

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Agenda

Regular Meeting via Zoom

Thursday, March 18, 2021 @ 7:00 PM

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION
5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS
6. CORRESPONDENCE: Dave Anderson
7. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approve Minutes of the March 4, Special Meeting
  - B. Approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting
  - C. Tax Abatements
8. Boards and Commission – Interviews and/or Possible Appointment and Resignations
  - A. Interview of Quinn Kozak for the Commission on Aging for a Possible Appointment as an Alternate with a Term to Expire on 12/31/2022 and for the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Possible Appointment as an Alternate with a Term to Expire on 12/31/2023
9. Sgt. Tim Edwards to Discuss Special Duty Pay
10. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS
11. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT
12. LIAISON REPORTS: See Attached for Commission on Aging
13. ADJOURN

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TO: BOARD OF SELECT PEOPLE  
FROM: DAVID K ANDERSON

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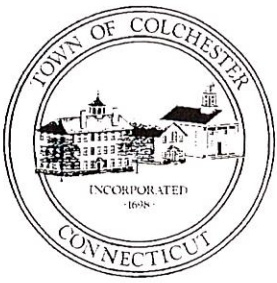
I HOPE TOWN HALL STAFF DOES NOT FIND THIS LETTER TO "BRUTAL OR ABUSIVE". FOR THE RECORD THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOME TYPE OF BLIGHT SINCE THE PROPERTY/OWNER MOVED THERE MANY YEARS AGO. THE LAST FEW YEARS THE BLIGHT INCREASED BECAUSE OF THE YOUNGEST SON, GRANDDAUGHTER<sup>A</sup> AND HER CHILDREN. I WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WAS TIRED OF LOOKING AT THE BLIGHT. A NEIGHBOR ASKED ME ABOUT THE BOAT YARD AND OTHER BLIGHT IN THE AREA I TOLD HIM TO CONTACT TOWN HALL STAFF BUT DO NOT BE "BRUTAL OR ABUSIVE" THE PEOPLE THERE ARE VERY SENSITIVE AND FRAGILE. IN THE MANY YEARS I HAVE LIVED IN COLCHESTER I HAVE ALWAYS WORKED WELL WITH ALL TOWN EMPLOYEES THOSE DAYS ARE OVER GONE FOREVER. I HAD THE EDITOR OF THE RIVEREAST COME TO MY HOUSE TO SEE THE BLIGHT THAT REMAINS AND TELL HIM WHAT WAS REMOVED HE DID NOT FIND ME TO BE "BRUTAL OR ABUSIVE" HE ALSO WOULD NOT HAVE PRINTED THE ARTICLE THE WAY IT WAS PRINTED. MY SON IS LOOKING FOR A PLACE FOR ME TO LIVE IN FLORIDA CLOSE TO WHERE HE LIVES. I AM DONE WITH CONNECTICUT.

DAVID K. ANDERSON



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Board of Selectman Minutes

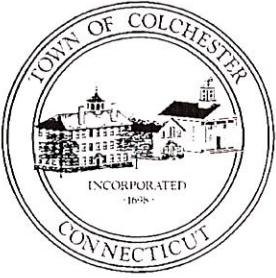
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Thursday, March 4, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Members Present: First Selectman Mary Bylone, Selectmen Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner and Denise Mizla  
Absent Taras Rudko

1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Mary Bylone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Presentation on C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy): Nicholas Zuba with the Connecticut Green Bank gave a presentation on C-PACE which is a financing tool allowing for energy upgrades in buildings to be financed with third party capital and repaid through an assessment on the building's property tax bill.
3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Jack Faski spoke in favor of C-Pace
4. ADJOURN: R. Coyle motioned to adjourn at 7 p.m., seconded by D. Mizla. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Mary Bylone called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: R. Coyle motioned to move agenda item number 9 to agenda item number five and renumber accordingly and to switch the order of the Executive Session items, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None
5. C-PACE: R. Coyle motioned to recommend to the legislative body of the Town of Colchester, the Town Meeting, the adoption of a resolution to approve the Connecticut Green Bank's Connecticut Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program Agreement and authorize the First Selectman to execute and deliver the C-PACE Agreement. A town meeting shall be held March 18, 2021 to vote on the resolution, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED** 4-0-1 with T. Rudko abstaining.
6. CORRESPONDENCE: None
7. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting
  - B. Tax Abatements
  - D. Turner motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
8. Boards and Commission – Interviews and/or Possible Appointment and Resignations
  - A. Commission on Aging - Interview of Rosanne Tousignant for a possible full member appointment with a term to expire 12/1/2021: R. Coyle, motioned to appoint Rosanne Tousignant as a full member of the Commission on Aging with a term to expire 12/1/2021, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**
  - B. Commission on Aging - Interview of Nola Weston for a possible alternate position with a term to expire on 12/31/2022: R. Coyle motioned to appoint Nola Weston as an alternate member on the Commission on Aging with a term to expire on 12/31/2022, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED** 4-0-1 with T. Rudko abstaining.

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9. Assessor John Chaponis follow up from Board of Selectman Meeting February 18, 2021 Grand List Discussion:  
No action needed.

10. Lebanon Street Scape Design Consultant Services: T. Rudko motioned to award the contract for the performance of design services related to the Lebanon Avenue Streetscape Improvement Project to Anchor, a Barton & Loguidice Company and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents related to the performance of design services as outlined in the letter dated February 22, 2021, seconded by D. Mizla.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

R. Coyle motioned to approve a Waiver of Request for Proposal/Competitive Bid Process due to the schedule and sequence of submittals associated with the LOTCIP program requirements, seconded by D. Mizla.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

11. Memorial Day Parade: No action needed.

12. Purchase of Ambulance: Sean Shoemaker will continue to research the costs of purchasing an ambulance.

13. Executive Session:

A. To Discuss a Possible Land Purchase for Open Space

B. To Discuss Strategy with Respect to a Pending Claim Pertaining to an Employment Issue.

R. Coyle motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. and invite Town Planner Matt Bordeaux and Wetlands Enforcement Officer Jay Gigliotti to attend for item 13A on the agenda, seconded by D. Turner.

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Board Members exited Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

13 A To Discuss a Possible Land Purchase for Open Space: R. Coyle motioned to recommend to the Board of Finance for an appropriation of \$87,000 to supplement the grant received to purchase land on Middletown Road for Open space, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED 4-1-0** with T. Rudko opposed

13 B To Discuss Strategy with Respect to a Pending Claim Pertaining to an Employment Issue: T. Rudko motioned that the town hire a third-party administrator to handle claims under state statute 7-433C and authorize the First selectman to sign the associated contract as necessary, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

14. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE

15. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT: COVID numbers are decreasing in the state. The Governor is relaxing some of the restrictions. Chatham Health District is focusing on getting teachers and childcare workers vaccinated. At the Board of Finance meeting, the Police Department did a presentation on staffing and vehicle replacements. According to Tom Hennick with Freedom of Information Board members are not required to have their cameras on during meetings.

16. LIAISON REPORTS: D. Turner – Ad Hoc Committee on Diversity and Inclusion: James Stavola, Police Commission Chair, and Town Planner Matt Bordeaux attended the last meeting. The committee is finalizing their charge and working on a presentation for the Board of Selectmen.

D. Mizla – None to report.

T. Rudko – None to report.

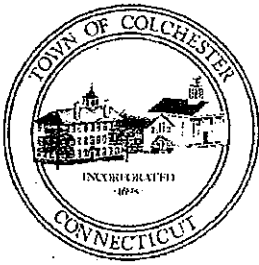
R. Coyle – Senior Center Building Committee – The committee is working with the architect on the 8-24 Mandatory Referral to Planning and Zoning.

Senior Center Building Public Information Subcommittee – The committee is working on the newsletter mailer and a designated website.

Long Term Recovery Committee – Planning on coming to BOS with recommendations.

Chatham Health District – They have approved their 21-22 budget. Per capita Colchester will see a \$7,742 increase, about a 4% increase, this is due to COVID and filling of open positions.

17. ADJOURN: T. Rudko motioned to adjourn at 8:44 p.m., seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



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DATE: 2-22-21

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

Name: Quinn McKinley Kozak

Address: 36 Lynn Lane Colchester, CT. 06415

Home Phone: 860-300-6482 Email quinnmacko@gmail.com FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: 860-300-6482 Town Residency 20 Years

Party Affiliation:  Democrat  Republican  Unaffiliated (check one)

Commission or Board you are interested in serving on: Commission on Aging

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

High School: 4 Years at Bacon Academy

College: 1 Semester at Springfield College before Covid hit

Trade, Business I currently work at the local Stop and Shop as a sales associate in the Dairy department  
Or Correspondence  
School \_\_\_\_\_

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

Prior to working at Stop and Shop I worked as the dishwasher at the local Plum Tomato,  
a handyman/landscaper, and as the morning caretaker for the Light Horse Farm here  
in Colchester

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

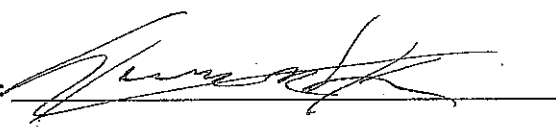
Why are you interested in serving? I want to get involved in my local government and become more active in my community and feel that I can help by joining this commission

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? I have lived in the Colchester-Westchester area all my life, until college I had only ever really attended Colchester public schools, and during my senior year project in high school I worked with the Colchester Democrats canvassing which introduced me to parts of town that I had not previously had the pleasure of being acquainted with.

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

Which ones? Yes tbd

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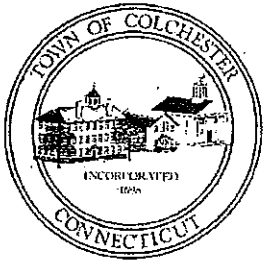
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## Commission on Aging-7 Members, 2 Alternates, 3 year terms

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>
Chair	Marjorie Mlodzinski	U	860-603-2047	msrmlodzinski@gmail.com	12/1/2021
Vice Chair	Nan Wasniewski	R	860-531-9622	newskinoll@gmail.com	12/31/2021
Member	Roberta J. Avery	R	860-608-4628	roberta.avery@snet.net	12/1/2023
Member	Geraldine Transue	D	860-608-9824	gkwer1945@gmail.com	12/1/2023
Member	Linda Pasternak	U	860-303-6143	lpasternak@sbcglobal.net	12/31/2022
Member	Sandra Gaetano	D	860-537-6120	sgaetano11@gmail.com	12/1/2023
Member	Roseanne Tousignant	U	207-624-1383	<a href="mailto:roz64@gmail.com">roz64@gmail.com</a>	12/1/2021
<i>Alternate</i>	Nola Weston	U	207-624-1979	<a href="mailto:nolaw65@gmail.com">nolaw65@gmail.com</a>	12/31/2022
<i>Alternate</i>	VACANT				12/31/2022

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Cell Phone: 860-300-6482 Town Residency 20 Years

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

High School: 4 Years at Bacon Academy

College: 1 Semester at Springfield College before Covid

Trade, Business The local Colchester Stop and Shop as a sales associate in the Dairy department

Or Correspondence \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

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

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handyman/landscaper, and the morning caretaker for the Light Horse Farm in Colchester

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

Why are you interested in serving? I want to give back and show my appreciation to the community  
I was raised in by getting involved in local politics.

Do you have any experience or familiarity with this area? I have lived all my life in this area, I only ever  
attended Colchester public schools until college and for my senior project while working with  
the Colchester Democrats canvassing I saw parts of Colchester I hadn't previously seen

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

Which ones? Yes TBD

Date: 2-22-21

Signature: 

**Zoning Board of Appeals-5 Members, 3 Alternates, 5 year terms**

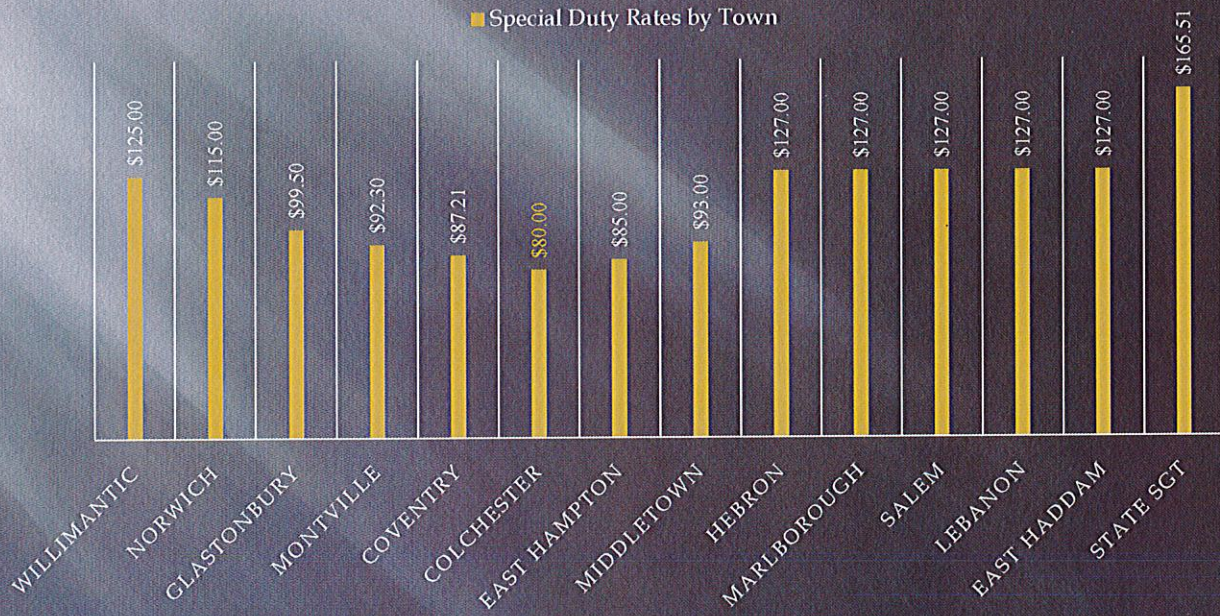
<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Party</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>E-mail</i>	<i>Expiration Date</i>
Chair	Laurie Robinson	D	860-917-5642	robinson@snet.net	12/1/2022
Vice Chair	Patrick Reading	R	860-705-8398	pmreading@yahoo.com	12/1/2023
Member	Jason Radachy	U	860-537-6532	jason.radachy@gmail.com	12/31/2025
Member	Michael Solis	D	860-537-2535	arcangelct@yahoo.com	12/1/2023
Member	Bob Setschinsky	D	860-608-4488	bsetschinsky@snet.net	12/31/2025
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Please e-mail both Matt Bordeaux and Kami Cavanaugh with changes

# Compare Special Duty Rates

## SPECIAL DUTY RATES BY TOWN



Willimantic	\$125.00
Norwich	\$115.00
Glastonbury	\$99.50
Montville	\$92.30
Coventry	\$87.21
Colchester	\$80.00
East Hampton	\$85.00
Middletown	\$93.00
Hebron (TPR)	\$127.00
Marlborough (TPR)	\$127.00
Salem (TPR)	\$127.00
Lebanon (TPR)	\$127.00
East Haddam (TPR)	\$127.00
State Police SGT	\$165.51
State Police TPR	\$127.00

## COA Meeting-March 8, 2021

Though our building is still not open to the public, we continue to provide the following services:

- Transportation for in-town, medical rides and monthly shopping trips (masked and socially distanced)
- Meals: MOW deliveries (Tuesday-Friday) and Community Café (5 frozen meals delivered every Tuesday)
- Wellness Check outreach calls-these are now happening once per month, unless otherwise requested
- Virtual Programming with at least 1 in-person safely distanced special event per month.
- Weekly communications through email blasts and robo-calls to all members
- Management of the office: volume of phone calls have remained steady, paying bills, grant reports, management of social media, etc.
- Building is closed, but people can call in to make an appointment for any one-on-one assistance which cannot be handled by phone. (masked and socially distanced)

Chatham Health District completed their 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose Clinic on-site on February 24<sup>th</sup> and a First Dose Vaccine Clinic on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose scheduled on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. CHD has been asked to turn their attention towards vaccinating educators within the district and for the short term will not be holding public clinics.

Age eligibility has been lowered to 55+, effective March 1<sup>st</sup>. Whenever this happens, we hear about difficulty for folks to schedule their appointments. Our message is to be patient. There is still a limited amount of vaccine available, which is why there is a systematic rollout. The best way for people to schedule appointments is through VAMS, if they have computer access and by the toll-free CT COVID Vaccine Appointment Line at 877-918-2224.

Now that almost 95% of Colchester residents ages 75+ have received at least a first dose of vaccine, the senior center will be switching from scheduling for local vaccine clinics to providing guidance and/or assistance, as needed. The assumption is that as we move toward the lower age categories, most have access to computers and are able to navigate the system needed to schedule their own appointment, and they also (most likely) have access to transportation resources. According to CHD, if additional clinics are established, those appointments will be available through VAMS, unlike the "closed clinics" we were holding where the appointments did not show up in VAMS.

Last week, we had the wonderful experience of wishing our eldest senior center member, Mary W. a happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by delivering a proclamation on behalf of the First Selectman, a birthday card, balloons and a birthday cake. She is an incredibly sharp and capable woman who lives independently in the community and is even still driving. She represents everything about healthy and active aging that we hope to champion. What a joy to celebrate her milestone birthday!

We've been actively growing our social media presence on Facebook, as it will be an important tool to help reach segments of the population about the new senior center.

Colchester was downgraded on Friday to an Orange Alert status for COVID-19 positivity, and numbers are steadily declining. I've begun gathering information from other directors statewide about when they anticipate reopening. It ranges from early May until after Labor Day. As always, we will be looking to CHD to help us determine safety for reopening. Until then, we continue serving people by phone and email and are serving folks in-person by appointment.

AARP's Tax Aide program has begun and will continue into mid-April. The new format for scanning appointments seems to be working well. Appointments are scheduled on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals delivered in January: Community Café:195 MOW: 512
- Monthly transports in January: 495
- Monthly attendance in January: 805
- Total Membership: 1369 (Membership grew rapidly last month with the registration of 50 new members.)