



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

**Fire Department Focus Group Agenda  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, September 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.  
Zoom Meeting**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6 pm. Members in attendance: M. Bylone BOS, R. Coyle BOS, R. Tarlov BOF, B. Dennler III BOF, D. Lee Deputy Chief, S. Shoemaker Interim Chief/Fire Marshal, S. Morris Assistant Chief CHVFC
2. **Additions/Delections:**
  - a. R. Coyle Motioned to add: Discussion and Possible Action on recommendation on purchase of fire apparatus. Motion was seconded by R. Tarlov. Motion carried unanimously.
3. **Citizens Comments:** None made
4. **Discussion and Follow Up to the Fire Truck Demonstration held on 9/8/2020**
  - a. Group discussed the side by side demonstration of the tower truck and the aerial ladder truck. All members recommend the purchase of the tower truck. Reasons stated included:
    - i. Safer for the firefighter
    - ii. Gets resources to the area of the fire quicker
    - iii. Better for rescue of injured people
    - iv. More options for stabilization of the tower truck with a four point stabilization system vs a three point on the ladder
    - v. Would need a mid mount tower truck because of the space available in the current Fire Department building
5. Discussion and Possible Action on recommendation on the purchase of fire apparatus:
  - a. The group discussed the different pieces of equipment and recommend the purchase of the following:
    - i. Tower Ladder 100 ft, mid mount
    - ii. 3 Fire Engines. 1 x 1000 gallon tank and 2 x 750 gallon tank
    - iii. Tanker 1800 gallon

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iv. Ambulance

- b. Motion made by R. Coyle and seconded by B. Dennler. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Next Steps**

- a. Fire Department staff will work on updating the current spreadsheet for cost of apparatus
- b. M. Bylone will schedule a meeting with R. Tarlov, B. Dennler, R. Coyle, M. Cosgrove and Barry to discuss debt capacity and strategy for bonding.
- c. M. Bylone will check with attorney about bidding individual pieces of equipment along with fleet bidding.
- d. Fire Department staff will begin to put together the educational presentation for the public on the reason why we are recommending the purchase of the equipment at this time.
- e. R. Coyle and R. Tarlov will report findings of Focus Group at the upcoming BOS and BOF meetings.
- f. M. Bylone will send out the timeline requirements for going to referendum.

**7. ADJOURN** Motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm by D. Lee and seconded by R. Coyle

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bylone