



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 4, 2020 @ 7 PM  
Zoom Meeting

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

Others Present: Director of Parks and Recreation, Tiffany Quinn, Director of Public Works, James Paggioli, Fire Chief Walter Cox

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1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: T. Rudko motioned to add agenda item #6  
*Discussion of Correspondence from T. Rudko and A. Bisbikos*, seconded by First Selectman, D. Mizla voted in favor, R. Coyle and First Selectmen voted against, D. Turner abstained. FS changed vote in favor so motion carried. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None
4. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. Approve the minutes of the May 28, 2020 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
  - B. Tax Abatements
  - C. Boards and Commission - Reappointment of Ronald Silberman to the Sewer and Water Commission for a term to expire on 6/30/2023: T. Rudko motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
5. Discussion of Correspondence from T. Rudko and A. Bisbikos: FS answered the questions T. Rudko had put forth at the May 28, 2020 meeting.
6. Discussion and Possible Action to on Rec Plex Concession Stand: The contract had been awarded to John Sawchuk in February, but he failed to sign the contract or respond to correspondence regarding his

plans for opening. D. Turner motioned to accept that Park and Recreation will take over running the concession stand, seconded by T. Rudko. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Adoption of the Colchester Sewer and Water Commission FY 2020-2021 Operating Budget; R. Coyle motioned whereas the Town of Colchester Sewer and Water Commission forwarded and recommended the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Sewer and Water Commission Operating Budget to the Board of Selectmen: the Board of Selectmen hereby adopt said Operating Budgets as recommended and submitted by the Sewer and Water Commission Budget at their meeting on May 27, 2020, seconded by D. Mizla. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
8. Executive Session – D. Mizla motioned that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:26 p.m., seconded by T. Rudko. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Colchester and the Library Employees, Local 1303-448 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO: The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. D. Mizla motioned to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Colchester and the Library Employees, Local 1303-448 of Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO contract for the years July 1 2020-June 30, 2023, seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**
10. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS: None
11. FIRST SELECTMAN’S REPORT: Town Hall will be opening to the public on June 8, by appointment only. Library continues curbside pick-up, and the book sale is scheduled for June 27, the Library will open to the public in July. Senior Center is working on a plan to reopen, but concerns remain about the seniors being a high risk population. Town has cancelled day camp, however there will be programming offered through Parks and Recreation and Youth and Social Services. Halls Hill Road Rehabilitation will be starting soon. Restaurants with outdoor dining seems to be going well. OPM is covering 100% of COVID related expenses the town requested. There is a protest planned for the green on Friday, June 5 from 3 – 5 p.m., the town did not issue a permit for it, they have the right to gather and protest under the

First Amendment. Town Hall will be closing at 2 p.m. and all town vehicles will be moved from the Town Hall parking lot. Businesses around the green have been notified.

12. LIAISON REPORT: D. Turner attended the CHVFD Exemption Revision Committee. There is another meeting scheduled for June 8.

R. Coyle attend the Long Term Recovery Plan Committee. The group will meet every Wednesday. They will be conducting a needs survey for residents and businesses.

R. Coyle attended the Senior Center Building Committee, the architects presented a couple of rough draft sketches of what the new Senior Center may look like.

D. Mizla attended the Park and Recreation Committee, there is no money coming in from programming since activities had to be cancelled. The Tennis Court and the Dog Park are open. When the fields do reopen the committee agreed to not make up lost programming.

13. ADJOURN: R. Coyle motioned to adjourn at 7:43, seconded by T. Rudko. **MOTION CARRIED**

**UNANIMOUSLY**

Please see the minutes of future meetings for any corrections hereto.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Heide Perham, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman