



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Thursday, September 15th, 2022, at 7 PM

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

Member Absent: D. Bates

Others Present: T. Quinn (Park and Recreation Director)

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1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order 7:00 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
 - R. Coyle made a motion to add M. Ritter's clarification of last week's motion regarding Legal Opinions as C. under Policy Discussion. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
 - R. Coyle made a motion to make 9.1 Transfers on the agenda. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
 - J. LaChapelle made a motion to add FOI Policy Discussion for 8D. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
4. Citizens Comments
 - B. Dennler spoke about transfers. D. Bouchard spoke about the importance of following established policies. M. Rudko spoke about policies. S. Silberman spoke about the town meeting on the budget. K. Paquette spoke about the importance of collaboration.
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the 9/1/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes – No action
6. Contract Discussion
 - A. Possible action to approve a contract with DRVN Enterprises Inc to lock in salt prices at \$107.95 for an allocation of 1,900 tons and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. – No action
 - B. Possible action to approve of a contract with LexisNexis and approve of the minimum service contract increase of \$50 and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. – No action
 - C. Review order agreement of Prism Printers – No action
 - A. Bisbikos will send the lease term expiration dates for various printers/copiers to the Board of Selectmen.
7. MOU Discussion

A. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and Middlesex Hospital regarding the Sixth Amendment being added to the Agreement

- R. Coyle made a motion to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and Middlesex Hospital regarding the Sixth Amendment being added to the Agreement. 2nd by D. Turner.

Motion carried unanimously 4-0

8. Policy Discussion

A. Possible action to approve of the Sports League Reservation Policy

- R. Coyle made a motion to approve the changes to the Sports League Reservation Policy now entitled “Town of Colchester Athletic Facility Reservation Policy”. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

B. Review of the Endowment Policies from other communities

- A. Bisbikos provided an overview of Endowment/Donation Policies provided by CCM. R. Coyle suggested that we ask Department Heads for existing Endowment/Donation Policies.’

C. Review of Matt Ritter’s Legal Opinion Language

- R. Coyle made a motion to use M. Ritter’s language in the bylaws amendment in contacting the town attorney in place of R. Coyle’s initial approved motion. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

D. Review of FOI Policy Proposal – No action

9. ARPA Discussion

A. Possible action to approve of the ARPA Municipal Community Survey – No action

B. ARPA Playbook Review, Updates, Next Steps

- A. Bisbikos provided an update on various municipal projects

9.1. Transfers

- R. Coyle recommended various items for the Board of Selectmen to have before reviewing and approving transfers.

10. Citizen’s Comments

- C. Russi spoke about endowments/donations. R. Silberman spoke about irrigation and policies. L. Pasternak spoke about donation policies. G. Transue spoke about budget and transfer documents being easily accessible to the public. D. Lambert spoke about the importance of collaboration between the Board of Selectmen and on the Charter. M. Rudko spoke accessing zoom links. D. Bouchard spoke about FOI policies. A. Day spoke about irrigation. K. Paquette spoke about citizens comments.

11. First Selectman’s Report

1. Congratulations to K-9 Dutch on joining the Colchester Police. Dutch will be paired with Officer Dominic Sullivan. We wish them both the best.
2. A Town Meeting on the Town Budget is scheduled for Monday, September 19th, at 6:30 pm at Town Hall in Meeting Room 1. The Town Budget referendum will be held on Wednesday, September 28th. If the budget passes, the new mill rate will be 26.83 mills.
3. Celebrate Colchester is this Saturday, September 17th and it will be held on the Town Green. The event will be held from 1 pm – 5 pm. There will be a dunk tank for the First Selectman.

The event will be funded entirely through sponsors and donations – and is not a line item in our budget. My promise to bring back a remixed version of 57 Fest will be delivered.

12. Liaison Reports

- R. Coyle provided updates on Chatham Health and on the Senior Center Building Committee

13. Adjourn – D. Turner motioned to adjourn. 2nd by R. Coyle. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by F. Brown