



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Thursday, October 20th, 2022, at 7 PM

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

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1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
  - R. Coyle asked the FS look into voting suggestion box through the registrars of voters
  - R. Coyle made a motion to make 4a under citizens comments to set the Town Meeting and Budget Referendum date. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
4. Citizens Comments
  - D. Bouchard spoke on the voting suggestion box, a proposed residential project, and on the FOI log. M. Rudko spoke on the FOI log. K. Paquette spoke on the FOI log, a police investigation, and on Indigenous People Day. S. Armstrong spoke on FOI, the collaboration between the BOS, and on the First Amendment audit.
  - 4A: R. Coyle made a motion to set a Town Meeting date on Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Town Hall for 6:30 PM with a Referendum Date to be held on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall from 6 AM to 8 PM. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously at 5-0**
5. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approve the 10/6/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes, the 10/12/22 Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen & Board of Finance Special Meeting minutes, and the 10/13/22 Board of Selectman Special Meeting minutes
  - B. Possible action to extend the rental agreement to the Operate a Food & Soft Drink Concession at the Colchester Recreation Complex to include December 1, 2022, through November 21, 2023
  - C. Possible action to approve the Master Paying Agent/Bond Registrar Agreement between the Town of Colchester, Connecticut and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association (“Bank”), as Paying Agent and Bond Registrar
  - D. Accept the reappointment of Meaghan Kehogreen from the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term to expire 12/1/25
  - E. Accept the reappointment of Betty Wagner to the Ethics Commission with a term to expire 10/13/25

- F. Accept the reappointment of Kristy Moody to the Parks & Recreation Commission with a term to expire 11/30/26
- G. Accept the reappointment of Joseph Mathieu to the Planning & Zoning Commission with a term to expire on 11/30/25
- H. Possible action to enter CT Foods for CT Children Grant Application and have the First Selectman sign any documents
  - D. Turner made a motion approve of the Consent Agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously at 5-0***

#### 6. Town Meeting

- A. Possible action to call a Special Town Meeting to consider and act upon the petition to name RecPlex field, now called R-4, after Norm Kaplan.
  - A. Bisbikos provided an update on legal advice to review the policy in renaming the fields. R. Coyle and J. LaChapelle volunteered to work on the policy to bring back to the Board of Selectmen.

#### 7. Transfers

- A. Possible action to approve the use of \$1,100 from Undesignated Fund Balance for Tax Postage in the Tax Department for the FY 21-22 budget
  - D. Bates made a motion to recommend to the Board of Finance the approval to use \$1,100 from Undesignated Fund Balance for Tax Postage in the Tax Department for the FY 21-22 budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

#### 8. FOI Review

- The Board of Selectmen reviewed FOIs and made recommendations on how to better present the information.

#### 9. ARPA Discussion

- A. ARPA Playbook Review, Updates, Next Steps
  - No Action Taken

#### 10. Citizens Comments

- D. Bouchard spoke about FOI. M. Rudko spoke about FOI. D. Lambert spoke about the Board of Finance meeting and FOI.

#### 11. First Selectman's Report

1. Trick or Trunk will be Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bacon Academy Parking Lot from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. DJ Montez will be spinning the ghoulish beats. Please register your trunk by Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. And of course, your First Selectman will be there too!
2. The Colchester Fire Company #2 Roof looks fantastic. Thanks to Millstream Construction for a job well done and to our Board of Selectmen & ARPA Committee for unanimously endorsing this much needed project.

3. The Hybrid Meeting Room made its glorious debut on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Finance Meeting. With nearly 80 participants, the public had an opportunity to view a solid meeting where the entire board came out united on the budget number.
4. Brian Marvin and my friends at Carefree will donating a bus shelter to the Town Green. The bus shelter is expected to be temporary until we can get a more permanent fixture.
5. The Board of Selectmen have applicants for the Human Resources Coordinator and Town Planner. We will be exploring potential interview dates for next week.
6. The Playground will be having its Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> – tentatively for 11 AM. Hope you will join me for the fun.

12. Liaison Reports

- R. Coyle – Senior Center Building Committee Meeting would like to hold a tri-board meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

13. Adjourn – D. Bates made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Turner. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM

Minutes submitted Franchesca Brown