

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17th, 2022, at 6 PM Meeting Room I, Town Hall

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Andreas Bisbikos

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman, A. Bisbikos called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Correspondence**
4. **Citizens Comments:** K. Russi spoke in support of having Zoom capability and logo for new Senior Center. A. Bisbikos responded with information on the upcoming hybrid capability for meetings at Town Hall. B. Dennler spoke in support of having Zoom capability.
5. **Consent Agenda:** J. LaChapelle motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by D. Turner. *Motion carried unanimously.*
 - A. Approve Minutes of the 2/3/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting
 - B. Tax Collector's Refunds
6. **MOU Between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Police Union:** R. Coyle recommended to put on the next agenda updating the Employee Handbook and Personnel Policy and add this to list of holidays because this will affect all employees including unions. No action taken.
7. **ARPA Consultant Recommendation – UHY:** A. Bisbikos discussed an independent review of eight ARPA consultant firms by a group of individuals: Those individuals were CFO, M. Cosgrove; Town Planner, M. Bordeaux; ARPA Chair, D. Koji, and A. Bisbikos. All individuals chose UHY as their number one choice. Examples were given on why UHY was chosen above all others. The annual fee is 30K per year. An example was given of a contender that quoted 730K. M. Cosgrove stated that the top two firms were interviewed and addressed specific questions asked of the board regarding their business processes. R. Coyle would like UHY to come and speak to the board. A discussion ensued about the differences between the various vendors and what ultimately led to the group's decision to choose UHY. J. LaChapelle motioned to approve Andreas to sign the contract with UHY. Seconded by D. Bates. *Motioned carried unanimously.*
8. **Staffing Updates:**
 - A. **Current Status** – Ruby York will be the Fire Administrative Assistant and her start date is February 28, 2022. Daphne Schaub, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, her last day was February 17. She is heading to Florida. Six per diem firefighters were added.
 - B. **Zoning Enforcement position:** New language added which relates to blight responsibilities. R. Coyle

- C. motioned to make changes to the Zoning Enforcement Officer/Assistant Building official job description as presented. Seconded by D. Bates. *Motion carried unanimously.* A. Bisbikos will be posting the position asap.
- D. **Public Works Director position:** R. Coyle outlined the differences between the previous job description and the current updated one. S. Ramsby clarified an item within this job description that addresses drug testing. R. Coyle motioned to move the document as it exists with all the changes for sewer and water. Seconded by D. Turner. *Motion carried unanimously.* A. Bisbikos stated he will post this position for a month to see what applicants apply. There is an internal candidate and some previous ones that will be included as well in the process.
- E. **Water Supervisor position:** Changes were made, and R. Coyle gave a quick overview of the history of this position and questions arose regarding compensation. A. Bisbikos stated this position will be posted for a month to see what applicants apply and there is an internal applicant as well. R. Coyle motioned to move the updated sewer/water updated job description. Seconded by D. Turner. *Motion carried unanimously.* J. LaChapelle questioned why there was a resurrection for a position that has been dormant since 2017 and how will it affect the budget. M. Previti, interim Public Works Director and Pam Minella, the Sewer/Water Supervisor were asked to give their perspective and provided insight on the need for these positions. They each gave an overview of their current responsibilities that are undertaken and spoke to the absolute need for these positions to alleviate the overburdening workload that currently is being experienced.

9. Sewer & Water/Bacon Academy Board of Trustees

- A. **Possible appointment of Stephen Coyle and Gregg Lepage to represent the Sewer & Water Commission on the Sewer & Water/Bacon Academy Board of Trustees subcommittee. Possible appointment of Tom Dessureault and Andrew Norton to represent the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees on the Sewer & Water/Bacon Academy Board of Trustees subcommittee.** Water bill was initially 15K in 2020 and with interest is now 17K. An overview was given on the history of this bill's origin and determining the responsible party/parties for the monetary responsibility of payment. The subcommittee was suggested to be formed so discussions between these two groups can be held to reach an agreement and then a recommendation would be presented to the Board of Selectmen. Brief discussion initiated by J. LaChapelle on the political makeup of the subcommittee. J. LaChapelle insisted on having a balanced point of view on the subcommittee, but because minority representation will not be in place, felt that the viewpoint will be skewed. A. Bisbikos provided an overview of what this subcommittee will be tasked with and what the entire process will entail. R. Coyle motioned that S. Coyle, G. LePage, T. Dessureault and A. Norton represent the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees on the Sewer & Water/Bacon Academy Board of Trustees subcommittee. Seconded by D. Bates. *Motion carried*
4 -1 with J. LaChapelle as the dissenting vote.

10. Public Safety Committee

- A. **Possible appointment of Chuck Maynard and Brad Bernier to represent the Fire Department on the Public Safety Committee subcommittee. Possible appointment of Officer Bryan Kowalsky and Trooper First Class Ian Hawed to represent the Police Department on the Public Safety Committee subcommittee.** J. LaChapelle raised the question as to what the point of the subcommittee is and why there is no citizen involvement to sit on this subcommittee. A. Bisbikos responded regarding transparency as being a purpose for this. R. Coyle provided the overview of the process for the makeup and charge of this subcommittee. Discussion ensued regarding the viewpoints on having citizens involved or not on the subcommittee itself and what the charge of this subcommittee would be. R. Coyle motioned to appoint Chuck Maynard and Brad Bernier to represent the Fire Department on the Public Safety Committee subcommittee and appointment of Officer Bryan Kowalsky and Trooper First Class Ian Hawed to represent the Police Department on the Public Safety Committee subcommittee. Seconded by D. Turner. *Motion carried 4-1 with J. LaChapelle as the dissenting vote.*

processed to ensure a safe environment once students return to school. The cleanup process is expected to take months and will be expensive.

4. Eversource will be investing \$20 million in a significant gas project. The project could generate up to \$650K in additional revenue for next year. Natural gas will become available in the coming years, potentially at a reduced price for residents. More details on the project, including its expected start time, will be forthcoming.

5. I had the pleasure of attending the Valentine's Day party at the Senior Center. Patty Watts, the Senior Center Director, and her staff did a fantastic job hosting the event. I enjoyed breaking bread with our invaluable senior population and listening to their guest performer playing Billy Joel songs.

