

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 3, 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: Registrar D Mrowka, Recreation Director T Quinn, Director of Public Works J Paggioli, Wetland Enforcement Officer J Gigliotti, BOE M Bylone, 1 student and clerk T Dean

1. Call to Order

A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Additions to the Agenda – A Shilosky removed #11 Discussion and Possible Action on National Prescription Opiate.
 Litigation, and move 4.a. Approval of Minutes from the consent agenda to regular agenda #5, and renumber remaining items.

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

- 3. Citizen's Comments none
- 4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Economic Development Commission Reappointment of Sean Nadeau as alternate member for a five-year term to expire 10/31/2024
  - b. Approve Emergency Management Performance Grant for FFY 2019
  - c. Tax Abatements
  - S Soby moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D Turner. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
- Approved Minutes of the September 19, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting

D Turner made the following correction; 11. Liaison Reports, delete first paragraph.

D Turner moved to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting, as amended, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Acceptance of Conservation Easement on 42 Prospect Hill Rd J Gigliotti reviewed the memo submitted.

S Soby moved to accept the Conservation Easement on 42 Prospect Hill Road, Assessor's Map 05-12 Lot 044-000, as shown on the Plan entitled "Plot Plan prepared for Joshua Stark", seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center Building Committee Charge

S Soby added amendments to draft. A Shilosky stated the next steps will be to set up a meeting with all members for R Coyle to give the charge and the committee will then assign a chair person.

R Coyle moved to approve the Senior Center Building Committee Charge as presented with amendments, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

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

A Shilosky stated that the property is located next to the Norton Mill Park area. J Paggioli stated expenses to consider are taking the building down, hazardous building survey, and a phase 1 study. Approximate cost could be \$15-\$20k. The town would look for grant funding. A Shilosky also stated that the funding could be taken out of the general fund or funding put

away over time. There is 1.2 acres around the vacant house. The tax revenue loss would be about \$2,500. The use of the property would be to expand the park and get rid of an eyesore. The Board was in consensus that purchasing the property would be in the best interest of the town. The Board agreed they would like to forward the request to Board of Finance to get a consensus if they would support the purchase. NO ACTION

#### 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Norton Park Committee Charge

R Coyle made amendments to draft. A Shilosky stated the next steps will be to set up a meeting with all members for D Mizla, who will serve as liaison, to give the charge and the committee will then assign a chair person.

S Soby moved to approve the Norton Park Committee Charge as presented with amendments, seconded by D Turner. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and Possible Action White Oak Tree Seedling donation by The CT Tree Protective Association J Paggioli stated a good location would be on the Town Green as a replacement for some of the dying trees. It meets the deed restriction on the green for deciduous trees only.

S Soby moved to accept the White Oak seedling to be planted on the Town Green, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

#### 11. Wrap up Report on 57 Fest by Recreation Director

T Quinn handed out an expense/revenue report for the 57 Fest. She stated there was low sales on raffle tickets. The overage in expenses will come out of the Program Fund. A Shilosky stated that they need to discuss the possibility of funding the fest through the budget or not having it at all. Typical cost of running the event is \$15k. Discussion on including the question in the next Board of Finance budget survey.

#### 12. Discussion on Contract with Assembly of God for Elections

A Shilosky stated the town currently has no agreement with the church to use their location as a voting location. The pastor agrees with drafting an agreement, as it protects both parties. A Shilosky will draft an agreement, then bring it back to the BOS for review and approval.

#### 13. Citizen's Comments -none

#### 14. First Selectman's Report

A Shilosky reported the town is going out to bond the balance of the WJJMS Building project. S&P came back with an AA+ bond rating. This is the highest rating the town has received. Fiber Optics will go into the Fire House with no cost for installation and no additional fees for the service. Department Heads attended a learning session with OpenGov. The CFO worked out the issues with OpenGov. Eversource Natural Gas pressure coming into the lines is too high for individual homes. The solution was to secure a location at Town Hall property where Eversource can bring down the pressure. S Soby inquired about safety insurances during the process. J Paggioli stated they have a third computerized vault, the inspection process was increased to weekly and there will be a 6 month required maintenance.

#### 15. Liaison Reports

S Soby reported on Planning & Zoning – approved a permit for solar farm on New London Rd. Due to the threshold being low, all was at a local review. Solar will be sold into the grid. Discussion on sidewalks plan to be reviewed.

R Coyle reported on Chatham Health – hired an environmental technician on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Don Mitchell is retiring. Hours are changing. Hebron Fair inspections went well with 72 booths to monitor. Blood pressure and flu clinics ongoing. Solarware project ended. Discussed EEE virus.

C3 Annual Meeting – had speaker from each child and adult support programs. Fortunate to have this program in town.

