



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

**Board of Selectman
Special Meeting Minutes -
Wednesday, September 6, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
Hybrid: Town Hall – Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom**

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1. Call to Order

A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm

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

Members absent: None

Others present: M. Williamson (Finance Director) G. Furman (Town Clerk), P. Spruence (President of CTCA)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Correspondence - None

4. Town Clerk Investigation

- A. Review Documents related to the misappropriation of funds and other matters.
- B. Possible Action that the Finance Department must include in the Historic Documents Preservation Fund and MERS account balance in the Monthly Reports issued to the Board of Finance so that the town is aware of these balances and may consider them when budgeting for the Town Clerk's Office.
- C. Possible action that all expenditures related to the Historic Documents Preservation Fund and MERS account must be sent on a requisition form to the First Selectman and Finance Director for approval. In the event the First Selectman denies any expenditure, the Town Clerk may appeal that decision to the Full Board of Selectmen.
- D. Possible action that the Board of Selectmen issues a formal complaint to the Connecticut Attorney General to investigate the Colchester Town Clerk for misconduct, misappropriation of public funds, willful and material neglect, or incompetence pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 7-22.

R. Coyle moved to postpone action on items 4a-4d until December. D. Bates 2nd. **Initial motion passed 3-2 with A. Bisbikos & J. LaChapelle dissenting. A. Bisbikos ignored the motion as it was deemed unethical**

A. Bisbikos continued with the meeting by presenting evidence and information regarding the investigation, stating he will not stand for corruption. He has promised to deliver the documentation to Attorney General's Office. At 7:08 pm (35 min into the meeting) the presenting of evidence was paused for J. LaChapelle to go to the Police Department in response to M. Egan's behavior. At 7:23 pm J. LaChapelle returned and the presentation continued. In regard to the accounts used for these funds, Statements were heard from P. Spruence, the President of the CTCA. G. Furman spoke as well concerning the situation.

5. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 9:00 pm with no adjournment.