6. I had the pleasure of doing a library tour with Kate Byroade, Cragin Memorial Library Director. I was particularly fascinated with all the rich history that has become a fixture of our library. In support of historical documentation, Ms. Byroade and I would like to gather historical Bacon Academy yearbooks to document our town with. Yearbooks are very interesting for people doing genealogy and can help give a sense of a relative's interests and personality. Please reach out to me or Ms. Byroade if you have a yearbook to donate. We are looking for year books for the following years:

Before 1930
1932-1943
1945-1952
1956-1959
1962
1964-1965
1968-1977
1989
1991-1993
1995-2012
2014-Present

15. Liaison Reports: **J. LaChapelle:** reported on various Board of Education items. A special meeting regarding state mask guidance for February 17th, was cancelled due to oil leak. Talk of annual oil contract and investigating an underground oil storage tank option. Field trip and policy discussions. **D. Turner:** the CORE Commission met for the first time, elected Chair and Vice Chair, and set a tentative schedule for meetings. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 23rd. **D. Bates:** Parks and Rec approved concession stand. Norton Park is continuing fundraising and hoping for the ARPA funds. Ethnic Commission received positive feedback from a citizen on how well they work together. Cragin Library is having a big book sale fundraising event March 3rd to March 8th and have ongoing monthly fundraising. **R. Coyle:** Commission on Aging met, and the Chair encouraged members to complete town budget and also the affordable housing survey. Bylaw change was voted on regarding a nominated officer which will ultimately come to the Board of Selectmen for a vote. Continuing work on Health Fair scheduled for May which focuses on mental health. Senior Center Director provided possible logo designs which resulted in lots of discussion. Open Space Advisory Commission waiting on the state's response to the Brownfield grants. Talk around developing a new Wildlife Management Plan (WMP). **A. Bisbikos** spoke to various Board of Finance activities.
16. Adjourn: J. LaChapelle motioned to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. Seconded by D. Turner.

Respectfully submitted by Marli Rudko.

11. **Donate Life Flag for the month of April:** A. Bisbikos read an email from Colchester citizen, P. Kupczak, who is committed to raising awareness for organ donation. April is national organ donation and awareness month. He has asked that again this year, the flag be raised from April 11 to April 22. The POW MIA is taken down for this period and the local Veterans have always supported this. The flag would be raised by a Parks and Recreation employee. J. LaChapelle motioned to approve of the Donate Life Flag being raised for two weeks beginning Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. April 11, until Friday afternoon, April 22, 2022. Seconded by D. Bates. *Motion carried unanimously.*
12. **Concession Stand Agreement:** A. Smith spoke to his involvement in the community and why this concession stand should be opened again. A. Smith is the only applicant that has applied for this endeavor. In addition to servicing games at the Rec Plex, the day camp children will also be able to purchase lunches. The board conveyed their thanks for this becoming an offering on behalf of the community. R. Coyle motioned to authorize A. Bisbikos to sign this contract to operate the food and soft drink concession awarded to Anton Smith. Seconded by J. LaChapelle. *Motion carried unanimously.*
13. **Citizens' Comments:** D. Antonacci and her son Raphael, expressed their excitement about the future concession stand. A. Shilosky spoke in favor of the Public Safety Commission and agreed with J. LaChapelle that there should be citizens on that commission. He also spoke to some substantial hurdles that would need to be addressed regarding the ordinances. P. Bureau agreed with J. LaChapelle with involving the citizens on the Public Safety Committee and spoke to his disappointment about three of the Selectmen not appearing in person at the last BOS meeting and this one as well. B. Dennler spoke in support of the town staffing the Public Works Director and Water Supervisor positions. M. Egan commended the Board of Selectmen for wanting to create the Public Works and Water Supervisor positions. T. Rudko spoke to state and Town Charter requirement for minimum party representation for town boards and committees and spoke in favor of having a Police Commission and the distinction of authority between the Public Safety Commission and the Police Commission. T. Vaillancourt spoke to the backstory of the Police Commission, his negative family consequences, and his opinion on the charge to have only a Public Safety Commission and not entertain bringing back the Police Commission. C. Vaillancourt spoke to the targeting of the Police Commission against her and her daughter and their censorship towards her while she served on that commission. She expressed her disgust for the past regime who shuffled this under the rug and how she was bullied and silenced when she brought up questions fighting for the town. A. Bisbikos asked for community members to partake in the process of this subcommittee. C. O'Donnell agreed with the formation of the Public Safety Commission but thinks that there should be a citizen's Police Commission reinstated in the town for oversight. A. Bisbikos stated that the citizens will have a voice in it. K. Cardys critiqued the First Selectman, previous speakers and their delivery of their speeches, the format of the BA parents meeting held at Town Hall and the First Selectman's statement regarding the Bacon/Ledyard basketball incident. A. Bisbikos responded by stating he stands behind his statement 110%. A. Shilosky interjected reviewing the Resident State Trooper contract and how it oversees the Police Commission.
14. **First Selectman's Report:**
 1. The Colchester Senior Center just received its Community Focal Point designation through Senior Resources Area Agency on Aging. Community Focal Points provide critical information and services to older adults through a variety of means and serve as a community hub for local senior activity.
 2. In case you missed it, both Channel 3 and Channel 8 did a wonderful story on "Freezin' for a Reason". A big thank you to Fred Brown, Greg Cordova, and Rob Suchecki for bearing the chilly temperatures and raising money for the Colchester Fuel Bank. The 2022 total raised was \$14,987.80
 3. An oil leak at Bacon Academy occurred Tuesday night. The Fire Department and Public Works were immediately on the scene. Our town and school system are collaborating with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Connecticut Department of Public Health, and our friends at Chatham Health. It is estimated that up to 2,000 gallons had spilled, with some of it making it into Sherman Brook, which runs behind the school. The oil spill is contained and should not affect the neighboring homes who have wells. Nonetheless, homes will be contacted and offered a free sampling of their wells. Officials will be sealing off the affected space of the leak to contain current odors. Air quality tests and filtering are being

In the event that your paycheck is lost or stolen, please notify your supervisor immediately or the Payroll Department.

Overtime

Non-exempt employees will be paid at the rate of time and one-half their regular hourly rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a workweek. For the purpose of calculating overtime, hours not worked but credited to an eligible, non-exempt employee include: holidays, paid sick leave, and vacation days. All overtime work must be authorized in advance by the employee's supervisor.

Benefits

The Town of Colchester provides the following benefits to full-time employees, as defined in these personnel policies. The Town of Colchester also provides pro-rated benefits as well as others as outlined in this policy to employees who work no less than 30 hours per week, excluding health insurance. The Town of Colchester reserves the right to modify or eliminate any benefits from time to time in its sole discretion, and with prior notice to employees. The Town will provide such notice of benefit changes as is practical at the time of the change. Should any statement contained herein conflict with the terms of any actual benefit plan or contract, including any individual employment contract, the terms of such plan or contract shall prevail.

Holidays

Full-time employees and part-time employees regularly scheduled to work at least thirty (30) hours per week shall observe the following holidays off with pay annually:

1. ½ Day New Year's Eve
2. New Year's Day
3. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
4. Presidents' Birthday
5. Good Friday
6. Memorial Day
7. Independence Day
8. Labor Day
9. Columbus Day
10. Thanksgiving Day
11. Day After Thanksgiving
12. Veterans' Day
13. ½ Day Christmas Eve
14. Christmas Day
15. One (1) Floating Holiday

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Town of Colchester

And

The Colchester Police Union

This memorandum is agreed between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Police Union concerning the addition of an annual paid holiday on June 19, known as Juneteenth.

The First Selectman agrees that the Town shall add June 19 (Juneteenth) as an annual paid holiday for the Colchester Police Union.

WHEREFORE, the parties have executed this MOU effective as of the dates signed below.

FOR THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER

FOR THE COLCHESTER POLICE UNION
LOCAL #2683T, AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO

Andreas Bisbikos
First Selectman

Corporal Craig Scheel

First Selectman

From: Dave Koji <davekoji@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 1, 2022 9:34 AM
To: Dave Koji
Cc: Farber, Stacy
Subject: ARPA - Confirming the motions for BOS with feedback

Hi Team - updated motions per feedback. If anyone else has anything to add, please let me know.

Motion 1: April 30th is the cutoff for businesses to submit their ARPA Application. Only single applications per location/business up to \$25K will be accepted for review and funding consideration until April 30th (any additional applications received for a location/business up to April 30th will be put on hold). After April 30th, and once all applications received up to April 30th have been assessed and considered for funding, that is when those applications (additional applications per location/business) that were placed on hold will be assessed. Each applicant with multiple applications will be asked to choose which application they would prefer to be reviewed during the assessment period up to April 30th.

Motion 2: After an application has been approved by the Board of Selectmen, the approved applicant must sign a certification statement before funds are disbursed. This certification statement is an acknowledgement that the applicant will use the funds for the stated ARPA request, or if needs change, for business expenses that ensures the longevity of their business.

Best,
Dave

First Selectman

From: Darren Smith <dsmith@colchesterct.org>
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 1:15 PM
To: First Selectman
Subject: Re: Hybrid Meeting Room
Attachments: Colchester Town of_Combine Divide room_021122(1).pdf

Andreas,

The vendor said that the State AV Contract and the CT State colleges and Universities contract were the same. Attached is the proposal for the combine / divide room using the CT State Colleges and Universities contract format. This contract is open to schools and municipalities in the State.

He said this was less than the MHEC (Mass Consortium) because with that contract they have to charge shipping.

Let me know if this will work...if not we will need to explore another vendor.

Not sure if Ryan received any new information from vendors.

Thanks,

Darren Smith
Director of Digital Learning and Innovation
Colchester Public Schools
315 Halls Hill Rd
Colchester, CT 06415
(860) 537- 2313
IT Office (860) 537 - 8324

On Wed, Feb 9, 2022 at 9:04 AM First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov> wrote:

Darren,

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

Andreas

From: Darren Smith <dsmith@colchesterct.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 8:50 AM
To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: Re: Hybrid Meeting Room

Andreas,

The vendor is going to compare the State contract to the Uconn program and Mass Consortium to see what comes out better. He said he could have it done by the end of the week.

I will follow up with him on Friday.

Thanks,

Darren Smith

Director of Digital Learning and Innovation

Colchester Public Schools

315 Halls Hill Rd

Colchester, CT 06415

(860) 537- 2313

IT Office (860) 537 - 8324

On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 2:28 PM Darren Smith <dsmith@colchesterct.org> wrote:

Andreas,

Thanks for the email. Let me check with the vendor and get back to you.

Darren Smith

Director of Digital Learning and Innovation

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On Tue, Feb 8, 2022 at 2:00 PM First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov> wrote:

Hi Darren,

Our purchasing policy requires an amount over \$25,000 to go out for bid. However, if we can show that the price that you have provided us is part of a consortium bid then we can avoid all that. I am trying to ensure that the Hybrid technology is ready to go without any hiccups as I anticipate bringing this item to the Board of Selectmen for a vote in March.

Sincerely,

Andreas

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Town of Colchester
ARPA Recovery Funding Request Application

Directions: Please fill in all fields. Once completed, either print and drop off this application to the First Selectman's office located at 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT 06415, or save a copy and email to ARPA@ColchesterCT.gov. If you have questions please email ARPA@ColchesterCT.gov. Please include any additional documentation you feel would help in the application process. Submit only one project per application (submit multiple applications if you have multiple projects).

Important: Applicant must demonstrate that the funding use directly addresses a negative economic impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Applicant Background Information

Applicant Name:	Hybrid Meeting Equipment	Date Prepared:	1/25/2022
Applicant email:	selectman@colchesterct.gov	Applicant Phone:	(860) 537-7220
Department / Business / Establishment Name:	First Selectman of Colchester		

Project Details

Project Title:	Hybrid Meeting Equipment	Anticipated Start Date:	ASAP
Total Funding Request Amount:	\$ 74,885.30	Anticipated Length of Time to Complete Project:	
On a scale of 1 (Not Urgent) - 10 (Very Urgent), how urgent is this request? Please explain.	10		

Project Description (How will the funds be used?)

To ensure maximum public participation for participants both in person and virtually - especially during a pandemic or any future concern.

Justification (Please describe how your request addresses a negative impact to COVID-19.)

Public participation can be accomplished by either in-person means or virtually. There are members of our community who have inadequate resources or who don't have the technical capabilities to interact through virtual communications. No member of our community should ever be left out of the democratic process.

Briefly explain the positive impact your project will have on the community.

It will ensure maximum public participation for participants both in person and virtually - especially during a pandemic or any future concern.

Describe the impact to your department / business / establishment if ARPA funds are NOT approved.

It will stunt overall public participation in the democratic process and in town affairs. It will also hold the community back from embracing 21st century capabilities in meeting the challenges of today.

Budget Overview (How will the ARPA funding be spent?)
(If more room is needed, please attach additional spreadsheet)

Budgeted item / Service	Budgeted Amount	Notes
Main Room	\$63,902.30	See attached report for greater detail
Cart	\$ 10,983.00	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
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	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
TOTAL:	\$74,885.30	

02-11-2022

a proposal

City of Colchester, CT

Audiovisual for Combine
Divide room



Furniture / Technology / Architectural Systems

AUDIOVISUAL SYSTEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Client:	Town of Colchester, CT	Date:	February 11, 2022
Project:	Combine Divide Room	Technology Sales:	Tim Bycholski
Contact:	Darren Smith	Email:	tbycholski@red-thread.com
RT Project #:	81070	Phone:	860.291.5717
		System Engineer:	Mario Tito

ALL PRICING AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE PER CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (CSCU) AUDIOVISUAL CONTRACT # SO-19121 (EXPIRES 6/30/2025) AND ARE VALID FOR 60 DAYS.

COMBINE DIVIDE ROOM

OVERVIEW

A main room meeting space with a dividable wall which can add the small room for larger meetings.

Small Room: The small room will have a 65" display on a cart with a Logitech Rally Bar optimized for Zoom. There is also be a Swytch to connect a laptop using usb b or usb c. There will be a separate zone with 2 recessed ceiling speakers for when this room is opened for a larger meeting. The Main Room will have a wall plate so this cart can be plugged in as a confidence monitor during a main room meeting

Main Room: There will be 2 new 75" displays mounted on the side wall where there is now a wall mounted rack. We are to remove the rack. This will be a Zoom Room. There will be an Aver PTZ camera mounted on the soffit as outlined on the room sketch. There will be 11 wireless gooseneck microphones and 2 wireless handheld with stands. There is also 1 MXA to pick up the audience, but on a separate mute, Rack with locking door will be in the room.

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City of Colchester; Combine Divide Room

Mfg.	Part #	Description	Qty.	List Price	Contract % off List	Actual Discount	Actual Unit Price	Extended Price	State Contract #
MAIN ROOM:									
Pro Edge	AC-DA-12	HDMI 1X2 DA w scaler	1	\$ 599.00	20%	25%	\$ 448.75	\$ 448.75	SO-19121
Pro Edge	AC-EX70	HDMI extender	2	\$ 449.00	20%	25%	\$ 336.25	\$ 672.50	SO-19121
Pro Edge	HDMI HDBT	HDMI HDBT extender	1	\$ 333.00	20%	25%	\$ 248.75	\$ 248.75	SO-19121
LG	75UR640s9UD	75" UHD Display	2	\$ 2,999.00	30%	33%	\$ 2,015.73	\$ 4,031.46	SO-19121
Chief	LTM1U	Micro adjust tilt wall mount; large	2	\$ 393.00	30%	40%	\$ 237.07	\$ 474.14	SO-19121
Chief	PAC526F	Wall Enclosure	2	\$ 190.00	30%	42%	\$ 110.76	\$ 221.52	SO-19121
Crestron	MPC3-302-W	3 series media presentation controller	1	\$ 1,090.00	40%	44%	\$ 612.36	\$ 612.36	SO-19121
Crestron	SAROS IC6T	6.5" in ceiling speaker	6	\$ 230.00	40%	44%	\$ 129.21	\$ 775.26	SO-19121
Crestron	MPB3	Engravable button labels	1	\$ 30.00	40%	44%	\$ 16.85	\$ 16.85	SO-19121
Extron	60-1758-01	Two channel amp	1	\$ 920.00	40%	44%	\$ 516.85	\$ 516.85	SO-19121
Extron	WPD 101 P	Pass thru wall plate	1	\$ 74.00	40%	44%	\$ 41.57	\$ 41.57	SO-19121
Netgear	GS116PP	16 port switch; PoE Gigabit	1	\$ 299.00	25%	26%	\$ 221.35	\$ 221.35	SO-19121
Startech	HB30A2A1C	USB 3.0 hub	1	\$ 89.00	25%	36%	\$ 56.56	\$ 56.56	SO-19121
Atlas	MS-10C	All purpose mic stand	1	\$ 84.00	35%	36%	\$ 54.05	\$ 54.05	SO-19121
Middle Atlantic	PTRK-2726MDK	PTRK-2726 rack	1	\$ 2,453.00	40%	42%	\$ 1,434.61	\$ 1,434.61	SO-19121
Middle Atlantic	PD915R	power dist	1	\$ 196.00	40%	43%	\$ 111.18	\$ 111.18	SO-19121
Middle Atlantic	PD915R-PL	power center	1	\$ 176.00	40%	41%	\$ 103.76	\$ 103.76	SO-19121
Middle Atlantic	PTRK-RR27	rear rail kit for PTRK 27	1	\$ 96.00	40%	47%	\$ 50.82	\$ 50.82	SO-19121
Shure	MXA910W	Ceiling Array microphone	1	\$ 4,732.00	25%	25%	\$ 3,540.45	\$ 3,540.45	SO-19121
Shure	MXWAPT8	8 ch access pt transceiver	2	\$ 4,476.00	25%	38%	\$ 2,774.16	\$ 5,548.32	SO-19121
Shure	MXWNC58	8 ch networked charging station	3	\$ 2,333.00	25%	38%	\$ 1,446.07	\$ 4,338.21	SO-19121
Shure	MXW8	Desktop base transceiver	11	\$ 762.00	25%	38%	\$ 473.03	\$ 5,203.33	SO-19121
Shure	MXW2/SM58	Handhelp transmitter w SM58 mic	2	\$ 716.00	25%	38%	\$ 443.82	\$ 887.64	SO-19121
Shure	MX410LP	10" shock mount gooseneck	11	\$ 290.00	25%	37%	\$ 183.15	\$ 2,014.65	SO-19121
Shure	MS-10C	Floor stand chrome	1	\$ 59.00	25%	37%	\$ 37.08	\$ 37.08	SO-19121
Logitech	TAPMSTBASE	Logitech Tap Zoom Room	1	\$ 2,599.00	10%	30%	\$ 1,810.11	\$ 1,810.11	SO-19121
Logitech	952-000009	Swytch video collaboration	1	\$ 999.00	10%	18%	\$ 823.20	\$ 823.20	SO-19121
Aver	PAPTZ310W	Professional PTZ camera	1	\$ 1,599.00	10%	10%	\$ 1,439.99	\$ 1,439.99	SO-19121
Aver	PTMLTCM01	ceiling mount for ptz camera	1	\$ 99.00	10%	11%	\$ 88.11	\$ 88.11	SO-19121
Biamp	TesiraFORTE	DSP - Audio processor	1	\$ 4,300.00	40%	41%	\$ 2,515.73	\$ 2,515.73	SO-19121
Inogeni	SD12USB3	SDI to USB 3.0 converter	1	\$ 569.00	25%	26%	\$ 421.63	\$ 421.63	SO-19121
Red Thread	AVRA	Misc rack accessories	1	\$ 970.00	10%	10%	\$ 870.03	\$ 870.03	SO-19121
Red Thread	AVIM	Misc Mounting Materials	1	\$ 370.00	10%	10%	\$ 333.33	\$ 333.33	SO-19121
Red Thread	MISC	Misc Cables and Connectors	1	\$ 688.00	10%	10%	\$ 618.15	\$ 618.15	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Rack	AV Shop Fabrication Labor	24	\$ 100.00	20%	20%	\$ 80.00	\$ 1,920.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Engineering	AV Engineering Labor	10	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,200.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Install	AV Install Labor	90	\$ 125.00	20%	20%	\$ 100.00	\$ 9,000.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT PM	AV Project Management Labor	32	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 3,840.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Programming	AV Programming Labor	24	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 2,880.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Field Engineer	AV Field Engineering Labor	32	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 3,840.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT CAD	AV CAD Labor	8	\$ 100.00	20%	20%	\$ 80.00	\$ 640.00	SO-19121
TOTAL								\$ 63,902.30	

