

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Bernie Dennler, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting

March 14, 2024 - 6:00PM

Agenda

Colchester Town Hall Meeting Room 1 and Hybrid via Zoom

To join by Zoom, please click the link below to join the Webinar:

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All items on this agenda are subject to possible action.

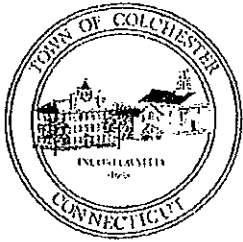
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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizen's Comments
4. Recreation Needs & Coordination Ad Hoc Committee Interviews
5. Discussion and possible action to authorize the First Selectman to sign the MSRB required G-17 letter for regarding Bond Anticipation Notes with Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.
6. Citizen's Comments
7. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Dennler
First Selectman



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

DATE: 3/11/24

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Name: Suzanne Salemi

Address: 96 Prospect Hill Road Colchester, CT. 06415

Home Phone: _____ Email sunflower522@comcast.net FAX: _____

Cell Phone: 860 917-4935 Town Residency 23 Years

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Unaffiliated (check one)

Commission or Board you are interested in serving on: Rec Needs & Coordination - school athletic fields

Educational Background: List name and location of school, # of years attended, Subjects/Major, Did you graduate?

High School: Hall High School, West Hartford, CT - 4 years, Graduated 1993

College: URI BS Zoology 1997

New York University BA Science Journalism 2000

Southern CT State U 6th Year Science Education 2006

Trade, Business
Or Correspondence
School

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Work Experience: List length of employment, name and address of employer, position & reason for leaving:

Science Teacher - RHAM High School - Physics and Environmental Science 2002 - present

Professor College and Academic Writing - SUNY Empire State University - 2001 - present

not leaving either as I'm applying for a volunteer position

Are you capable of making the commitment of time necessary to serve on this Board or Commission? Yes

Why are you interested in serving? I have enjoyed living in and raising my children in Colchester. Now that my children are a little older, I have more time to give back to the community. I feel that it is extremely important to provide quality services to the town and taxpayers to keep the town an attractive place to be. It's vitally important that we fund and maintain the services we provide for the town's people. Now, I'm concerned about the quality of the athletic fields at the schools and I would like to be part of helping solve the problem.

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? In 2000, I sat on the Wetland Commission for the town of Marlborough

and recently, I've attended BOS, BOF, and BOE meetings to help pass town budgets.

As a teacher and parent, I see first hand the importance of having quality athletic fields and facilities for all community members. The fields are not just used by students but anyone in the community who wants to get outside and be active.

If you are not appointed to this board or commission, would you be interested in other forms of public service?

Which ones? potentially - right now, I'm focused on the athletic fields and just starting to get involved in town government.

Date: 3/11/24

Signature: 



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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DATE: March 8, 2024

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Name: Michael Dubreuil

Address: 180 Woodbine Road Colchester, CT. 06415

Home Phone: _____ Email dubreuilm@gmail.com FAX: _____

Cell Phone: 860-941-5154 Town Residency 12 Years

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Unaffiliated (check one)

Commission or Board you are interested in serving on: Recreation Needs and Coordination

Educational Background: List name and location of school, # of years attended, Subjects/Major, Did you graduate?

High School: Enfield High School, Enfield, Connecticut
Attended: 4 years, Graduated: 2001

College: Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts
Attended: 4 years, Major: BS Computer Engineering Technology, Graduated: 2005

Trade, Business
Or Correspondence
School _____

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Work Experience: List length of employment, name and address of employer, position & reason for leaving:

Collins Aerospace, January 2022 to Present

Electric Boat, October 2010 to January 2022

Textron Defense Systems, June 2004 to October 2010

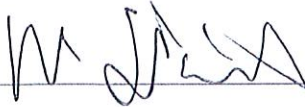
Are you capable of making the commitment of time necessary to serve on this Board or Commission? Yes

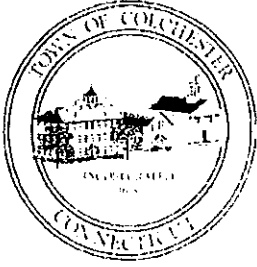
Why are you interested in serving? It's extremely important for local government to invest in park improvements and the schools because these resources promote economic activity in the community. These resources not only provide enjoyment for our citizens, but can be used to attract individuals to relocate to our town. I want to serve for my children and the community. I understand many of the issues, have ideas on how they could be resolved, and most importantly have an open mind on listening to other individuals' concerns and ideas.

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? Yes, I have two children in the school system. For the past 5 years, I have volunteered in areas of varying responsibility within the Colchester Baseball & Softball League. I have been a baseball manager, but more important to the mission of this committee assignment I am an unofficial member of the Town's Public Works team. I have performed countless hours of manual labor at the Town's RecPlex and at Jack Jackter's Cody Camp. This experience has provided me unique insight into the challenges facing this committee.

If you are not appointed to this board or commission, would you be interested in other forms of public service?
Which ones? Yes, I would consider appointment to other boards or commissions.

Date: March 8, 2024

Signature: 



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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DATE: 2/6/2024

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Name: Paula JERVASI

Address: 59 Cato Corner Rd Colchester, CT. 06415

Home Phone: Email: paulajervasi@gmail.com FAX:

Cell Phone: 860 917 0328 Town Residency: 38+ Years

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Unaffiliated (check one)

Commission or Board you are interested in serving on: Recreation + Facility Planning

Educational Background: List name and location of school, # of years attended, Subjects/Major, Did you graduate?

High School: Bacon Academy
Graduated

College:

Trade, Business
Or Correspondence
School

Work Experience: List length of employment, name and address of employer, position & reason for leaving:

State of Connecticut
Motor Vehicle Examiner - 21 years

Are you capable of making the commitment of time necessary to serve on this Board or Commission? Yes

Why are you interested in serving?

Wants to move Colchester in a direction to make facilities more accessible to residents.

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? No

If you are not appointed to this board or commission, would you be interested in other forms of public service?

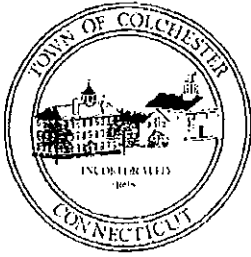
Which ones? Facility Planning Committee

Date:

2/6/2024

Signature:





Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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DATE: 1/23/2024

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Name: Luke J. McCoy

Address: 141 Oak Farm Drive Colchester, CT. 06415

Home Phone: (860) 460-8605 Email mccoy.luke.j@gmail.com FAX: n/a

Cell Phone: (860) 460-8605 Town Residency 9+ Years

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Unaffiliated (check one)

Commission or Board you are interested in serving on: Recreation/Fields Needs Study Committee

Educational Background: List name and location of school, # of years attended, Subjects/Major, Did you graduate?

High School: East Lyme High School, graduated 1998.

College: University of Connecticut, class of 2002. Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture

Trade, Business
Or Correspondence
School _____

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Work Experience: List length of employment, name and address of employer, position & reason for leaving:

KBA, New Britain, CT, Principal/Landscape Architect & Landscape Architecture Studio Leader 2016 - present

BSC Group, Glastonbury, CT, Senior Associate/ Manager of Landscape Architecture, 2012-2016, growth potential

Friar Architecture (formally Friar Associates), Farmington, CT, Landscape Architect, 2002-2012, owner retiring

Synthetic Turf Council (STC), national organization - www.syntheticurfCouncil.org, Board of Directors, 2015-2019

Professional Licenses: State of CT #1027, Commonwealth of Massachusetts #4023, State of Rhode Island #0637, & LEED AP

Are you capable of making the commitment of time necessary to serve on this Board or Commission? Yes

Why are you interested in serving? I would love to see a capital improvements plan developed for the Town and Community that provides a long-term plan for improvements and maintenance to the town's athletic fields, courts, and parks. A plan that accounts for capital funding needs currently and in the future, while considering the cost of preventative maintenance to aid in reducing renovation and replacement costs. I have seen the condition of many of the facilities and believe that my professional experience, as well as having been through the field permit process and using the facilities as a coach could provide a unique perspective, as well as having been through the field permit process and using the facilities as a coach could provide a unique point of view and possibly experiences in collaboration with the other members selected for the committee.

