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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, May 5th, 2022, at 7 PM

Members Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), R. Coyle, D. Turner, J. LaChapelle, D. Bates
Others Present: Steven Hoffman (Fire Chief), Michelle Wyatt (Tax Collector), Tiffany Quinn (Park & Recreation)

1. Call to Order – Meeting Called Order at 7:01
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
   - J. Rose spoke about the National Day of Prayer & adjusting the agenda, D. Bouchard spoke about the ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee, J. LaChapelle spoke about a recent termination, A. Day spoke about a recent termination, R. Segura spoke about the playgrounds, B. Dennler spoke about a recent termination, R. Fuller spoke about a recent termination
5. Consent Agenda
   - R. Coyle made a motion to make 5A a stand-alone item & B, C, D, F the Consent Agenda. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

   A. The Minutes of the 4/21/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting were tabled. R. Coyle made a motion to approve 4/25/22 Joint Meeting Board of Selectmen Special Meeting & ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee Regular Meeting. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
   - D. Turner motions to approve the Consent Agenda (items B-F). 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

   B. Tax Collector's Refunds

   C. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the Certified Resolution of the Governing Body in relation to the new senior center

   D. Authorize the First Selectman to sign the School Reading and Quality Enhancement Grant

   E. MOU between the Town of Colchester and Jay Gigliotti

   F. Possible Action to adopt the Living Legacy Program as Presented
6. Public Safety Subcommittee Interviews
   - A. Ewings, K. Hall, B. Dennler, and T. Szoka were interviewed
7. Possible Action on updating the Job Description for Deputy Fire Chief

- R. Coyle motioned to update the job description for Deputy Fire Chief, 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

8. Office of the Tax Collector
   A. D. Turner made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to execute the one-year agreement between the Town of Colchester and TaxServ, LLC. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
   B. J. LaChappelle made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign a contract with Invoice Cloud for as an electronic bill payer vendor. 2nd by J. LaChappelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
9. RecPlex Pavilion
   A. R. Coyle made a motion to award the contract to the lowest bidder, Anthony Skut, in the amount of $5,600 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all contracts on behalf of the Town of Colchester. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
10. ARPA
    A. R. Coyle made a motion to allow only businesses that were legally established formed after March 3, 2021, as not eligible to receive ARPA funds under the town's grant program. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
    B. Possible Action on updating the Attestation Agreement - skipped
    C. Strategic Planner
       A. D. Bates made a motion that the Board of Selectmen award the contract to Real World Consulting in the amount of $10,000 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all contract documents on behalf of the Town of Colchester. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
    D. Pickleball Courts
       A. D. Turner made a motion that the Board of Selectmen award the contract to Hiding Tennis for the amount of $44,500 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all contract documents on behalf of the Town of Colchester. 2nd J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
    E. Playground
       A. R. Coyle made a motion that the Board of Selectmen award the 2022-003 RFP Playground Equipment and Installation RFP to Childscapes/Burke in the amount of $350,000 and that the First Selectman to sign all contract documents on behalf of the Town of Colchester. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
11. Citizens Comments - None
12. First Selectman's Report
    - Congratulations to Officer Kiro Wassef and all the police officers who graduated today. Officer Wassef is Colchester's newest officer and his first day on the job is Monday. I was honored to be at his graduation and meet his family. Colchester Resident State Trooper Sgt. Darrell Tetreault was also on hand to show support. God Bless the Blue!!

- Special recognition to our Colchester Hayward Fire Department Staff & Volunteers. On Tuesday, our team had to handle a tragic accident in town and a structure fire in East Haddam simultaneously. Our paid staff and volunteers are truly invaluable to this community. God Bless them!!
- In 1775 the Continental Congress allocated a time for prayer in forming a new nation. Over the years, there have been calls for a day of prayer, including from President Abraham Lincoln in 1863. On April 17, 1952, President Harry Truman signed a bill proclaiming the National Day of Prayer into law in the United States. President Reagan amended the law in 1988, designating the first Thursday of May each year as the National Day of Prayer. Today, I attended the National Day of Prayer ceremony on the Green in which I read the First Selectman's Proclamation of Prayer. My Message: Love & Prayer to Everyone.
- The ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee is looking for two members of the public to serve on it. You can get your application online
- The Town Meeting on both the Town budget and the Education budget will be held on Tuesday, May 10th for 6:30 PM at Town Hall. The Budget Referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 24th from 6 AM to 8 PM at Town Hall.
- Town Hall is very close in making announcement on our next Wetlands Enforcement Officer. We are also very close in bringing very qualified candidates in front of the Board of Selectmen over Town Planner and Finance Director. We have been working very diligently to fit any outstanding positions. Special recognition to my new Executive Assistant Franchesca Brown for carrying the office these last two weeks. We are very fortunate to have her.
- Sunday is Mother's Day!!

13. Liaison Reports
    - D. Bates – Park & Recreation items addressed in BOS meeting
    - R. Coyle – Chatham Health will now have digital service software for food service inspections, COVID cases up, food inspector position available. Senior Center Building Committee discussions with chair of the Garden Club, Silver Petrocelli have completed 90% of the design documents, an August construction start date for the Senior Center is expected, test borings & flow tests were submitted to Planning & Zoning for review. Public Safety Subcommittee – Chief Jim Baldis of Simsbury spoke about his town's Public Safety Committee
    - D. Turner – None
    - J. LaChapelle – BOE has a new interim Superintendent
    - A. Bisbikos – BOF moved budgets forward
14. Adjourn – D. Turner motioned to adjourn, 2nd by R. Coyle. Meeting adjourned at 9:14