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CART:									
LG	65UR640s9UD	75" UHD Display	1	\$ 2,299.00	30%	34%	\$ 1,506.61	\$ 1,506.61	SO-19121
Chief	XPA1UB	FUSION Manual height adjust cart	1	\$ 2,585.00	30%	50%	\$ 1,279.78	\$ 1,279.78	SO-19121
Chief	FCA613B	Large shelf w storage	1	\$ 506.00	30%	43%	\$ 288.24	\$ 288.24	SO-19121
Logitech	960-001308	Rally Bar; Graphite	1	\$ 3,999.00	10%	17%	\$ 3,319.44	\$ 3,319.44	SO-19121
Logitech	952-000009	Swytch video collaboration	1	\$ 999.00	10%	18%	\$ 823.20	\$ 823.20	SO-19121
Logitech	952-000041	Rally Bar TV mount	1	\$ 239.00	10%	38%	\$ 148.57	\$ 148.57	SO-19121
Red Thread	AVRA	Misc rack accessories	1	\$ 299.00	10%	10%	\$ 270.01	\$ 270.01	SO-19121
Red Thread	AVIM	Misc Mounting Materials	1	\$ 58.50	10%	10%	\$ 52.63	\$ 52.63	SO-19121
Red Thread	MISC	Misc Cables and Connectors	1	\$ 16.10	10%	10%	\$ 14.52	\$ 14.52	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Rack	AV Shop Fabrication Labor	9	\$ 100.00	20%	20%	\$ 80.00	\$ 720.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Engineering	AV Engineering Labor	2	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 240.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Install	AV Install Labor	4	\$ 125.00	20%	20%	\$ 100.00	\$ 400.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT PM	AV Project Management Labor	4	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 480.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Programming	AV Programming Labor	6	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 720.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT Field Engineer	AV Field Engineering Labor	4	\$ 150.00	20%	20%	\$ 120.00	\$ 480.00	SO-19121
Red Thread	RT CAD	AV CAD Labor	3	\$ 100.00	20%	20%	\$ 80.00	\$ 240.00	SO-19121
TOTAL								<u>\$ 10,983.00</u>	

Proposal

Summary

MAIN ROOM	\$63,902.30
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CART	\$10,983.00
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Subtotal:	\$74,885.30
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Sales Tax:	\$0.00
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Grand Total:	\$74,885.30
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First Selectman

From: Reagan, Jack <JReagan@uhy-us.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 4:16 PM
To: First Selectman
Cc: Farber, Stacy
Subject: RE: Hybrid Meeting Equipment

And these are allowable expenses that will be reported under Federal Expenditure Category 1.07, Capital Investments or Physical Plant Changes to Public Facilities that respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency

From: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 23, 2022 2:09 PM
To: Reagan, Jack <JReagan@uhy-us.com>
Cc: Farber, Stacy <SFarber@uhy-us.com>
Subject: Hybrid Meeting Equipment

Hi Everyone,

I just wanted to forward you the first item I will be bringing to the Board of Selectmen to be purchased through ARPA. The town's purchasing policy was followed to ensure that it meets all the requirements prior to being voted upon.

Sincerely,

Andreas

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First Selectman

Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 3:18 PM
Attachments: Staffing Updates.docx

Staffing Updates

Rachel Fuller: Department Clerk – Final Day, March 4th

Franchesca Brown: Department Clerk – Hired, February 28th

Sue Urbowicz: Payroll/Employee Benefits/AP Manager position

Katrina Kirby: Library Programming Assistant, Starting Date March 7th

Vacancy: Payroll/AP Assistant

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

TO: Colchester Board of Selectmen

FROM: Bruce Goldstein, Colchester Economic Development Commission

DATE: February 23, 2022

RE: Colchester Tax Incentive Program (C-TIP)
ARK Station LLC – 200 Lebanon Ave

The Colchester Economic Development Commission received and reviewed the Application for Property Tax Incentive from ARK Station LLC dated January 12, 2022, revised February 3, 2022 as presented at the Commissions' regular meeting of February 22, 2022. The proposed project is to remodel the existing building at 200 Lebanon Avenue for a distillery and café with a tasting room and seating for light meals, space for barrel storage, retail products, distilling and infusing spirits and a special events area.

Overview

The Colchester Property Tax Incentive Program (C-TIP) was developed to encourage businesses and commercial interests to develop by offering partial relief from local property tax burdens.

The applicant, ARK Distillery LLC, has proposed remodeling the existing 5,200 square foot building. Currently, the building is assessed for 4,000 sq. ft of finished space and 1,200 sq. ft. of unfinished space. The applicant intends to remodel the entire building to a like-new condition. Proposed improvements include a water abatement system (sump pump, venting and crawl space encapsulation), a new roof, windows/door/siding upgrades, electrical upgrades, structural work, exterior drainage improvements, water main upgrade and installation of a sprinkler system. The approximate total costs including professional design and permitting fees are estimated to be \$310,000.

The Colchester Town Assessor estimates that a remodel of the nature described by the applicant could result in a tax bill increase of approximately \$8,000.

Criteria

This abatement would be permitted, and meets the requirements, under Connecticut State Statute, Chapter 203, Section 12-65(b):

The need for the incentive: ARK Distillery LLC will have significant start-up costs associated with the building remodel and equipment costs. Design and permitting fees will be required as well. The applicant has expressed that the length of time it takes to get necessary licenses will limit the ability to generate revenue in the first couple years following initial investments.

Potential new job creation: ARK Distillery will start with approximately 3 to 5 employees. Future growth will dictate the need for additional employees.

Appropriateness of the business to its proposed location: The applicant's proposed location is in the Town Center Village District on Lebanon Avenue. The area consists of a mix of small-scale commercial uses and some medium-density residential uses, mostly of the single, two or three-family nature. Retail, restaurant and service-based uses are permitted in the district. This section of Lebanon Avenue has the potential to see increased re-investment as more residential uses grow the neighborhood-scale customer base and enhance the economic viability of small business success on the corridor. Planned improvements of pedestrian infrastructure should also improve customer traffic.

Possibility for the business to spawn other new business: The "ARK" in ARK Distillery stands for "Acts of Random Kindness". This mentality appears to capture a commitment to local engagement, collaboration and reciprocity. The applicant's have described their desire to acquire local goods to be included in their products, work with local businesses on events, tastings, etc. ARK Distillery may not "spawn" new businesses but may help create new opportunities for existing businesses to attract customers.

Compatibility of the project with the environment and town resources: The project, as proposed, will have a minimal impact on the environment or town resources. Public water and sewer utility services are available on Lebanon Avenue. The proposed project is located in an area where new residential development could generate opportunities for reinvestment in neighborhood oriented commercial development. This project could be a catalyst to that effect.

Contribution to the Town's infrastructure, including roads and utilities: No expansion to town utility infrastructure is necessary or proposed. State funds will be utilized for a sidewalk improvement project in the area.