#### 16. Adjourn

D Turner moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

Attachment:

Conservation Easement
Senior Center Building Committee Charge
Westchester Road Purchase
Norton Park Committee Charge
57 Fest Report



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415 Website: <u>www.colchesterct.gov</u>

September 26, 2019

To: Colchester Board of Selectmen

From: Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer

RE: Acceptance of Conservation Easement associated with 42 Prospect Hill Road Lot Development

In December 2018, Joshua Stark, the property owner of 42 Prospect Hill Road, received an approval from the Colchester Conservation Commission, to cross a watercourse with a driveway in order to construct one single family residence. The commission approved the application with a condition that a deed restricted Conservation Easement be placed in the area of the watercourse. The purpose of the Conservation Easement is to protect the environmental integrity of the watercourse.

The property is located on Prospect Hill Road, approx. 530ft. south of the bridge over Route 2 and approx. 1,500 ft. northwest of the Prospect Hill/ Williams Road intersection.

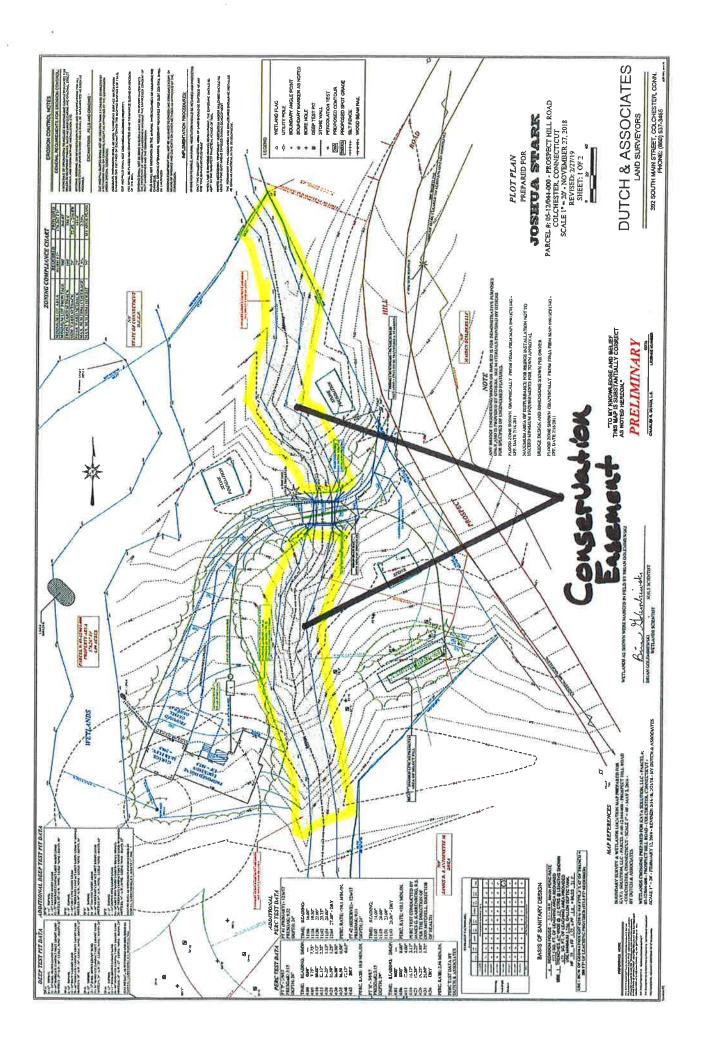
The Conservation Easement has been approved in favor of the Town of Colchester and the applicant has submitted all of the required documents, in the Town's standard formats, which have been utilized by the town for the acceptance of many previous Conservation Easements. The Town has other Conservation Easements in the immediate area and in order to move forward, the town must accept the Conservation Easement through a motion by the Board of Selectmen.

The Colchester Planning and Zoning Department staff has reviewed and approved the Conservation Easement deed language and recommends the Colchester Board of Selectmen accept the Conservation Easement on 42 Prospect Hill Road.

Recommended Motion: The Colchester Board of Selectmen motion to accept the Conservation Easement on 42 Prospect Hill Road, Assessor's Map 05-12 Lot 044-000, as shown on the Plan entitled "Plot Plan prepared for Joshua Stark".

#### **Attachments:**

- -Conservation Easement Language
- -Plot Plan



Colchester Senior Center Building Committee Scope Draft prepared by R Coyle 10/3/2019 Amendments made by S Soby in blue 10/3/2019

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#### Said project may include:

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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,

Nan Wasniewski

167 Marvin Road

Colchester, Ct. 06415

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## 2019 Celebrate Colchester-57 Fest

Revenue	Amt
Raffle Tickets	\$ 11,999.00
Sponsorships	\$ 3,300.00
Vendor Fees	\$ 1,235.00
Food Vendor Fees	\$ 1,850.00
	\$
Total	\$ 18,384.00

Expenses	Amt
Generator	\$ 348.00
Band	\$ 500.00
Sound technician	\$ 440.00
Fireworks	\$ 7,150.00
Dumpster	\$ 
Port-o-potties	\$ 215.00
Raffle Prize	\$ 20,000.00
Total	\$ 28,653.00

## 2 Year Comparison

	2018
Sponsors	1
Vendors	41
Food Vendors	6
Revenue	\$ 10,056.00
Expense	\$ 10,664.00
Final	\$ (608.00)

2019		
	6	
	35	
	10	
\$	18,384.00	
\$	28,653.00	
\$	(10,269.00)	