



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 18, 2020 @ 4:30 PM  
Zoom Meeting

Members Present: First Selectman Mary Bylone, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Mizla, Denise Turner and Taras Rudko

Others Present: Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Jay Gigliotti, Town Planner, Matt Bordeaux

1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE
4. Approve the minutes of the June 9, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting

D. Turner motioned to approve the minutes seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0.**

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Grant Application to the CT DEEP Open Space & Watershed Lands Acquisition Program

J. Gigliotti gave a presentation on a grant opportunity to acquire 65 acres of open space referred to as the Sablitz Property. The DEEP grant would provide \$150,000 and require the town to match \$60,000. The property meets the Open Space goals for the town, region, and the state. It will be used for passive recreation. Denise Mizla motioned that the Colchester Board of Selectmen endorses the submission of a grant application to the CT DEEP Open Space & Watershed Lands Acquisition Program; if awarded the Town shall carry out all contractual requirements to utilize the awarded funds together with existing town open space funds, to complete the acquisition of 65 vacant acres on Route 16 known as 4W-09 Lot 013-000 and authorize the First Selectman to sign any and all documents necessary to submit the grant application, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

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## 7. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

The State went into Phase 2 reopening on June 17. If the numbers continue to look good, the state will continue to expand opening in July.

Gas line on Mill Street, Norwich Ave. and Main Street is on target for completion in the near future. The airline trail spur work is behind schedule but should be finishing soon.

Halls Hill Road construction will begin soon.

Work continues on Paper Mill Road Bridge.

The budget has been finalized, and FS will be meeting with staff to discuss the impact to the different department of the zero increase budget. The two Fire Department Positions that were approved with the budget will be posted in the near future.

The Board of Selectmen will go back to their regular meeting schedule of the first and third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.

Board and Commission meetings will continue to be held by Zoom until Labor Day.

## 8. LIAISON REPORTS

**Senior Center Building Committee** - R. Coyle reported that the Committee met twice and in those meetings, reviewed additional designs. They reviewed the bids for Owners Representative and chose four firms that they will interview.

**Long Term Recovery Committee**- R. Coyle reported the group meets weekly and has drafted a needs survey for residents that they will test with the Lions Club to make sure they didn't miss anything before putting it out to the general public. They are working on a needs survey for businesses. They have drafted a charge for the Committee that they will put forth to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

**Norton Park Committee** – D. Mizla reported that Jim Paggioli gave an update on the bridge construction. The walking paths have been cleared and the group is hoping to finalize their flyer in July.

**Conservation Commission** – D. Turner reported the commission has two pending applications that were tabled by the applicants. They are working on an enforcement issue on Reservoir Road.

9. ADJOURN

D. Turner motioned to adjourn at 5:10 p.m., seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

Please see the minutes of future meetings for any corrections hereto.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Heide Perham, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman