

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 3rd, 2022, 7 PM Meeting
Room 1, Town Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence: none
4. Citizens Comments: Monica Egan criticized the current administration and how the previous meeting minutes were captured. C. Mazzola spoke to the increasing problem of dog defecation on behalf of himself and others in his neighborhood and would like an ordinance to be adopted to prevent this from occurring. C. Herboldt also spoke to the dog defecation issue and would also like action to be taken to mitigate this issue as well. J. Cox inquired about including a "loop" system for those that have hearing aids and cochlear implants as well as captioning in the newly proposed hybrid meeting room setup. D. Gaby spoke to the dog defecation not only in her own neighborhood but at her place of work in town too. Mike Egan expressed his concern for not including additions and deletions on the agenda and his voiced support of reinstating them. P. Bureau expressed dissatisfaction with limited in-person BOS members and spoke in favor of several initiatives/actions carried out by the current administration.
5. Consent Agenda: Approve Minutes of the 2/17/22 Board of Selectmen Meeting: R.C. moved to remove the minutes from the Consent Agenda and renumber to #5 and make Tax Collector Refunds #5A. Seconded by D. Turner. Motion carries 5 -0. R. Coyle moved to correct the minutes to remove "but because minority representation will not be in place" including A. Bisbikos correction with a name correction as well. Seconded by D. Bates. Motion carried 5 - 0.
 - 5A. Tax Collector's Refunds: R. Coyle motioned to move the block of Tax Collector's Refunds. Seconded by D. Turner. Motion carried 5 - 0.
6. Employee Handbook- Juneteenth Holiday Addition. R. Coyle moved to add Juneteenth on page 19 of the Employee Handbook and Personal Policies as #16 under Holidays. A. Bisbikos pointed out this will be good for all non-union employees. Seconded by D. Bates. Motion carries 5 -0.
7. MOU Between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Police Union- Juneteenth Holiday Addition: S. Ramsby, Director of Human Resources spoke that a review took place of all the Collective Bargaining Agreements (CBA) on the town side with varying holiday observations. Each CBA will need a MOU to append to recognize it within that CBA. Other than the Police Department being addressed at the meeting, administrators and the library are the remaining groups that will be addressed. A. Bisbikos will reach out to those groups by the next meeting to get a similar MOU in place. J. LaChapelle motioned to agree to let A. Bisbikos sign the MOU with the Police Union to make Juneteenth a holiday for them. Seconded by R. Coyle. Motioned carried 5 -0.

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Mike Egan

8. ARPA

- A. ARPA Ad Hoc Committee Recommended Motions: February 28, ARPA meeting resulted in a couple of motions regarding ARPA and the business applications. Discussion with the board members ensued about the specifics of this motion. First suggested motion: R. Coyle motioned to review and approve business applications up to \$25,000 for one location owner with a deadline of April 30th. After April 30th, any additional applications for that location and owner would be considered for anything above and beyond to \$25,000 per location regardless of the number of that location (property holding company, business or separate tax. Seconded by D. Bates. Motion carried 5 -0. Second suggested motion: made by the ARPA Committee. Discussion with the board members ensued regarding the specifics on this motion. 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. R. Coyle motioned to approve this second ARPA motion. Seconded by D. Turner. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- B. Hybrid Meeting Room Equipment Demonstration: Tim Bycholiski provided a detailed, informational presentation on what components and features this hybrid equipment will provide and spoke to the set up within the Town Hall conference rooms.
- C. Possible Action on the Hybrid Meeting Room Equipment: The Board of Selectmen engaged in discussion regarding competitive vendor bids, cost (service warranty, time and materials), components of the system, functionality and the three-month lead time because of supply-chain issues. Before this proposal is agreed upon some board members asked for a demonstration to be performed. It was agreed that the next board meeting on March 17th, would be Zoom only and the hybrid equipment will be demonstrated at that time.

9. Staffing Updates

- A. Current Status: Rachel Fuller's last day, is March 4th. A. Bisbikos thanked her for her dedication and work in helping to get the Administration off the ground. There is a new replacement for Department Clerk, Franchesca Brown, who has been fantastic. Sue Urbowicz moved up to the Employee Benefits AP Manager position and there is a new vacancy Payroll AP Assistant. Katrina Kirby is the Library Programming Assistant who is starting March 7.

10. Possible action on the C-TIP Application for ARK Station, LLC: Matt Bordeaux, Town Planner and Bruce Goldstein, Chairman of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) spoke to the recommendation made at the last meeting by the EDC to the board regarding a possible tax abatement under the C-TIP program. ARK Distillery, LLC is proposing to occupy an existing building at 200 Lebanon Avenue. ARK Distillery would like to provide not only a distillery, an associated cafe but also a meeting space. Long-term goal will be to start infusing liquors and ultimately distill their own product. Application noted an investment of upwards of \$300K worth of building and ground improvements. Tax incentive process was explained and how the applicant's acceptance for this was determined. Discussion continued regarding the tax abatement protocol. A. Bisbikos will reach out to the Town Clerk about putting out a legal notice within a

timely fashion. D. Bates moved that the proposed motion by the Board of Selectmen is hereby moved to accept the recommendations of the Economic Development Commission to grant property C-TIP tax abatement to ARK Station, LLC proposed in the amount of 100% in year one, 100% in year two, 100% in year three of the increase in real estate property tax for the proposed improvements to the existing building at 200 Lebanon Avenue granting of the property tax incentive is contingent on the issuance of the certification of completion of the building remodel as described in the application dated January 12, 2022 expires February 3 by the town of Colchester. The tax relief will be applied to the first full year after the certificate of occupancy is intended that the tax abatement can be assigned or assumed by any future related entity of the application for the use as described. The recommended C-TIP should be brought before the legislative body of the town and the town meeting on March 17th at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall. Seconded by R. Coyle Motion carries 5-0.

11. Lions' Club grant approval for the Norton Park Committee: D. Turner motioned that the BOS authorize A. Bisbikos to submit an application on behalf of Norton Park to the Lion's Club and sign it. Seconded by R. Coyle. Motion carried 5-0.
12. UCONN Wildlife Management Plan - Sablitz Property Open Space: R. Coyle moved that the Colchester BOS moves to authorize UCONN Wildlife major students to develop a wildlife management plan for the Middletown Road Open Space property known as the Assessor's Map 4W-09 Lot 013-000. A provided, free of charge, benefit to the town will be to identify where existing habitats are located so as not to disturb any when trails are eventually created. Seconded by D. Turner. Motion carried 5 – 0.
13. Removal of Dog Litter Ordinance: A. Bisbikos stated that a number of residents approached him to investigate the possibility of instituting an ordinance to address a current problem with owners not picking up their dog's feces when walking them in areas throughout the town. Glastonbury was initially researched, and it was discovered that instituting an ordinance like this, remedied the issue they encountered. The Resident State Trooper agreed to create a "ticket book" if this were to become an ordinance with receivables going directly to the town of Colchester or whatever is ultimately is agreed upon. A. Bisbikos read the existing ordinance that Glastonbury currently has in place. Questions ensued on how policing this would be enforced. A recommendation was made to contact the CT Council of Municipalities (CCM) for guidance. A. Bisbikos will reach out to CCM to discover what towns have similar ordinances, the enforcement of them and then share that with the Board of Selectmen. Continued discussion entailed further information gathering and simultaneously presenting a straw poll to the public for feedback.
14. First Selectman's Report BOS
 - a) The ARPA committee restarted its meetings on Monday, February 28th. As a reminder, there is \$1M in ARPA funds specifically earmarked for our local businesses. A business may receive up to \$25K in federal funds.
 - b) RecPlex Basketball Court Update: Our basketball courts will be one of the first projects to be worked as soon as the asphalt plants open back up with the warm weather. We expect that the basketball courts will be complete by the end of April.

- c) The Colchester Senior Center has reached a new milestone. We are now one member away from 1500 total members!! Thank you, Patty, for all your hard work.
- d) The Colchester Business Association will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for The Colchester Urgent Care Center on Saturday, March 19th for 2 pm at their 179 Linwood Ave location. We hope you all can make it.
- e) Public Works did a great job handling the latest snowstorm. This crew has been fantastic all winter.
- f) The 2021 Grand List is up 22% from the previous year. Real Property is up 22.5%, motor vehicle is up 25.7%, and personal property is up 16.2%. Our current mill rate is 33.05. A combination of an increase in the Grand List, an increase in revenue, and fiscally conservative budgets will provide us the perfect storm to achieve a historic reduction in the current mill rate.

15. Liaison Reports: J. LaChapelle BOE had a meeting and removed the mask mandate and made them optional. D.Bates- Economic Development Commission met and they discussed the ARK Distillery. D. Turner: Youth First Coalition sent three applications to ARPA. They are looking for funding for a Youth Center, counseling services, and part-time case manager. The marketing committee created a new website they are getting ready to go live with and working on promoting services through different forms of media, the data committee has surveys coming out the last two weeks of March for youth in the community and their school committee has been focusing on mental health and had a suicide prevention training last month and they are proposing putting up signs around town with positive messages. A. Bisbikos will be getting quotes for the Youth Center to either instruct a new one or to refurbish the existing building. R. Coyle: Chatham Health was able to replenish all PPE supplies that they exhausted from the state warehouse during the Covid pandemic at no cost. They continue with health education with vaccine outreach and testing for Covid as well as diabetic health programs. The 2023 budget was passed and Colchester's increase is .83% or about \$1,700 for the year. Following FDA grants received: \$7,500 for staff and training; \$284,730 over three years for a capacity grant; \$166,277 over three years; \$23,785 for a membership grant. Majority of grant funds received used to cover costs of programs and the temporary staff needed to facilitate the grant application process. Attended ARPA, but a lot was covered during the BOS meeting. A. Bisbikos: Board of Finance had a forum where citizens spoke on their view for the budget season. Their budget survey will be posted to the website soon. The Affordable Housing town meeting was well done and multiple ideas were discussed. The deadline for the town to submit its plan to the state is June 1, 2022.

16. Adjourn: D. Turner motioned to adjourn at 9:25 p.m. Seconded by R. Coyle.

Submitted by Marli Rudko

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Town of Colchester

And

The Town Administrators Union

This memorandum is agreed between the Town of Colchester and the Town Administrators 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 Town Administrators Union.

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

FOR THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER

FOR THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
UNION "INDEPENDENT" (MEUI)
LOCAL 506, SEUI, AFL-CIO, CLC

Andreas Bisbikos
First Selectman

Theo Horesco
MEUI Staff Rep

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Town of Colchester

And

The Cragin Library Employees Union

This memorandum is agreed between the Town of Colchester and the Cragin Library Employees 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 Cragin Library Employees Union.

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

FOR THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER

FOR THE CRAGIN LIBRARY EMPLOYEES
UNION; LOCAL 1303-448, CONNECTICUT
COUNCIL; AMERICAN FEDERAL
OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL
EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO

Andreas Bisbikos
First Selectman

Union President

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Town of Colchester

And

MEUI Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC Administrators Union

This memorandum is agreed to by the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Administrators Union concerning the temporary increase in the hourly rate of pay the Wetlands officer position currently filled by James Gigliotti. This increase is due to the significant increase of the work load undertaken by the position due to the vacancy of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.


The parties agree that the hourly rate of pay for James Gigliotti shall be increased by \$10.00/hr. to a total of \$44.99 retroactive to 2/18/2022 and ending when the Zoning Enforcement Officer position is filled or June 30, 2022 whichever comes first.

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

FOR THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER

FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR UNION
MEUI LOCAL #506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC

Andreas Bisbikos
First Selectman



Theo Horesco
MEUI Staff Representative

First Selectman

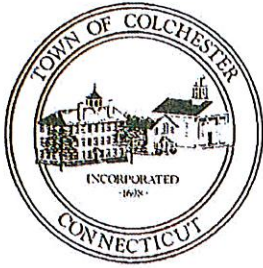
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Tuesday, March 15, 2022 9:43 AM

Staffing Updates

Walter Cox: Health & Safety Officer – Fire Department; Final Day - March 18th

Vacancy: Health & Safety Officer – Fire Department



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

95 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Patricia A. Watts, Director of Senior Services/Municipal Agent

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
From: Patricia A. Watts, Director of Senior Services
Date: 03/09/2022
Re: Selection of New Logo for Colchester Senior Center

It has been a long-standing goal of mine to modernize and rebrand the image of the Colchester Senior Center. With the new senior center project approved at referendum, it occurred to me that it would be a great time to pursue this goal. In cooperation with the First Selectman, 4 designs were created and polled before 3 different groups with connection to the senior center: the Colchester Commission on Aging, the Colchester Senior Center members (polled digitally and with a presentation board located at the senior center), and the Senior Center Building Committee. Attached, please find the spreadsheet of the results of those polls. Design #3 was the most popular, gaining over 45% of the total responses. Please note that there were 6 people (2.59% of total voters) who opted not to vote. I have included a two-color option of design 3, which could be used on t-shirts, water bottles, travel mugs, or other marketing materials.

Recommended Motion

Motion to review and approve a new logo for the Colchester Senior Center.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia A. Watts



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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

TO: Board of Selectmen
Planning and Zoning Commission

FROM: Matthew R. Bordeaux, Planning Director *MRB*

DATE: March 7, 2022

RE: Regulating Cannabis in response to Public Act 21-1

Connecticut Public Act 21-1: *An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis* legalizes marijuana use and regulates a cannabis industry in Connecticut. The legislation defines “cannabis establishments” and authorizes municipal governments to establish regulations of certain aspects of local use, production and sales. “Adult-use” means residents over the age of 21 can legally possess and consume cannabis products.

As far as the Planning and Zoning Commission is concerned, local zoning approval is required for legal cannabis establishments to be licensed by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection. Before a legal cannabis establishment can acquire a license from the State, local zoning approval must be granted. In September 2021, the Planning and Zoning Commission adopted a moratorium preventing anyone from applying to locate a cannabis establishment in town for a period of twelve (12) months, allowing the Commission time to consider applicable laws and adopt regulations.

As mentioned above, the Public Act 21-1 includes a variety of definitions for cannabis establishments that will be licensed distinctly by the State. The following table was produced by the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) in the white paper titled “Municipal Obligations Related to the Passage of Public Act 21-1: An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use Cannabis”, prepared by Justin LaFountain, CZEO, Planner II, August 2021:

License Type	License Description
Retailer License	A retailer may purchase and sell recreational cannabis to consumers and research programs. This license excludes medical marijuana dispensaries and hybrid retailers.
Hybrid Retailer License	A hybrid retailer may purchase and sell recreational cannabis, along with medical marijuana products.
Cultivator License	A cultivator may cultivate, grow, and propagate cannabis at an indoor establishment of not less than 15,000 square feet of grow space.
Micro-Cultivator License	A micro-cultivator may cultivate, grow, and propagate cannabis at an indoor establishment of not less than 2,000 square feet and not more than 10,000 square feet of grow space.

Product Manufacturer License	A product manufacturer may obtain cannabis, and extract and manufacture cannabis products.
Food and Beverage Manufacturer License	A food and beverage manufacturer may own and operate a business that obtains cannabis, and creates food and beverages using cannabis.
Product Packager License	A product packager may package and label cannabis products.
Delivery Service or Transporter License	A delivery service may deliver recreational cannabis to consumers, and may deliver medical marijuana to qualifying patients. A transporter may transport cannabis products between cannabis establishments, laboratories, and research programs.

Justin Lafountain, CZEO, Planner II, August 2021

The new law states that in municipalities that have not addressed cannabis establishments in their zoning regulations, such establishments will be regulated as if they were any other similar use in any zone. As it applies to Colchester, cannabis establishments would not be permitted in the Rural Use District because there are no comparable uses permitted in that zone. However, some of the establishments defined in the table above could be permitted in other zones subject to the provisions of the most comparable use. For example, in the Town Center and Westchester Village District, as well as the Arterial/Commercial District, retail establishments are broadly permitted. In the Suburban Use District, retail establishments are permitted on Arterial routes subject to Special Permit approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The idea is that a cannabis establishment could be considered a retail establishment and permitted accordingly.

