



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Agenda - Minutes
Thursday, November 3rd, 2022, at 7 PM

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

Others Present: S. Hoffmann (Fire Chief)

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1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
 - R. Coyle made a motion to remove the 10/20/22 Board of Selectman Meeting minutes from the consent agenda and make them 4A. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
4. Citizens Comments
 - M. Rudko spoke about FOI. M. Dubreuil spoke about Cody Camp. K. Paquette spoke about FOI and an audio file. J. Ford spoke about a selectman's recent social media activity.
 - 4A: R. Coyle made a motion to add a second sentence after 6 AM – 8PM which states “The budget number that we are sending is \$15,622,901.” 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the 10/17/22 Joint Meeting of the ARPA Committee & Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes, the 10/20/22 Board of Selectman Meeting minutes (removed as part of 4A), the 10/24/22 Joint Meeting of the ARPA Committee & Board of Selectmen Special Meeting, and the 10/25/22 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting.
 - B. Accept the resignation of Katherine Kosiba from the Norton Park Committee
 - C. Accept the reappointment of Linda Pasternak to the Commission of Aging with a term to expire 12/31/25
 - D. Approve of the Tax Collector's Refunds
 - D. Turner made a motion move the consent agenda. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
6. Fire Department
 - A. Possible action to approve the Tax Exemption List for volunteers of the Colchester Hayward Fire Department.

- R. Coyle motioned to approve the Tax Exemption List for volunteers of the Colchester Hayward Fire Department. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

B. Possible action to reassign the current vendor for a carry over PO 00228058 from FY 21/22 to a new vendor to purchase turnout gear for \$29,520.

- R. Coyle motioned to reassign the current vendor to Morning Pride for a carry over PO 00228058 from FY 21/22 to a new vendor to purchase turnout gear for \$29,520. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motioned carried unanimously 5-0***

7. Executive Session

- R. Coyle made a motion to enter executive session. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. Motion carried 4-0, with D. Bates leaving before the vote. The Board of Selectmen entered executive session at 7:25 PM

A. Human Resources Coordinator Interview

B. Town Planner Interview

- The Board of Selectmen exited executive session at 8:38 PM

8. Possible action on the Human Resources Coordinator Position – No action

9. Possible action on the Town Planner Position – No action

10. ARPA Discussion

A. ARPA Playbook Review, Updates, Next Steps

- Board of Selectmen discussed joint meeting date ideas moving forward

11. Citizens Comments

- L. Pasternak asked about her reappointment. M. Dubreuil spoke about field irrigation & ARPA.

12. First Selectman's Report

1. Congratulations to the local boy scouts who participated in a very successful "Scouting for Food" drive with over 8,000 pounds of food and other items collected. Well done!!
2. A C-TIP application has been submitted to the Economic Development Commission regarding 120 South Main Street. The owner of the property will be looking to invest 1.5M to renovate and expand structure to attract quality retail establishments.
3. Our community will be celebrating Veterans Day on Nov. 11 at 11 AM on the Veterans Green. It is the day to remember our military heroes that have served or are currently serving our nation. I hope everyone can attend.
4. On October 22nd - Fire Chief Steve Hoffmann, Fire Marshal Sean Shoemaker and 9 members of the CHFD, along with 19 volunteers from the Red Cross, walked to throughout Colchester Commons educating residents on fire safety as well as installing smoke detectors in their homes. The crews were able to install 108 smoke detectors in 51 homes in the complex. Thank you for your service and commitment to our community.
5. Both the Playground Grand Opening and Trick or Trunk were a tremendous success. A special thank you to our Park & Recreation department and our Public Works department in all they did to help make these events a success.
6. The Town Green Revitalization Project is steadily moving along and still looking to meet completion by Thanksgiving. The new sign looks great!

13. Liaison Reports

- D. Turner: Youth First Coalition – Resolution Run, website revisions, and discussion on vape detectors
- J. LaChapelle: Board of Education –Administrative updates
- D. Bates inquired about updates on Norton Park donations

14. Adjourn – R. Coyle made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by D. Turner. Meeting adjourned at 9 PM

Minutes submitted by Franchesca Brown