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? As the Principal leading the Landscape Architecture Studio at KBA, I play a key role in steering clients through the intricate details of the site design process for municipal k-12 schools, public safety facilities, & athletic facilities throughout New England. Utilizing over twenty years of experience working with municipal K-12 facilities, I help clients address complex site development challenges, site design, capital planning, community outreach and engagement, and funding research. Recent and relevant projects include Ledyard High School's new track and synthetic turf field, Southington High School's athletic complex capital improvements plan, and the recently renovated Trinity Health Stadium (formally Dillon Stadium) in Hartford. I have also been involved in coaching sports for over 2-decades at the youth and high school level in East Lyme, Bristol, and recently Colchester.

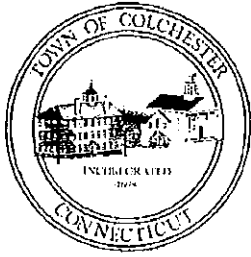
If you are not appointed to this board or commission, would you be interested in other forms of public service?

Which ones? Potentially also the Facilities Planning Committee

Date: 1/23/2023

Signature: Luke J. McCoy

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Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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DATE: March 3, 2024

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Name: Christopher Pianta

Address: 52 Alfred Drive Colchester, CT. 06415

Home Phone: 8605376223 Email: chrisp@agrosoci.com FAX: N/A

Cell Phone: 8602099270 Town Residency 24 Years

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Unaffiliated (check one)

Commission or Board you are interested in serving on: Recreation Needs and Coordination Committee

Educational Background: List name and location of school, # of years attended, Subjects/Major, Did you graduate?

High School: Xavier HS Middletown CT diploma

College: University Of Connecticut BS Professional Horticulture & Agronomy
Diploma Spring 1983

Trade, Business N/A
Or Correspondence
School

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Work Experience: List length of employment, name and address of employer, position & reason for leaving:

Senior Buyer Franks Nursery - soils, seeds, chemical lawn & garden hardlines - Detroit MI

Senior Marketing Manager FTD Corporate 0 Southfield MI

Director - Soils systems and Agronomic Consulting Profile Soil Products Chicago IL

Vice President Growell Brand garden products - Soil and Much products

CEO-AgroSciInCInternationalDesign/BuildHorticulturalFeaturesandGreenwalls

Are you capable of making the commitment of time necessary to serve on this Board or Commission? yes

Why are you interested in serving? i believe i can provide an industry based experience, with an objective viewpoint concerning the evaluation and analysis of either artificial or natural turf fields for sports turf use. reviewing the costs, benefits, short term and long term sustainability, servcie and maintenace and safety for either type of field, with players performace, safety environmental concerns and long range benefits to the schools and the community.

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? _____

40 years in horticultural and agronomic industries specializing in soil systems for professional sports turf, golf course and consumer products

old at retail. Consulted in the 90's with NFL, MLB and golf course design (Arnold Palmer and Trent Jone Design.

Engineered ac developed soil systems for soprts fields, consumer bagged products and commercial container plant systems in architectural applications.

Launched 3 companies focused on Agronomic servcies and products for commercil and design based industries.

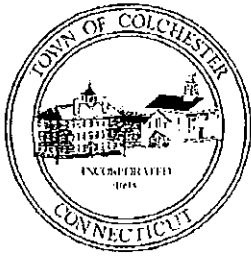
On 3 patents for soil amendment and soil systems.

If you are not appointed to this board or commission, would you be interested in other forms of public service?

Which ones? not at this time

Date: 3-3-2024

Signature: Christopher Pianta



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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DATE: 2/12/2024

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Name: Matthew Parsons

Address: 218 Taylor Rd Colchester, CT. 06415

Home Phone: _____ Email mattpar20@gmail.com FAX: _____

Cell Phone: 413-464-4080 Town Residency 13 Years

Party Affiliation: Democrat Republican Unaffiliated (check one)

Commission or Board you are interested in serving on: Ad-Hoc Board of Selectman Recreation Needs & Coordination Committee

Educational Background: List name and location of school, # of years attended, Subjects/Major, Did you graduate?

