

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 17th, 2022, at 6 PM

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

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
5. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve the 11/3/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes and the 11/7/22 Joint Meeting of the ARPA Committee & Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes.
- B. Accept the resignation of Lisandro Suarez from the Economic Development Commission
- C. Approve the Residential Water/Wastewater Vendor Conditions of Participation – 2022/2023 Connecticut Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and allow the First Selectman to sign any necessary documents

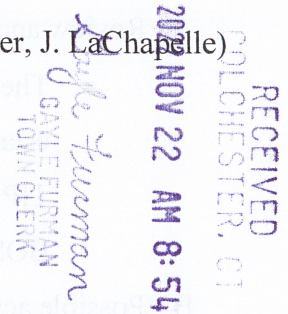
- D. Turner motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. 2nd by R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**

6. Police Department

- A. Possible action to approve the Agreement Between the Town of East Haddam and Town of Colchester Concerning Private Duty Police Assignments.
 - R. Coyle made a motion to Agreement Between the Town of East Haddam and Town of Colchester Concerning Private Duty Police Assignments. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
- B. Possible action for the Colchester Police Department to sign a contract with Power DMS and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents – No action
- C. Possible action for the Colchester Police Department to sign an agreement with Daigle Law Group, LLC and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents – No action

7. Executive Session

- J. LaChapelle made a motion to enter executive session. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0.** Board of Selectmen enter executive session at 6:24 PM



A. Town Planner Interview

- Board of Selectmen exit executive session at 7:52 PM

8. Possible action on the Town Planner Position

- R. Coyle made a motion to move to make an offer for Town Planner contingent on an acceptable background and reference check. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**

9. C-TIP

A. Review and Discussion of the C-TIP Applications of 2011, 2021, 2022 (Proposed)

- The Board of Selectmen reviewed the C-TIP Applications and made modifications to establish an overall master C-TIP Application. A. Bisbikos will return with a draft of the C-TIP Application incorporating the suggested modifications for further review at the 12/1/22 BOS Meeting.

B. Possible action to approve of the Town of Colchester Town Incentive Program (C-TIP) Application modifications as recommended by the Economic Development Commission – No Action

10. FOI Review

- The Board of Selectmen reviewed the FOI Log and made suggestions on next steps & areas of improvement.

11. Citizens Comments

- M. Rudko spoke about citizens comments and FOI. D. Bouchard spoke about FOI and on the C-TIP Application review.

12. First Selectman's Report

1. The Town Budget has passed and the new mill rate has been set to 26.82 mills. Tax bills will be sent out on November 28th.
2. The 2nd Annual Colchester Turkey Pardon will take place next week. I will be pardoning and hugging a live turkey in front of Town Hall at noon on Wednesday, November 23rd which is the day before Thanksgiving. Lil Rascals Farm run by Tim Francis, his wife, Amanda, and their two children will be providing the turkey. They will also be donating 5 turkeys to social services for families in need. They operate a 6+ acre farm at 596 Deep River Road in Colchester and raise goats, cows, turkeys, and other farm animals.
3. The Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance will having a joint meeting to discuss options on how to mitigate inflationary costs for the Senior Center on Monday, November 21st at 6 PM. The meeting will be hybrid.
4. Colchester Scouting Adventure Day

All children aged 5 and older are invited to be a part of "Colchester Scouting Adventure Day." Colchester Boy Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs are hosting outdoor adventure skills day on November 19, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Zagray Farm, on Route 85 in Colchester. All Scouting aged boys and girls and siblings are invited to this no cost event.

13. Liaison Reports

- D. Turner: Historic Commission – Officers were appointed, and 2023 Meeting Schedule was set. CORE – Discussed inclusive holidays to celebrate in 2023, had guest speakers from CODE. Senior Center Strategic Planning Committee – Working on their 5-year Plan.
- R. Coyle: Open Space needs members
- D. Bates: Norton Park – update on finances and the grant application

14. Adjourn – D. Turner made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by R. Coyle. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM

Minutes submitted by Franchesca Brown