Summary of findings:

After review and thoughtful discussion of the application presented to the EDC, the members unanimously voted to recommend a tax abatement for the applicant. The EDC feels the applicant has met the criteria and demonstrated the need for such. The EDC feels that the applicant will add value to the town business climate and will be an example of how the Town and business can thrive together while increasing the overall tax base.

The Colchester Economic Development Commission respectfully recommends the following:

Proposed Tax Abatement

Starting for the first complete tax year, after the applicant receives the Certificate of Completion for the building remodel as described in the application, and for the next two (2) consecutive years (total of 3 years), it is recommended the property receive a tax abatement of the realized assessed increase in property value as determined by the Town Assessor, after the applicant completes all improvements approved by the Town of Colchester and operates as a business as

described in the Application for Property Tax Incentive dated January 12, 2022, revised February 3, 2022.

The tax abatement formula shall follow the schedule below:

- 1. Year one, 100% property tax abatement of the realized assessed increase in property value as determined by the Town Assessor*
- 2. Year two, 100% property tax abatement of the realized assessed increase in property value as determined by the Town Assessor*
- 3. Year 3, 100% property tax abatement of the realized assessed increase in property value as determined by the Town Assessor*

The Colchester Economic Development Commission has determined an incentive is appropriate and is recommending the tax abatement, as described, be presented to the Board of Selectman to initiate a Town Meeting for the incentive approval.

PROPOSED MOTION by the Board of Selectman: It is hereby moved to accept the recommendation of the Economic Development Commission to grant a property C-TIP tax abatement to ARK Station, LLC proposed in the amounts of 100% in year one, 100% in year two, 100% in year three of the increase in real property tax for proposed improvements to the existing building at 200 Lebanon Avenue. Granting of the property tax incentive is contingent on the issuance of a Certificate of Completion for the building remodel as described in the application dated January 12, 2022, revised February 3, 2022, by the Town of Colchester. The tax relief will be applied to the first full year after the Certificate of Occupancy. It is intended that this tax abatement can be assigned or assumed by any future related entity of the applicant for the use as described.

The recommended C-TIP shall be brought before the legislative body of the Town, the Town Meeting, on March .

Sincerely,

Bruce Goldstein

Bruce Goldstein, Economic Development Commission Chairman

COLCHESTER LIONS CHARITIES, INC. DONATION REQUEST APPLICATION FORM

(All information must be filled in completely for this request to be considered. Please attach additional sheets if needed to supply all your information. Completed Donation Request Application Forms must be returned to Colchester Lions Club, P.O. Box 423, Colchester, CT 06415, and must be received by February 15, 2022 to be eligible for consideration.)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION:

A. Name of Organization: **Norton Park Committee, Town of Colchester CT**

B. Address: **127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester CT 06415**

C. Name of Contacts: **Kevin Byrne** email: **ByrneKM@aetna.com**
Katherine Kosiba email: **kmk178@att.net**

D. Telephone: **Kevin Byrne** **860-319-7012**
Katherine M. Kosiba **860-267-4471**

E. Fax (if available): **Not available**

F. Governing Board: Please attach the name, address and telephone number of the president of your organization. For officers and directors/board members, please provide their names, as well as the town and state where each one lives.

Committee Members: _____

Robert Misbach, Committee Chairman, Colchester CT
Nan Wasniewski, Committee Vice Chairwoman, Colchester, CT
Kevin Byrne, Committee Member, Colchester CT
Katherine M. Kosiba, Committee Member, Colchester CT
Patrick Reading, Committee Member, Colchester CT
Julianna Cameron, Alternate Committee Member, Colchester CT
Linda Pasternak, Alternate Committee Member, Colchester CT

Debbie Bates, Committee Liaison, Board of Selectmen

2. ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE:

A. What is the primary purpose of your group or organization?

On August 15, 2019, the Norton Park Committee was formed by the Town of Colchester to establish Colchester's newest park at the site of the former C. H. Norton Paper Mill and houses in North Westchester at 139 and 129 Westchester Road, Colchester CT. The location is at the intersection of Route 149/Westchester Road and Paper Mill Road and along the Jeremy River. The park will be a total of 6.4 acres (mill area: 3.9 acres, house areas: 2.5 acres).

B. Please describe your organization, along with a brief statement of its history and accomplishments.

The Town of Colchester has established the Norton Park Committee to design and build a new park at the site of the C.H. Norton Paper Mill and two former homes. This site has historical significance because it was one of the first water rights granted by King George in 1725 in the colonies. Numerous commercial enterprises were established along the Jeremy River in the 1700's and early 1800's, which gave rise to the village of North Westchester. The Norton Paper Mill was commercially active at the site from 1886 through 1958.

In April 2016, Nan Wasniewski sold the first two properties to the town of Colchester for \$1.00 with the stipulation that a park be built on the site. In February 2021, Nan Wasniewski sold a third parcel (129 Westchester Road) to the town again for \$1.00 with the same terms as the first sale. The Town of Colchester has sought grants for the demolition of the mill and remediation of the property. The original dam on the Jeremy River, built over 300 years ago and replaced in the 1800's, was removed in 2016 through the work of numerous agencies and environmental organizations through various grants.

C. What is the geographical scope of your (parent) organization?

The Norton Park Committee is a temporary committee under the Town of Colchester and will be disbanded once the park is established. The Norton Park Committee is charged with the development of a design plan with input from the Public Works Director, community and Board of Selectmen. This plan may include signage, plaques and land markers

3. AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUESTED: \$500.00

4. PURPOSE

A. How would you classify what this donation would be used for?

This donation will be used to buy signage for the park entrance and selected locations on the property for usage and safety once basic work is completed and the town allows the site to be considered open space park. The committee's development of the park plan will continue for other amenities and delivery.

Now please describe your goal/objective of the above:

Our goal is to provide a safe public access point for the community to enjoy the new Norton Park as an open space park (phase 1), which will only occur after mill site remediation and some basic work by the town is completed.

B. Specifically, describe your planned event, program, or project by including a written project plan and expense projection.