High School: Mount Greylock High School, Williamstown MA

Graduated May 2000

College: University of New Hampshire, Mathematics Education, Graduated May 2004

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, Masters in Education, Graduate May 2006

Sacred Heart University, Sixth year degree in Administration, Graduated 2018

Trade, Business Education

Or Correspondence

School Colchester Public Schools

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Work Experience: List length of employment, name and address of employer, position & reason for leaving:

Colchester Public Schools, 2019 - present, teacher

Connecticut River Academy, LEARN, 2010 - 2019, teacher, moved closer to home

Hall High School, 2009 - 2010, teacher, temporary coverage for teachers on leave

Canton High School, Canton MA 2007 - 2009, teacher, moved to Connecticut

Drury High School, North Adams MA, 2005 - 2007, teacher, married and moved

Are you capable of making the commitment of time necessary to serve on this Board or Commission? Yes

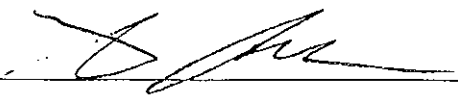
Why are you interested in serving? I am an active member of the community, serving on two youth sports boards. I have been working with the sports groups in town to ensure the safety of our players which includes evaluating the fields and the recreational facilities. As part of the soccer and baseball boards, I have worked with the public works department to prepare the fields and gyms for the season. I have spent countless hours on and in the recreational facilities throughout town and have a comprehensive understanding of each league's needs and use.

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? Since October 2023 I have been acting as the co-chair for the Colchester Public Schools Facilities committee as formed by the Superintendent. Through this work I have organized a team of community members to tour, evaluate, and present our findings to the Board of Education. I have met with a variety of companies and stakeholders through this work and gathered pricing, age limits, and maintenance needs. I also am aware of how to maintain fields as I have worked on golf courses in the maintenance staff for years and have a brother that is a Superintendent of a private golf course holding a class A license.

If you are not appointed to this board or commission, would you be interested in other forms of public service?

Which ones? Facilities Planning Committee

Date: 2/12/2024

Signature: 



Allison F. Fleitas
Managing Director
130 Bellevue Ave – Suite 215
Newport, RI 02840

Transacts Business on All Principal Exchanges, Member SIPC

March 11, 2024

Town of Colchester
127 Norwich Avenue
Colchester, CT 06415
Attn: Bernie Dennler, First Selectman

Re: Disclosures by Sole Managing Underwriter
Pursuant to MSRB Rule G-17

Dear Mr. Dennler:

We are writing to provide you, as First Selectman of the Town of Colchester (Issuer), and an official of the Issuer with the authority to bind the Issuer by contract, with certain disclosures relating to the captioned bond issue (Notes) to:

- i. Confirm and engage Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (Oppenheimer), to serve as sole managing underwriter, and not as a financial advisor or municipal advisor, pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Commission's Municipal Advisor Rule in connection with the issuance of the Notes, and;
- ii. Provide certain underwriting disclosures as required by Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) Rule G-17 as set forth in MSRB Notice 2019-20 (Nov. 8, 2019).¹

As part of our services as underwriter, we may provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, and other similar matters concerning the issuance of the Notes.

The following G-17 conflict of interest disclosures are now broken down into three types, including: 1) dealer-specific conflicts of interest disclosures (if applicable); 2) transaction-specific disclosures (if applicable); and 3) standard disclosures.

I. Dealer-Specific Conflicts of Interest Disclosures

Oppenheimer has identified the following actual or potential² material conflicts of interest:

- o In the ordinary course of its various business activities, Oppenheimer and its affiliates, officers, directors, and employees may purchase, sell or hold a broad array of investments and may actively trade securities, derivatives, loans, commodities, currencies, credit default swaps, and other financial instruments for their own account and for the accounts of customers. Such investment and trading activities may involve or relate to assets, securities,

¹ Revised Interpretive Notice Concerning the Application of MSRB Rule G-17 to Underwriters of Municipal Securities (effective Mar. 31, 2021).