Public Act 21-1 states that zoning regulations may prohibit cannabis establishments, establish reasonable restrictions on hour of operation and signage, or place restrictions on the proximity of cannabis establishments to other sensitive uses such as churches, schools, charitable institutions, hospitals, veteran’s homes, and/or military barracks.

Municipalities have been advised to address each one of the cannabis establishment license types enabled by Public Act 21-1. If retail stores are regulated, but cultivators are not, then, as described above, a cultivator could be permitted in certain zoning districts subject to the provisions of the closest use, such as a nursery, small manufacturer or light industrial use.

While it is appropriate for the Town of Colchester to address the variety of cannabis establishments in the regulations, the law only allows municipalities to grant zoning approvals to a maximum of one retailer and one micro-cultivator per every twenty-five thousand residents of a municipality. This means that Colchester, with a current population of approximately 15,500 people, is only allowed one of each license type, at least until at least June 30, 2024, when the CT Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) may increase the permitted number. The number of other license types is unlimited.

DCP advises that municipalities regulate retailer and micro-cultivator licenses by Special Permit approval, or other affirmative approval process, in order to monitor compliance.

Signage

The Public Act prohibits signage for cannabis establishments from:

- Targeting or being designed to appeal to individuals under 21;
- Claiming or implying that cannabis products have curative or therapeutic effects;
- Being visible to the public within 500 feet of an elementary or secondary school ground, recreation center, child care center, playground, park, or library;
- Including the words ‘drug store,’ ‘pharmacy,’ ‘apothecary,’ ‘drug(s),’ or ‘medicine shop,’ or
- Advertising any specific brand or kind of cannabis product.

Referendum Provision

The new law also includes a provision that enables voters to force a referendum on whether to allow retail sales of cannabis within the municipality at all. A referendum must be held if 10% of registered voters petition for such a referendum.

Municipal Ordinances

Municipal governing bodies also have authority over other aspects of cannabis use. As of October 1, 2021, governing bodies have the authority to regulate cannabis use on public land. Additionally, municipalities may prohibit and set fines for the smoking of cannabis in outdoor sections of restaurants. The law does not, however, allow municipalities to prohibit the use of edible cannabis products in either space described above.

While current ordinances related to the use of tobacco products may already control smoking of cannabis on public land to varying degrees, the Colchester Board of Selectmen will want to review all relevant town policies and amend accordingly.

Taxation

The retail sales of cannabis include three (3) taxes; the state’s usual sales tax of 6.35%, a three (3) percent sales tax dedicated to the city or town where the sale occurs, and a tax based on the THC content that will cost approximately 10 to 15 percent of the sale price. In total, the tax rate is expected to be approximately 20 percent of the retail price of cannabis. This is in line with the tax rates in Massachusetts.

Summary

When appropriately regulated, cannabis establishments offer varied and productive opportunities for economic development. Industry advocates state that prohibitions on cannabis businesses do not change consumer habits, but rather simply force consumers to drive to other jurisdictions.

The list of cannabis establishment license types includes only two that allow the retail sales of cannabis products directly to local consumers. The remainder more closely reflect manufacturing or light industrial uses, likely to be contained in a secure, climate-controlled, indoor environment similar to existing uses in the industrial category.

Given an appropriately located facility, considerate of its proximity to sensitive uses, notably those that contain children, the Town of Colchester can only permit a single retailer and a single micro-cultivator to locate in town until at least 2024. Should a cannabis establishment seek to open a business in town, it would occupy a commercial space, create jobs and generate a personal property tax revenue for the town. Similar to any new business, it is imperative that the community provide what resources it has at its disposal to help it succeed. As the saying goes 'business breeds business', whereas alternatively, small-business failures send the wrong message to future business owners or operators debating the risk of investing in a community.

The new CT Public Act 21-1 includes provisions that allow communities to take a proactive approach to the regulation of cannabis use, production and sales. Both the Board of Selectman and the Planning and Zoning Commission have important roles to play in the community's response to the new law. The Planning and Zoning Commission are the appropriate regulatory authority to consider and adopt regulations for the location and operation of cannabis establishments, while the Board of Selectman may consider establishing policy on the recreational use of cannabis products.

As the elected representative body of the community, I recommend the Board express support (or even more formally charge) for the Planning and Zoning Commission in moving forward on the thoughtful development and adoption of regulations for each potential establishment allowed by law. This gesture of direction from the Board would send a message to both existing community members and potential investors considering the risk of doing business in Colchester.

MRB

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**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT**

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Matthew R. Bordeaux, Planning Director *MRB*
DATE: March 11, 2022
RE: Design Services – Police Department Renovations

The following request comes in an effort to start the conversation on the needs of town departments to provide a high level of service to the community. As we prepare for the move of the Senior Services Department to the new facility on Lebanon Avenue, the Town will be left with a vacant building. It should come as no surprise that there is a good reason the community supported the investment in a new Senior Center; the existing Senior Center is in a condition inconsistent with the expectations of the public. We are also keenly aware of the substandard condition of the existing Youth Center. The inadequacy of the space currently occupied by the Police Department grows the list of facilities in need of improvement. The list does not end there.

In order to better understand the needs of departments to appropriately provide their various services, I am recommending we engage design professionals to gather information and provide recommendations. Given the strict limitations associated with the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, it is important that the Town take action sooner than later if it wishes to use any portion of the ARPA funds to address facility needs, even if only to address some of the more obvious, low hanging fruit, so to speak. The growth and evolution of the public's expectations of law enforcement is one place to start.

The fee proposal attached is for preliminary design services to explore of the possibility and capacity of a renovation of the existing Police Department. As the department's needs have changed, the office needs to be renovated, and possibly expanded to more appropriately accommodate a co-ed staff and a more sophisticated program. The proposed design services of Stephen Jager Associates LLC shall be employed to evaluate the department's program and prepare preliminary design plans. Mr. Jager has experience in the development and renovation of municipal facilities including various emergency service departments in CT.

The agreement includes eight (8) hours of design services to start. The anticipated result of this work will be a conceptual layout for the department that provides a baseline for construction cost estimating and bid preparation. Fees for this service will be provided by the Public Works Department's Professional Services budget.

Proposed Motion:

Authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents related to the fee proposal dated February 17, 2022 re: Expansion of Existing Police Department from Stephen Jager Associates LLC for conceptual floor plans for the proposed renovation and expansion of the Police Department. Fees, not to exceed \$3200, for this service will be provided by the Public Work Department's Professional Services budget.

MRB

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Attach

Stephen Jager Associates LLC

4 Grand View Drive
Enfield, CT 06082

Date: 17 February 2022

Matthew R. Bordeaux
Planning Director
Town of Colchester, CT
127 Norwich Ave.
Colchester, CT 06415

Re: Expansion of Existing Police Dept.
Town of Colchester

Dear, Matt,

It was a pleasure meeting with you and Trooper Daryl to discuss space needs for the towns police dept.

As I stated, if you cannot locate existing town hall building drawings, I would come down and take measurements to create an as built floor plan. Once this work is done it would be the basis from which to create multiple space plan drawings showing different design ideas for the dept. I see this as at least on inhouse meeting with staff and multiple electronic submissions to get you to an acceptable solution. In addition, I have contacted a local construction firm to assist with providing an estimate of probable project cost based on an accepted solution at no cost.

The fee to provide these two services is as follow:

- If needed, I will gather existing building information and measure spaces that will be considered for the expansion. \$800.00
- Create multiple space drawings indication adjacencies and sizes of each space. \$1,600.00.
This would give you 8 hours of design time to come up with a solution. If we exceed this initial time allotment then, I will bill hourly at a rate of \$200.00/hr.

If this is acceptable, I can begin immediately. Just sign and return a pdf copy to me.

Signature of Town Official

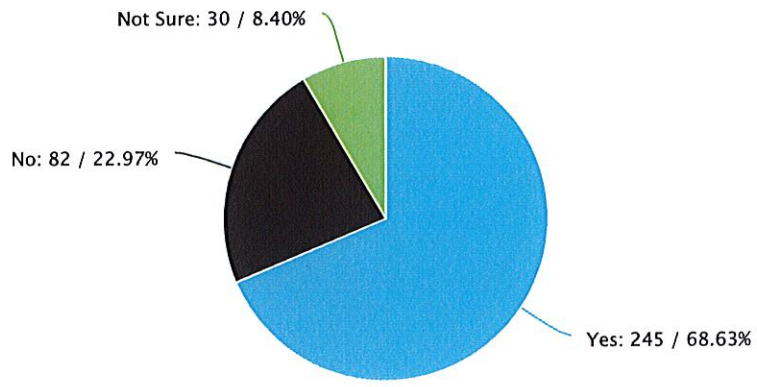
Architect



Print name

Stephen Jager, AIA

Answered 357, Skipped 0, Response Total 357



Should the Town of Colchester adopt a Removal of Dog Litter Ordinance?

10 records



75.109.153.185 Mar 11, 2022 8:29:50 PM

I lived in a somewhat "elite" subdivision of Colchester for over 20 years, and was disgusted by the droppings of my neighbors' (large) dogs when I walked my own. I always bagged my dogs' feces. I continue to do so in my urban community of NC, where I moved in 2019, and am happy to report that members of my new community do so as well without the threat of fines. We simply respect each other. I'm not sure how fines in Colchester can teach that.



76.127.253.229 Mar 11, 2022 6:38:01 PM

As someone who assists in the raising and training of guide dogs, I know for a fact some people who require the use of a guide dog are physically unable to pick up after their dog. If the exception for blind people can't be extended to other users of guide dogs I cannot support this ordinance.



73.69.96.232 Mar 6, 2022 10:18:49 AM

In addition to the exception for blind people with guide dogs, there should be another one for physically disabled people with service dogs, such as someone who is wheelchair bound.



71.234.208.218 Mar 5, 2022 2:07:38 PM

I bag my dog's feces and place by the side of trail, to be picked up on my way back to my car. Could I be fined for that under this proposed ordinance?



174.242.136.171 Mar 5, 2022 11:49:50 AM

Public Health should be the basis of such an ordinance. Dogs, cats or wild animals pooping in the woods off pathways, is natural and safe fertilizer with low potential of human contact. Consideration for others must be the objective of all pet owners.



73.167.161.198 Mar 5, 2022 9:46:40 AM

This is a 50/50 situation. Those that do pick up after their dogs and those that don't. I wish they would pick up after their dogs than leave it on the sidewalk.



76.23.146.76 Mar 5, 2022 8:37:33 AM

The town of Glastonbury has this very language in there's and it has been very successful. With all the surveillance cameras and phone cameras we all have it will work.

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AGREE



76.127.246.37 Mar 5, 2022 4:58:15 AM

The only problem I see with this plan is, you need someone watching everyone who is walking a dog in order to catch them in the act. I do believe it is needed, but don't see how it can be enforced.



32.217.25.224 Mar 4, 2022 5:24:36 PM

An ordinance like this needs to have a plan of how it will be enforced otherwise it will not be effective. A more targeted educational strategy town-wide would seem to be a better use of resources on the environmental issues and health concerns of dog waste not being picked up. The brochure provided by the CT River Coastal Conservation District is good and has been made available at town hall and Cohen Woodlands for years, but that is a passive approach. https://www.colchesterct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf4286ff/uploads/pet-waste-brochure_2018_web.pdf Another issue that needs further looking into is pet owners licensing their dogs with the town, and having the dogs wear their license and rabies tags on their collars all the time. FB posts seem to dogs lose/roaming, w/o tags.



174.192.11.173 Mar 4, 2022 5:05:20 PM

I don't see how this dog dropping ordinance is enforceable Unless we deputize all our citizens, or place dog wardens along every road. I am definitely not in favor of people trying to turn in people.

Address 10209 Yearling Drive, Rockville, Maryland, USA Customer Support

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