



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Fire Department Focus Group Minutes
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2020 @ 5:30 p.m.
Colchester Town Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER at 5:30 pm. Members in attendance: M. Bylone BOS, R. Coyle BOS, R. Tarlov BOF, W. Cox Chief, D. Lee Deputy Chief, S. Shoemaker Fire Marshal. Absent: M. Egan BOF
2. Delineate Charge of the Focus Group
 - a. Chief W. Cox presented overview of staffing challenges in providing coverage utilizing volunteers at a time when the number of volunteers are decreasing.
 - b. Deputy Chief D. Lee presented an overview of the current Fire Apparatus including function, age, status of repair and issues to be addressed.
3. Set Chair and Vice Chair
 - a. R. Coyle nominated M. Bylone as Chair. S. Shoemaker 2nd. Motion passed unanimously
 - b. R. Coyle nominated S. Shoemaker as Vice Chair. W. Cox 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Set Future Meeting Dates
 - a. Meetings will be held monthly. M. Bylone will have H. Perham work on a common date for everyone and send out schedule.
5. Next Steps
 - a. M. Bylone will put forth a proposal in upcoming budget for 2 Firefighter/EMS positions for consideration in the FY20-21 Budget
 - b. Fire apparatus will be discussed in future meeting. Likely will need to get funding through a bond.
6. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS - none
7. ADJOURN Motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm by R. Coyle. 2nd by S. Shoemaker