



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16th, 2023, at 6 PM

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

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

Also Present: T. Quinn (Park & Recreation Director)

1. Call to Order – A. Bisbikos called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Executive Session
 - D. Turner made a motion to enter executive session for the human resource director interviews. 2nd by R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 3-0**
 - Board of Selectmen enter executive session at 6:03 PM
 - J. LaChapelle enters executive session.
 - D. Bates enters executive session.
 - Board of Selectmen exit executive session at 7:06 PM
4. Possible action regarding the Human Resource Director
 - J. LaChapelle made a motion to appoint Shannon Ramsby to the position of Human Resources Director with a start date of April 3rd, 2023 contingent on the signing of the offer letter agreed upon by the Board of Selectmen in executive session. 2nd by R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
5. Correspondence
 - R. Coyle spoke to correspondence related to the Town Budget
6. Citizens Comments
 - G. Barden spoke about the Colchester Park & Rec Facilities agenda items. C. Russi spoke about the medical driver for senior services. R. Silberman spoke about the maintenance worker and the senior center project. G. Transue spoke about the senior center project referendum. T. Tarnowski spoke about the Naming/Facilities Areas and Recognition policy proposal and the senior center project referendum. M. Rudko spoke about FOI. M. Gilman spoke about the Town Budget and Special Meetings. D. Bouchard spoke about looking into resources to help those in need, the senior center project referendum, and the proposed ARPA social program. B. Dennler spoke about field irrigation and maintenance. S. Chapman spoke about citizens comments. M. Dubreuil spoke in favor of the field irrigation.
7. Consent Agenda
 - D. Bates made a motion to approve of the consent agenda. 2nd by J. LaChappelle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**

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- A. Approve the 2/23/23 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes and the 3/2/23 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes.
- B. Accept the Tax Collector's Refunds
- C. Accept the Norton Park Committee's application to the Colchester Lions Charities

8. Policies

- A. Possible action to approve the Naming Facilities/Areas and Recognition policy proposal – No action.
- B. Possible action on the Colchester Park & Rec Facilities Use Information and Application
 - D. Turner made a motion to approve the Colchester Park & Rec Facilities Use Information and Application and any fees applicable to them. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0.***
- C. Possible action on the Colchester Park & Rec Facilities Use Agreement
 - D. Bates made a motion to approve the Colchester Park & Rec Facilities Use Agreement. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- D. Possible action on the Colchester Park & Rec Facilities Indemnification and Liability Waiver
 - D. Turner made a motion to approve the Colchester Park & Rec Facilities Indemnification and Liability Waiver. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

9. Discussion on the Thursday, April 6th Regular Meeting

- D. Bates made a motion to cancel the Thursday, April 6th Regular Meeting. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

10. ARPA Discussion

- D. Turner made a motion to postpone the ARPA discussion until the regularly scheduled April 20th meeting. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried 4-1, with A. Bisbikos dissenting.***
- A. Review of ARPA Ad Committee Executive Summary and ARPA Municipal Community Survey Results
- B. Possible action on the ARPA Projects and Associated Costs

11. FOI Review

- A. Bisbikos provided an FOI update, including cost of FOI.

12. Citizens Comments

- D. Bouchard spoke about ARPA, water shutoffs, and FOI. R. Silberman spoke about the field irrigation and water bills. M. Gilman spoke about meetings and citizens comments. M. Rudko spoke about payment plans for water bills, support for ARPA for citizens, and FOI.
- R. Coyle made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by D. Tuner. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM
- Adjournment made after citizens comments, but before First Selectman's Report and Liaison Reports

13. First Selectman's Report

14. Liaison Reports

15. Adjourn

Submitted by F. Brown