	7/10/2017

2014 Taxes	\$2,659.97
2015 Taxes	\$2,696.28
2016 Taxes	\$2,726.26
2017 Taxes	\$2,508.68



COA Meeting-October 15, 2019

Renters' Rebate season was completed on October 1. OPM said checks will be mailed on October 25 this year. We completed applications for 127 households this year.

2020 Travel Survey was distributed by email to gain feedback for the trips that we will be offering in the coming year.

Our Escape Room Challenge was very well-received. I sent in an application to NISC for a Program of Excellence Award, because I feel this program was highly innovative and successful.

We continue to prepare for our Holiday Fair & Open House. There are clipboards out to help with setup, the day before, working the day of and providing gift baskets and baked goods, if any of you would like to contribute, we'd appreciate it.

Oktoberfest will be held tomorrow with musical entertainment by Ashley Hamel. This special event is sold out. We are also planning our annual Halloween Pizza Costume Party on October 31st.

Trips are selling well. We have a full bus going to the SECT Regional Event. Billy Elliott at the Goodspeed is sold out and the Quebec Winter Carnival Trip has 16 people registered, so far.

AARP chapter #4019 will be moderating a Meet the Candidates Forum at the Senior Center on Tuesday, October 29th. Election Day is the following Tuesday and we will be running buses to the polls, for any members who may need transportation.

I will be sitting in on interviews for the new FT Social Service Coordinator position for Y&SS. Their department will now be assisting with social service programs for seniors (Energy Assistance and Renters Rebate), as well.

I will be conducting Justine Kowinsky's (3 month) probationary evaluation later this month.

I have submitted our year end reports for the Making Memories Program grant. A new grant year began on October 1st.

Open Enrollment for Medicare begins today and runs through December 7th. We will be holding 2 Open Enrollment Events on November 8 and December 6, with assistance from Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging.

Chatham Health District will be providing a Flu Vaccination Clinic on 10/18 and 11/1 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals served in August: on site: 232 MOW: 294
- Monthly Transports in August: 900
- Monthly Attendance in August: 2322
- Total Membership: 1338

Colchester Public Schools 2019-2020 Class Size by Grade - October 2019

Colchester Elementary School		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Supported HR	Total
Class											
PreK	37	66									103
Kindergarten	20	20	20	20	20	19	19	19	20		158
Grade 1	18	18	20	18	18	17	19	19			128
Grade 2	21	20	21	21	21	21	19	19	21		165
Total											554
Jack Jackter Intermediate School											
Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			Total
Grade 3	18	18	17	17	16	18	19	19			142
Grade 4	19	19	19	20	20	19	18	20			154
Grade 5	21	18	19	21	21	20	20	20			160
Total											456
William J. Johnston Middle School											
Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			Total
Grade 6	24	23	21	21	13	21	21	21	9		174
Grade 7	17	21	20	19	22	23	22	20	6		170
Grade 8	26	25	25	24	21	22	19		11		173
Total											517
Bacon Academy											Total
Grade 9											208
Grade 10											191
Grade 11											199
Grade 12											180
CTAP											3
Alt Ed											9
Total											790
Grand Total											2317

High School class sizes are not reported in this manner
as they vary with every course.