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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes - Amended
Thursday, May 18th, 2023, at 7 PM

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TOWN CLERK

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), D. Bates, J. LaChapelle, R. Coyle, and D. Turner
Also Present: D. Sorrentino (Town Planner), C. Collins (UHY), S. Farber (UHY)

(ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE ACTION):

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
 - J. Duigo endorsed A. Norton for the Norton Park Committee vacancy and will submit a future application for the Sewer & Water Commission. D. Mussen spoke about a property on Skyview Drive. D. Winicki spoke about a property on Skyview Drive. R. Silberman spoke about the Water Department. B. Tiezzi spoke about the Board of Education budget. B. Shipman spoke about the Senior Center project. K. Mussen spoke about the Board of Finance meeting. T. Moroch spoke about the Town and Education budgets. J. McKenzie spoke about the Board of Finance meeting. E. Shuman discussed not moving the Education Budget to a Town Meeting. M. Millington discussed not moving the Education Budget forward. J. Ford spoke about the Senior Center project and BOE budget being sent to referendum. B. Dennler stated that the Board of Selectmen should move the Education budget to a Town Meeting and acknowledged the work of those on the Public Safety Subcommittee. D. Bouchard spoke about the Public Safety Working Group Bylaws and acknowledged the work of A. Migliaccio on the Board of Finance. V. Rose spoke about the BOE budget.
 - D. Turner made a motion to make it under the Consent Agenda item A as 5, item B as 5.1, item C as 5.2, and item D as 5.3 and act on them individually. 2nd by R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
5. Consent Agenda
 5. Approve the 5/4/23 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes. – No action needs to be amended.
 - 5.1 R. Coyle made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Refunds. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - 5.2 R. Coyle made a motion to reappoint Patty Watts as Colchester's Agent for the Elderly with a term to expire June 17, 2025. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - 5.3 Motion to approve the FFY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program Region 4 Memorandum of Agreement and have the First Selectman sign all necessary documents and authorize a resolution on behalf of the Town of Colchester – No action.

6. ARPA/UHY

A. Social Services Grant Program

- C. Collins provided an overview of what other communities had done and outlined parameters for the program. The Board of Selectmen agreed to a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee to review the program.
- R. Coyle made a motion to send the Social Services Grant Program to ARPA. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

B. Colchester Comeback Business Updates

- C. Collins and S. Farber provided the Board of Selectmen with an update on UHY's business application review.

C. EZ-AIR application

- C. Collins, S. Farber, and D. Sorrentino provided an overview and update of the Skyview property situation. The Board of Selectmen asked questions and provided their perspectives.
- R. Coyle made a motion that UHY draft a letter to EZ-AIR on their Non-Compliance and have the First Selectman send it out. 2nd by D. Bates. Motion carried 4-1, with J. LaChapelle dissenting.
- R. Coyle motioned for a five-minute recess. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0.***
- The meeting recessed at 9:57 PM.
- The meeting reconvened at 10:02 PM
- The Board of Selectmen informally agreed to table items 6D, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

D. Project Updates

- Tabled due to length of meeting. A. Bisbikos will email all BOS members an update.

7. Interviews

- E. Hast interviewed for the Planning & Zoning Commission alternate vacancy.

8. Discussion with Mary Williamson on the Finance Department & Robert Half.

- M. Williamson provided the Board of Selectmen with an update on the Finance Department & Robert Half.

9. Town and Board of Education Budgets

- A. J. LaChapelle made a motion to move the proposed Town budget of \$15,633,140 and the proposed Board of Education budget of \$43,679,351 to a Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 31st for 6:30 PM at William J. Johnston Middle School, 360 Norwich Avenue in Colchester, CT, and a Referendum to be held on Tuesday, June 13th from 6 AM to 8 PM at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue in Colchester, CT. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- B. Turner made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by R. Coyle. – Meeting adjourned. at 10:57

Minutes submitted by F. Brown