

**Town of Colchester
CHVFD Exemption Revision Commission
Special Meeting
June 1, 2020 – 6:00p.m.
*Virtual Meeting**

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Denise Turner, Michael Hayes, Walter Cox, Chuck Maynard, Carona, John Knapp

MEMBERS ABSENT: John Chaponis

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** D. Turner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ELECT CHAIRPERSON:** M. Hayes motioned to nominate D. Turner as the Chair seconded by W. Cox. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHARGE OF THE COMMISSION:** As per the Board of Selectmen Minutes of April 2, 2020, the committee was formed "to review the Incentive Program to clear up confusion and ensure program working as intended".
4. **CITIZENS COMMENTS:** None
5. **PRESENTATION FROM JOHN CHAPONIS ON HISTORY OF THE EXISTING ORDINANCE:** J. Chaponis was unable to attend. No presentation was given.
6. **PRESENTATION FROM CHUCK MAYNARD ON POSSIBLE ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING ORDINANCE:** C. Maynard gave a brief history of changes to the tax abatement that were approved by the Selectmen in December of 2016 but never went to Public Meeting as required by Charter. Members had been under the impression that the new abatement language was in effect during this time. Two members retired under this impression. There are 3 members currently waiting to retire once the abatement changes are put in place. Five consecutive years of receiving an abatement in a 25-year span qualifies a member to receive the abatement after retiring. There needs to be some clarification made as to how the tax abatement will be calculated and if those already retired will be grandfathered in.
7. **ADJOURNMENT:** C. Maynard motioned to adjourn, seconded by M. Hayes. Chairman Turner adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by,



Dawn LePage, Clerk

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