



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 2nd, 2023, at 7 PM

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

Also Present: P. Watts (Senior Center Director), Sgt. Z. Cash (Resident State Trooper)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7 PM by A. Bisbikos
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
 - B. Hayn spoke about the property on 120 South Main Street. K. Hasting spoke about the Senior Center project. G. Transue spoke about respecting the work of volunteers. C. O'Donal spoke about the Senior Center project. M. Hayes spoke about the Finance Department. M. Rudko spoke about the Senior Center project. M. Dubreuil spoke about the Senior Center project. B. Dennler spoke about the Finance Department. J. Ford spoke about 120 South Main Street and the Senior Center project.
5. Senior Center Contract
 - A. Motion to award a construction contract with BRD Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$8,625,000.00 for the construction of the new Senior Center as described in plans and specifications as prepared by Silver/Petrucelli & Associates, and in accordance with the bid documents and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents.
 - R. Coyle made a motion to award a construction contract with BRD Builders, LLC, in the amount of \$8,625,000.00 for the construction of the new Senior Center as described in plans and specifications as prepared by Silver/Petrucelli & Associates, and in accordance with the bid documents and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried 4-0-1, with J. LaChapelle abstaining.***
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approve the 1/19/23 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes and the 1/23/23 ARPA - Board of Selectmen – Joint Special Meeting
 - B. Accept the reappointment of Gina Kunst to the Eastern Regional Tourism District (ERTD) with a term to expire 1/2/2026.
 - C. Accept the reappointment of Theodore Fuini to the Open Space Commission with a term to expire 3/31/26.
 - D. Possible action to approve of the contract with Anne Beauregard for Exercise Anne, beginning 2/1/23 and ending 6/30/23 as recommended by Patty Watts (annual agreement)
 - E. Possible action to approve of the contract with Anne Beauregard for Sittercize Instructor, beginning 2/1/23 and ending 6/30/23 as recommended by Patty Watts (annual agreement)

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- F. Possible action to approve of the contract with Susan McCaffery for Yoga Instructor, beginning 2/1/23 and ending 6/30/23 as recommended by Patty Watts (annual agreement)
- G. Possible action to approve of the contract with Independent Elevator for Regular Maintenance Twice a Year (annual agreement)
- H. Accept the appointment of Tyler Molcan as Tree Warden with a term to expire 1/5/2024.

- D. Bates made a motion to move the Consent Agenda. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

7. Agreements

- A. Possible action to approve of the ARPA Rural Roads Grant Agreement and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents as recommended by the Colchester Police Department
 - R. Coyle made a motion to approve of the ARPA Rural Roads Grant Agreement and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents as recommended by the Colchester Police Department. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- B. Possible action to approve of the Addendum to Contract for Professional Services between UHY and The Town of Colchester, which includes the utilization of ARPA funds not to exceed \$30,000 and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents.
 - R. Coyle made a motion to approve of the Addendum to Contract for Professional Services between UHY and The Town of Colchester, which includes the utilization of ARPA funds not to exceed \$30,000 and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

8. Conversation on Colchester's 325th Birthday Party with Tiffany Quinn

- T. Quinn will come back to the Board with ideas and recommendations at the next meeting.

9. Policies

- A. Possible action to approve the Naming Facilities/Areas and Recognition draft.
 - Discussion with the BOS ensued. R. Coyle and J. LaChapelle will return with new recommendations at a future meeting.
- B. Nip Bottle Disbursement Policy Discussion
 - Discussion with the BOS ensued. A. Bisbikos spoke about utilizing the funds for a street sweeper or catch basins. R. Coyle suggested getting feedback from department heads. Will continue review at a future meeting.

10. Citizens Comments

- C. Russi spoke about the 325th Birthday Party and the Senior Center project. R. Silberman spoke about the Nip Bottle Disbursement Policy. S. Armstrong spoke about the current Youth Center Building. M. Dubreuil spoke about the Senior Center project. S. Gillespie spoke about fundraising for the Senior Center project. B. Dennler spoke about the Finance Department. D. Lambert spoke about the Senior Center project.

11. First Selectman's Report - A. Bisbikos will provide the report in an email blast and on social media.

12. Liaison Reports

- J. LaChapelle provided Board of Education budget updates.
- R. Coyle provided an update on the ARPA Committee – survey and evaluation process was worked on
- R. Coyle provided an update on Chatham Health – budget is being worked on and an employee is leaving; the FDA Code will result in changes, including a digital platform being implemented; Federal Bill related to vaccinations is expiring, which will affect funds to Chatham Health

13. Adjourn – D. Turner made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM***

Minutes submitted by F. Brown