We are looking to purchase:

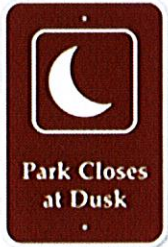
- Two large metal signs with name of park to be placed on Rte. 149/Westchester Road to be seen from each direction. \$100.00-\$200.00 depending upon size/design. Some ideas for the design to be created (brown background, white lettering for park name, possibly town seal)







- Park signs for usage at the park = \$241.00 plus shipping/handling

All signs have these characteristics:

- High intensity reflective aluminum
- Made from heavy-duty, 63 mil thick aluminum. Unlike steel signs, our aluminum signs do not rust.
- Signs are printed with 3M screen printing or 3M outdoor digital inks designed specifically for outdoor traffic and parking signs - for the ultimate in durability. Lasts 10 years outside.
- Rounded, burr-free corners, for longer life and a professional appearance.
- Thick 63 mil signs do not bend. They have been proven to outlast the toughest of storms.
- Includes large holes for easy mounting. The holes are "cleared" (unlike competitors' signs).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12"x18" - Cost: \$29.65
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 <p>OR</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12"x18" - Cost: \$29.65
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12"x12" - Cost: \$22.75
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12"x18" - Cost: \$29.65
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12"x18" - Cost \$29.65
 <p>OR</p> 	<p>\$23.45 Due to concern for river bank stability and desire to minimize erosion due to human use, as some areas of the river may be unsafe due to fast moving water, one of these signs may be useful to direct fishing to a designated area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12"x18" - Cost \$29.65
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18"x18" - Cost: \$47.25
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 12"x12" - Cost: \$22.75

C. What age group in Colchester specifically would benefit?

All age groups benefit from access to open space for relaxation and recreation, including fishing and other passive forms of recreation.

D. How many residents in the community of Colchester would benefit?

All Colchester residents would benefit from this new riverside park as well as the many visitors who come to Colchester. Plans for Norton Park will include improvement to sidewalk and the addition of signage along Rte.149/Westchester Road to Paper Mill Road with pedestrian/bicycle crossing signage proposed to encourage hikers and bicyclists to come to the park from the nearby Airline Trail safely.

E. What is the focus of the event or program?

The Norton Park Committee intends to work with the Town of Colchester for a phased approach to the creation of Norton Park to first deliver a basic open space park for passive usage. Development and fundraising (grants, donations, fundraising campaign) would continue for the delivery of the full park's amenities (see preliminary conceptual plan). The first phase would be the completion of the site's remediation, property clean-up, road and parking area. The signage purchased by this grant would support the delivery of the first phase for public use.

5. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

A. Do you have other sources of support/income for this event, program, or project? If yes, please specify names of sources and amounts contributed.

The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut has awarded a \$15,000 grant to support Phase 1. Through our fundraising efforts offering engraved commemorative items for the new park, we have received \$12,400.00 in monetary donations for the park, and \$1,296.00 in Employee Matching grant and Volunteer Grants from the Aetna Foundation and another employer. Phase 1 implementation costs are estimated to be \$156,061.00, which will provide for the park's initial opening.

B. Are you a tax-exempt organization? Volunteer committee under municipality

C. Are you a non-profit organization? Volunteer committee under municipality

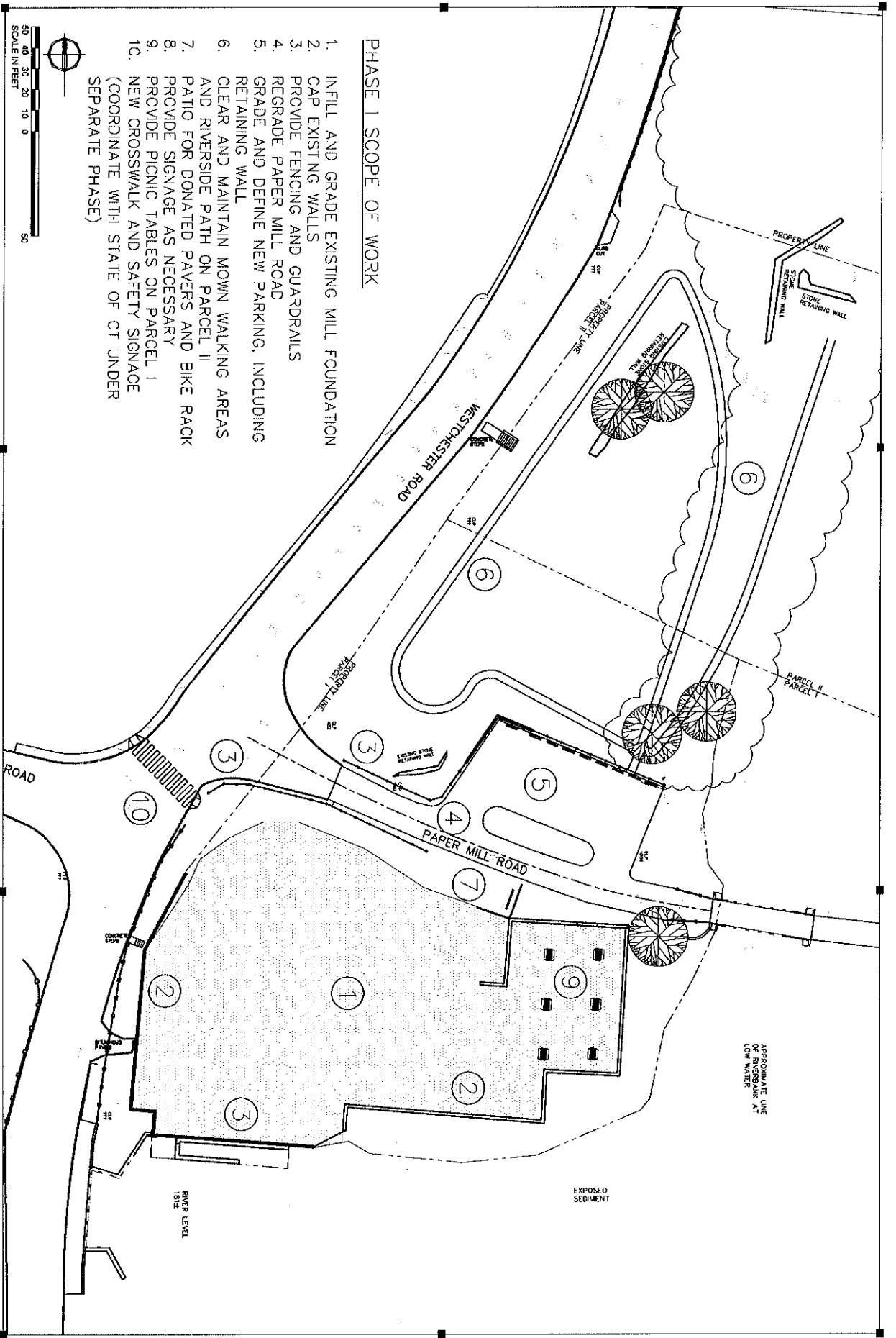
- D. Please submit an annual budget, up-to-date profit and loss statement or treasurers report so we can review your financial information. (Newly formed organizations with no previous financial history need to submit a **projected** budget.)

