



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 1st, 2022, at 7 PM

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TOWN CLERK

Members Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), D. Bates, J. LaChapelle, R. Coyle, and D. Turner

Also Present: P. Watts (Senior Center Director), Lt. D. Tetreault (Resident State Trooper), Corporal C. Scheel (Colchester Police Department), J. Jones (Interim Public Works Director)

1. Call to Order – A. Bisbikos calls meeting to order at 7:01 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
 - Between correspondence and citizens comments, A. Bisbikos issued a statement regarding pending litigation against the town.
4. Citizens Comments
 - G. Transue spoke in favor of utilizing the Bendas donation. L. Pasternak described the conditions of the current senior center. P. Watts spoke against the injunction and in favor of utilizing the Bendas donation. J. Anderson spoke about how the elderly are being treated as 2nd class citizens. V. Rose spoke in favor of the senior center project. B. Gozzo spoke in favor of utilizing the Bendas donation and described the conditions of the current senior center. R. Bianco discussed supporting utilizing donated and municipal funds to cover the costs of the senior center project. J. Jones described the conditions of the current senior center and spoke in favor of the senior center project. N. Weston spoke in favor of the senior center project. B. Dennler spoke in favor of the senior center project. K. Kardys spoke in favor of the senior center project. J. LaChapelle explained the injunction. T. Rudko spoke about the budget overruns of the senior center project. C. Russi spoke in favor of the senior center project. R. Avery spoke in favor of utilizing the Bendas donation. M. Dubreuil spoke about seeking clarity on the legal questions around the senior center project. M. Egan spoke against the injunction. N. Bibee spoke in favor of the senior center project. D. Bouchard spoke about M. Egan's comments and in favor of the injunction. R. Coyle provided an overview of price estimates regarding the project. K. Paquette spoke in favor of moving the senior center project forward. S. Fowler spoke about donations. K. Lavoie spoke about the costs of the project. D. Lambert spoke in favor of staying in the bounds of the \$9.5M. A. Norton spoke about donations. S. Gillespie spoke about creative funding.
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the 11/17/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes and the 11/21/22 Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen & Board of Finance Special Meeting minutes.
 - D. Bates made a motion to move the consent agenda. 2nd by R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
6. Police Department

- A. Possible action to terminate the Agreement Between the Town of East Haddam and Town of Colchester Concerning Private Duty Police Assignments – No action, needs further investigation
- B. Possible action for the Colchester Police Department to sign a contract with Power DMS and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents
 - D. Turner made a motion for the Colchester Police Department to sign a contract with Power DMS and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- C. Possible action for the Colchester Police Department to sign an agreement with Daigle Law Group, LLC and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents
 - R. Coyle made a motion for the Colchester Police Department to sign an agreement with Daigle Law Group, LLC and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

7. Transfers

- A. Possible action to recommend a transfer in the amount of \$93,500 from the Water Enterprise Fund to Professional Services for Engineering design of the Filter Vessels and the painting/refurbishing of the 40 ft water tank as recommended by the Sewer & Water Commission
 - R. Coyle made a motion to approve a transfer of \$93,500 from the June 2021 Water Enterprise fund balance to the 22-23 Water Operating fund (4003210) account for Professional services (44208). 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- B. Possible action to recommend a transfer in the amount of \$100,000 from Road Improvement to Professional Services for Tree Removal as recommended by the Public Works Department and send that recommendation to the Board of Finance for approval
 - J. LaChapelle made a motion to recommend a transfer in the amount of \$100,000 from Road Improvement to Professional Services for Tree Removal as recommended by the Public Works Department and send that recommendation to the Board of Finance for approval. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

8. Contracts

- A. Possible action for the Town of Colchester to approve a contract with Dime Oil for 15,214 gallons of Heating Oil at \$3.5976 and Diesel Fuel for 18,885 gallons at \$3.6878 and have the First Selectman sign any necessary documents
 - R. Coyle made a motion for the Town of Colchester to approve a contract with Dime Oil for 15,214 gallons of Heating Oil at \$3.5976 and Diesel Fuel for 18,885 gallons at \$3.6878 and have the First Selectman sign any necessary documents. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

9. Bendas Bequest for the New Senior Center

- A. Motion to review and approve the use of up to \$575,000 of funding donated to the Colchester Senior Center through the Estate of Mr. Stephan J. Bendas for the New Senior Center building project and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. – No action

10. Senior Center Building Project – No action on all motions

- A. Motion to enter a construction contract with BRD Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$8,625,000.00 for the construction of the new Senior Center as described in plans and specifications as prepared by Silver/Petrucelli & Associates, and in accordance with the bid documents.
- B. Motion to approve the Bidding Phase documents as being substantially complete and satisfactory.
- C. Motion to authorize Silver/Petrucelli & Associates to proceed to the Construction Administration and Closeout Phase of the contract in accordance with the Agreement between Silver/Petrucelli and Associates and the Town of Colchester dated July 14, 2020.
- D. Motion to approve the Bidding Phase Documents as being substantially complete and satisfactory as provided under, and in accordance with, the Agreement between Construction solutions Group and the Town of Colchester dated January 15, 2021.
- E. Motion to authorize Construction Solutions Group to proceed to the Construction and Close-out Phase of the contract as provided under, and in accordance with, the Agreement between Construction Solutions Group, LLC., and the Town of Colchester dated January 15, 2021.

11. Policies

- A. Possible action to approve of the Town of Colchester Town Incentive Program (C-TIP) Application modifications as recommended by the Economic Development Commission
 - D. Turner made a motion to approve of the Town of Colchester Town Incentive Program (C-TIP) Application modifications as recommended by the Economic Development Commission. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- B. Review J. LaChapelle's donation policy proposal – No action
- C. Possible action on donation policy proposal – No action

12. Interviews

- A. Alysha Fagan – Open Space Committee – No interview
- B. Sally Whipple – CORE
- C. Jocelyn Nadeau – CORE – No Interview
- D. Jillian Vinci - CORE

13. Citizens Comments

- P. Bureau spoke about the importance of staying at \$9.5M for the senior center project. B. Dennler spoke about the importance of addressing tree removal. D. Lambert spoke about inflation and scaling back costs. T. Rudko spoke about the pending litigation. M. Rudko spoke about the audio files needing to be uploaded. M. Dubreuil spoke about construction estimates. D. Bouchard spoke about the size of the senior center project and future costs.

14. First Selectman's Report – FS will present it via email blast & social media due to time

15. Liaison Reports

- R. Coyle spoke about the Senior Center Building Committee audio needing an update. J. LaChapelle provided Board of Education updates – the hiring of new superintendent, new enrollment numbers, the armed guard survey results, and on tuition costs.

16. Adjourn – J. LaChapelle made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by D. Bates. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM

Meeting minutes submitted by Franchesca Brown