



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes

Thursday, October 6th, 2022, at 7 PM

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

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:21 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
  - M. Rudko spoke about FOI. T. Rudko spoke about the zoom meeting link.
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve the 9/1/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes and the 9/15/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes
  - B. Possible motion that the Town of Colchester release Boston Indemnity Company Inc. Subdivision Bond number BC400821 and Boston Indemnity Company Inc. Subdivision Bond number BC400822 as recommended by the Town Engineer
  - C. Possible action to approve the contract with Prism Solutions Copier Lease for the following departments: Planning Department, Tax Assessor, Senior Center, and Finance with an expiration date of 09/2027
  - D. Accept the resignation of Lindsay Floyd from the Open Space Committee and Historic District Commission
  - E. Accept the reappointment of Falk Von Placheki to the Conversation Commission with a term to expire 10/31/25
  - F. Accept the reappointment of Leslie Curtis to the Ag Commission with a term to expire 11/30/25
  - G. Accept the reappointment of Mary Stevens to the Open Space Commission with a term to expire on 10/1/25
  - H. 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.
  - I. Approve the FOI Policy suggestion as outlined at the 9/15/22 Board of Selectmen meeting
  - J. Accept the Tax Collector's Refunds for October 6<sup>th</sup>

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- R. Coyle made a motion to approve of the Consent Agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

## 6. MOU Discussion

A. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Hayward Fire Department regarding the Use of Department Take Home Vehicles

- D. Turner made a motion to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Hayward Fire Department regarding the Use of Department Take Home Vehicles. 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

B. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Public Works Union regarding Light Duty – No action

## 7. Investigation

A. Possible action to recommend an independent investigation into the allegations surrounding Board of Selectman member Jason LaChapelle and a town employee

- R. Coyle made a motion to that the BOS request our labor attorneys investigate the allegations made by an employee against a member of the BOS.

The following conditions shall apply:

- 1) Selectman Denise Turner shall be the sole contact person with our labor attorneys, Kainen, Escalera, & McHale.
- 2) 2) The First Selectman and Selectman Jason LaChapelle have voluntarily recused themselves from the entire process including decision-making process on this issue.
- 3) The information shall come back to the remaining members of the BOS at a special meeting called by Selectman Denise Turner to address this issue.
- 4) The investigation shall take as much time as necessary to determine a final resolution to this issue.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bates. ***Motion carried 3-0-2 with 2 abstentions from A. Bisbikos & J. LaChapelle.***

## 8. Discussion on the possible Joint Meeting between the Board of Selectman and Board of Finance for 10/12/22

A. Transfers

B. Budget Discussion

- Discussions occurred by the Board on the joint meeting and suggestions regarding meeting agenda outline.

## 9. Jasko Zelman Apartments Presentation



- A. Possible action to the approve the C-TIP application as recommended by the Economic Development Commission – No action

#### 10. ARPA Discussion

A. ARPA Playbook Review, Updates, Next Steps

- A. Bisbikos gave an update on various ARPA projects.

#### 11. Citizens Comments

- D. Lambert, L. Pasternak, and C. O'Donal spoke about the zoom meeting link.

#### 12. First Selectman's Report

1. This week an additional 225K was allotted to the town; with The Colchester Police Department, The Colchester Senior Center, and the Colchester Food Bank each receiving an additional \$75K  
Mr. Bendas' generosity will undoubtedly leave a positive and lasting impact.
2. C3, will be hosting a free Community Baby Shower for Colchester residents who are expecting, or have an infant up to three months old, on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:30-8:00pm at Cragin Memorial Library. The event will include free gifts, community resources and games.
3. I would like to recognize Sgt. Darrell Tetreault, our resident state trooper, and the Colchester Police Department for their excellent work on a very important case.

On May 31st, a victim on Carriage Drive reported that a bullet had gone through their home. After a lengthy investigation a suspect was identified. Evidence was gathered and processed at the state forensic lab. An arrest warrant was applied for and signed by a judge at Norwich Superior Courthouse. On October 4th, a suspect was arrested with multiple charges. We will continue to follow the outcome.

As a community, we should be proud of the dedication and commitment of our police department. Let's all thank them for a job well done!!

4. I want to congratulate Steven Hoffmann, our very own Fire Chief, for being a recipient of the Harry Kelly Award at last night's Connecticut Fire Department Instructors Association dinner.
5. This Saturday and Sunday, October 8th and 9th, do not miss the family-friendly OKTOBERFEST at Priam Vineyards. You'll experience and enjoy free admission, over 50 crafters and vendors, great food trucks and, of course, wine, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

#### 13. Liaison Reports

- J. LaChapelle provided BOE updates on staff and an armed guard survey.
- D. Turner provided a CORE update on student liaisons, donations, and connecting with Hebron
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14. Adjourn – J. LaChapelle made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Turner. *Meeting adjourned 7:55 PM.*

**Meeting Minutes submitted by F. Brown**