



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

**Board of Selectman
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 5, 2023 @ 7:00 pm
Hybrid: Town Hall – Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom**

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Andreas Bisbikos
First Selectman

1. Call to Order

A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

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

Members absent: None

Others present: M. Williamson (Finance Director), J. Leone (Public Works Director) Robert Peter (Sewer/ Water Commission Chairperson), S. Hoffmann (Fire Chief) Brad Bernier (Assistant Fire Chief)
Z. Cash (Resident State Trooper)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Correspondence

None

4. Citizens Comments

M. Hayes – Spoke his concerns about there being errors in the meeting minutes for the 9/6 & 9/21 meetings.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Motion to approve the minutes of the BOS Special Meeting of 9/6/2023 and the BOS Regular Meeting of 9/21/2023.

R. Coyle moved to remove the minutes of 9/21/23 and move them to 5.1. D. Turner 2nd. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

D. Bates motioned to remove the 9/6 minutes from the agenda and move them to 5.2. R. Coyle 2nd. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

5.1 -

B. Accept the Tax Collector's Refunds

J. LaChapelle moved to accept the Tax Collector's refunds. D. Turner 2nd. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

5.1 – Correction was made to the 9/21 minutes from the original 8/28 meeting to read as follows: R. Coyle made a motion to make 3 amendments; to **PREFER** that the Facilities Maintainer reside in Colchester or within

20 minutes of Colchester Center, to prefer one of the certifications either P2, E2 or S2, and remove the words within 1 year of employment keeping the rest of the wording the same.”

Correction is also made on the 9/21 meeting minutes to the motion regarding the Senior Center to read as follows; R. Coyle amended the motion on the Agenda to say that the Board of Selectmen set a Town meeting date for Tuesday 11/14/23 for 6:30 pm at 127 Norwich Ave Colchester, CT and a referendum date for Tuesday 11/28/2023 6am-8pm to vote on the amendment increasing the appropriation and applying ARPA Funds and Funds donated by the Stephen J. Bendas Estate for the Senior Center Building Project and the Amendment increasing the Appropriation and borrowing authorization for the Senior Center Building Project as unanimously recommended by the Board of Finance. R. Coyle moved the minutes with these corrections. D. Turner 2nd. Approved 4-0-1 with J. LaChapelle abstained due to not being at the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

5.2 – D. Bates made a motion to remove the minutes from the 9/6/23 meeting. R. Coyle moved that the minutes be brought back without editorial comment and with the actions of what actually happened. D. Turner 2nd. Approved 4-1 with A. Bisbikos dissenting. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. Job Description

R. Coyle moved that we add to the agenda and make the Public Works Department Transfer Station Operator job description item B under #6, and the Public Works Transfer Station Equipment Operator job description item C under #6. D. Bates 2nd. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

J. Leone spoke about all of these job descriptions.

A. Motion to approve the job description of the Plant Distribution Chief Operator

R. Coyle moved to approve the Plant Distribution Chief Operator job description as amended. J. LaChapelle 2nd. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED 5-0**

B. The Public Works Department Transfer Station Operator job description

R. Coyle moved to approve the Public Works Transfer Station Operator job description as amended. D. Turner 2nd. Unanimously approved 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

C. The Public Works Transfer Station Equipment Operator job description

R. Coyle moved to accept the Public Works Transfer Station Equipment Operator job description as amended. D. Turner 2nd. Unanimously approved 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

7. MOU

A. Motion to approve an Agreement between the Town of Colchester and Municipal Employees Union “Independent”, Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC in relation to the Transfer Station and have the First Selectman sign the agreement.

D. Turner made a motion to approve the Agreement between the Town of Colchester and Municipal Employees Union “Independent”, Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC in relation to the Transfer Station and have the First Selectman sign the agreement. R. Coyle 2nd. Unanimously approved 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

B. Motion to approve an Agreement between the Town of Colchester and Municipal Employees Union “Independent”, Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC in relation to the Water Department and have the First Selectman sign the agreement.

R. Coyle moved to approve the Agreement between the Town of Colchester and Municipal Employees Union “Independent”, Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC in relation to the Water Department and have the First Selectman sign the agreement. J. LaChapelle 2nd. Unanimously approved 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

8. Fire Department

A. Motion that the Board of Selectmen set a public hearing date of Thursday October 26th, 2023 for 6:30 pm at 127 Norwich Avenue, Meeting Room 1 for the Colchester Tax Exemption Ordinance for Volunteer Firefighters Proposed Updates Chapter 129 Article VIII.

S. Hoffmann spoke about the Tax Exemption ordinance.

B. R. Coyle move that the Board of Selectmen set a public hearing date of Thursday October 26th, 2023 for 6:30 pm at 127 Norwich Avenue, Meeting Room 1 for the Colchester Tax Exemption Ordinance for Volunteer Firefighters Proposed Updates Chapter 129 Article VIII. A. Bisbikos 2nd. Unanimously approved 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

9. ARPA

A. Motion to award the Town Hall Roof Replacement Contract Bid 2023-014 to Ahova Home Improvement LLC for \$279,950 in ARPA funds and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents

B. J. Leone spoke about the Bid process and why we should award the project to Ahova Home Improvement, LLC. R. Coyle made motion to award the Town Hall Roof Replacement Contract Bid 2023-014 to Ahova Home Improvement LLC for \$279,950 in ARPA funds and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents. D. Turner 2nd. Unanimously approved 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

A few questions were asked regarding when the work will be done, as well as the timeframe in which it would be complete. Questions were also asked about possible funds needed to set aside for inspection.

10. Executive Session

A. To discuss BRD Builders payments

R. Coyle moved to go into Executive Session to discuss security issue concerning BRD Builders payments. J. LaChapelle 2nd. Unanimously approved 5-0. **MOTION CARRIED**

The regular meeting was pause at 7:49 PM for the Executive Session to start at this time. Executive Session ended at 8:35pm and the regular meeting resumed.

11. Citizens Comments

None

12. First Selectman's Report

A. Bisbikos passed on this item

13. Liaison Reports

J. LaChapelle reported that Dr. Hewes left the BOE and is not at the State level.

14. Adjourn

J. LaChapelle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm. D. Turner 2nd