The Norton Park Committee has developed a conceptual plan for the new riverside park (see attached) and has started to do research as to materials and associated costs. On July 17, 2020, approval was given by the Board of Selectmen on the proposed park concept. The Committee continues with the development of the detailed park plan, materials, labor, budget and fundraising strategy so the full park can be developed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Byrne and Katherine M. Kosiba
Norton Park Committee members, Town of Colchester

February 25, 2022



TOWN OF COLCHESTER
 NORTON PARK COMMITTEE
 127 Norwich Ave
 Colchester, CT 06415
 Telephone: (860) 537-7200

Project: **NORTON PARK
 PHASE I**

Job No.:
 Scale: **NTS**
 Date: **10/18/2021**
 Drawing: **C1.1**

Title: **Site Plan
 ARPA Funds Application**

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Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Website: www.colchesterct.gov

February 24, 2022

To: Colchester Board of Selectmen

From: Jay Gigliotti, Wetlands Enforcement Officer *JRG*

RE: UCONN Wildlife Management Plan- Sablitz Property Open Space

In January 2022, Megan Graham, UCONN wildlife major, inquired if the Town would be willing to participate in a wildlife management plan project. The project would include the development of a Wildlife Management Plan (WMP) for a Town-owned property, by UCONN wildlife major students, at no cost to the Town. The development of a WMP for a state or municipal property is a requirement of the UCONN Wildlife Management course syllabus.

In April of 2021, UCONN wildlife management major Joan Tremblay and a team of other UCONN wildlife majors completed a WMP for the Ruby & Elizabeth Cohen Woodlands. The developed plan serves as a guide the Town can use to promote wildlife habitat, diversity and health in the park, while providing recommendations to ensure the public use of the park can function in harmony with the wildlife.

In discussions with Mrs. Graham, staff suggested the newly acquired Town open space on Middletown Road would be most beneficial for development of a WMP. In 2021, the Town recently acquired the 75 acre property for open space purposes, utilizing funds from a CT DEEP open space and watershed land acquisition grant. The property will be ultimately utilized as a passive recreation area with a small parking lot, picnic tables and a network of trails. The completion of a WMP for this property would be helpful to the Town in the park design, layout, operation and management.

Similarly to the 2021 WMP completed for Ruby Cohen, Mrs. Graham will work with a team of other wildlife major students to research, collect data and develop the WMP for the Middletown Road property. Upon completion, Mrs. Graham and her team would present the completed WMP to the Board of Selectmen at a regular meeting, most likely in April 2022.

The completed management plan will be a guide for park strategies that can be utilized by the Town and the other various groups who utilize the park, to provide for a healthy ecosystem and minimize impacts to the Park's wildlife. The Open Space Committee endorsed the development of a WMP for the property at their regular meeting on 2/14/22.

Recommended Motion:

The Colchester Board of Selectmen motions to authorize UCONN wildlife major students to develop a Wildlife Management Plan for the Middletown Road open space property known as Assessor's Map 4W-09 Lot 013-000.

First Selectman

Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:10 AM
Subject: Removal of Dog Litter

Sec. 13-5. - Removal of dog litter

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, walking or in control of any dog to allow or permit such dog to defecate upon any private property owned by another person, condominium common elements, or public property, including but not limited to parks and school grounds unless such person shall remove all feces so deposited by such dog before leaving the immediate premises.

(b) Any violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second offense, and ninety dollars (\$90.00) for all subsequent offenses.

(c) Exceptions. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a guide dog accompanying any blind person.
(Ord. of 4-11-00)

GLASTONBURY -- — Preston Jenkins spends a lot of time walking his husky in J.B. Williams Memorial Park. Just in case of a "doggie emergency," he comes armed with a poop scoop and plastic bag. Others who come to the park aren't as responsible.

"It happens a lot and you want to say something to these people, but you don't want to instigate things," Jenkins said.

Now residents will have a recourse if they see a dog owner leaving dog poop behind and hopefully the local police will take notice, too. Late Tuesday, the town council unanimously approved a new "pooper scooper" ordinance. The ordinance requires dog owners to clean up after their pets on public property and also if the dogs "do their business" on someone else's private property.

The ordinance reads: "It shall be unlawful for any person owning, keeping, walking or in control of any dog to allow or permit such dog to defecate upon any private property owned by another person, condominium common elements, or public property, including but not limited to parks and school grounds unless such person shall remove all feces so deposited by such dog before leaving the immediate premises."

While there is some logic in both of those tactics, ultimately they are harmful to the environment, McMillan said. Dog waste can contain pathogens that are harmful to both humans and the ecosystem.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, exposure to dog poop can cause diseases such as tapeworm and campylobacteriosis, a diarrhea-inducing infection, in humans.

Bacteria from dog poop can also seep into the ground and into waterways, resulting in elevated pathogen levels at Connecticut beaches. Nitrogen from the waste that gets washed into the Long Island Sound can cause algae blooms which deoxygenate areas of the water, McMillan said.

Collecting dog poop is not just an environmental issue.

"It's part of being a good neighbor to pick up after your pet," said Louis Rosado Burch, the Connecticut program director for the Citizens Campaign for the Environment and an advocate for a plastic bag ban.

Scooping is also the law in some municipalities — including Bridgeport, Danbury, Norwalk and Stamford — and violation can be punished by fines ranging from \$50 to \$150.

“We don’t view the bag (tax) as a barrier to everyday folks being able to pick up after their pets,” Burch said.

The bag tax might even spur dog owners to pursue more environmentally friendly collection methods that avoid using plastic.

<https://www.ctpost.com/local/article/The-scoop-on-dog-cleanup-amid-the-plastic-bag-ban-14275847.php>

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/p2/newsletter/P2ViewWinter2016EARTHApdf.pdf>

<https://tappwater.org/pet-waste>

First Selectman

From: Richard Johnson <richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 9:16 AM
To: First Selectman
Subject: RE: Removal of Dog Litter Ordinance

Andreas, thanks for your note and sorry for my delay in responding. I checked with staff who would typically handle complaints and citations. Appears active (through PD) some years ago and has diminished since dog park opened. Not clear if direct correlation but in any case complaints are down. I can add that I've not received any complaints.

Not certain this helps but I think ordinance is good and does provide tool to enforce and gets the word out

Hope all is well in Colchester.

Richard

Richard J. Johnson
Town Manager
Town of Glastonbury
P. O. Box 6523
2155 Main Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
e-mail richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov
telephone 860.652.7500
fax 860.652.7505

From: Glastonbury, CT Webmaster <webmaster@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, February 9, 2022 11:16 AM
To: Richard Johnson <richard.johnson@glastonbury-ct.gov>
Subject: Removal of Dog Litter Ordinance

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Message submitted from the <Glastonbury, CT> website.

Site Visitor Name: Andreas Bisbikos
Site Visitor Email: selectman@colchesterct.gov

Hi Mr. Johnson,

Citizens in my community have brought up the issue of dog litter and I promised them that I would reach out to Glastonbury who already has an ordinance in place. After reviewing your ordinance, it seems like a very simple measure that the community can get behind. My questions are 1) Who enforces the ordinance? 2) How effective has the ordinance been since its conception? 3) How does one determine the legitimacy of the complaint?

Thank you for your time on this matter.

Sincerely,

Andreas Bisbikos
First Selectman of Colchester

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