² When we refer to *potential* material conflicts throughout this letter, we refer to ones that are reasonably likely to mature into *actual* material conflicts during the course of the transaction, which is the standard required by MSRB Rule G-17.

and/or instruments of the Issuer (whether directly, as collateral securing other obligations or otherwise) and/or persons and entities with relationships with the Issuer. Oppenheimer and its affiliates also may communicate independent investment recommendations, market advice or trading ideas and/or publish or express independent research views in respect of such assets, securities or instruments and at any time may hold, or recommend to clients that they should acquire, long and/or short positions in such assets, securities and instruments.

II. Transaction-Specific Disclosures

- Disclosures Concerning Complex Municipal Securities Financing:
 - Since we have not recommended a “complex municipal securities financing” to the Issuer or Obligor, additional disclosures regarding the financing structure for the Notes are not required under MSRB Rule G-17.

III. Standard Disclosures

- Disclosures Concerning the Underwriters' Role:
 - MSRB Rule G-17 requires an underwriter to deal fairly at all times with both issuers and investors.
 - The primary role of the underwriter is to purchase the Notes with a view to distribution in an arm's-length commercial transaction with the Issuer. The underwriter has financial and other interests that differ from those of the Issuer.
 - Unlike a municipal advisor, an underwriter does not have a fiduciary duty to the Issuer under the federal securities laws and is, therefore, not required by federal law to act in the best interests of the Issuer without regard to its own financial or other interests.
 - The Issuer may choose to engage the services of a municipal advisor with a fiduciary obligation to represent the Issuer's interest in this transaction.
 - The underwriter has a duty to purchase the Notes from the Issuer at a fair and reasonable price, but must balance that duty with their duty to sell the Notes to investors at prices that are fair and reasonable.
 - The underwriter will review the official statement for the Notes in accordance with, and a part of, their respective responsibilities to investors under the federal securities laws, as applied to the facts and circumstances of this transaction.³

³ Under federal securities law, an issuer of securities has the primary responsibility for disclosure to investors. The review of the official statement by the underwriters is solely for purposes of satisfying the underwriters' obligations under the federal securities laws and such review should not be construed by an issuer as a guarantee of the accuracy or completeness of the information in the official statement.

March 11, 2024

- Disclosures Concerning the Underwriters' Compensation:
 - The underwriters will be compensated by a fee and/or an underwriting discount that will be set forth in the note purchase agreement to be negotiated and entered into in connection with the issuance of the Notes. Payment or receipt of the underwriting fee or discount will be contingent on the closing of the transaction and the amount of the fee or discount may be based, in whole or in part, on a percentage of the principal amount of the Notes. While this form of compensation is customary in the municipal securities market, it presents a conflict of interest since the underwriters may have an incentive to recommend to the Issuer a transaction that is unnecessary or to recommend that the size of the transaction be larger than is necessary.

If you or any other Issuer officials have any questions or concerns about these disclosures, please make those questions or concerns known immediately to the undersigned. In addition, you should consult with the Issuer's own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent you deem appropriate.

Please note that nothing in this letter should be viewed as a commitment by the underwriter to purchase or sell all the Notes and any such commitment will only exist upon the execution of any note purchase agreement or similar agreement and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions thereof.

It is our understanding that you have the authority to bind the Issuer by contract with us, and that you are not a party to any disclosed conflict of interest relating to the subject transaction. If our understanding is incorrect, please notify the undersigned immediately.

Under SEC and MSRB Rules, we are required to confirm our role as underwriter, and seek your acknowledgement that you have received this letter. Accordingly, please send me an email to that effect or sign and return the enclosed copy of this letter to me via email as a PDF attachment. Otherwise, an email read receipt from you or automatic response confirming that our email was opened by you will serve as an acknowledgment that you received these disclosures.

Depending on the structure of the transaction that the Issuer decides to pursue, or if additional actual or potential material conflicts are identified, we may be required to send you additional disclosures regarding the material financial characteristics and risks of such transaction and/or describing those conflicts. At that time, we also will seek your acknowledgement of receipt of any such additional disclosures.

March 11, 2024

We look forward to working with you, the Issuer, in connection with the issuance of the Notes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Fleitas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Al Fleitas
Managing Director
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.

Acknowledgement:

Bernie Dennler

Date: _____