



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

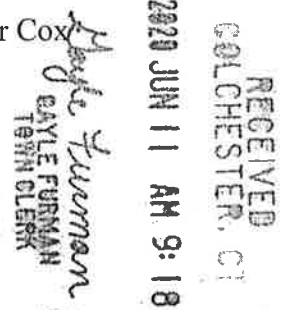
127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2020 @ 4:30 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, Fire Chief Walter Cox



1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: NONE
4. Approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting

R. Coyle motioned to approve the minutes with the following corrections to the Liaison Reports:

“R. Coyle *attended* the Long Term Recovery Plan Committee,” and in D. Mizla’s report on Parks and Recreation reflect “When the fields do reopen the committee agree to not make up lost *sports*,” seconded by D. Turner. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0.**

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Plan for Diversity and Inclusion in Colchester

Conversation included the possibility of creating a formal board or commission to focus on the issues of diversity and inclusion. The board agreed that they would like to have a better idea of what the charge of the group would be and will be discussing it again at a future board meeting. M. Bylone and D. Turner will bring forward a more structured proposal for further discussion.

6. Presentation by Tiffany Quinn on the Reopening of Parks and Recreation Facilities

Parks and Recreation Director, T. Quinn presented the states three phases for reopening and how Colchester will be meeting those guidelines.

7. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None

8. FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT:

Town Hall is open to the public by appointment.

Library will open in July.

Senior Center scheduled to reopen in September, but details are being worked on.

The town is exploring how to best use Zoom in the future when boards and commissions go back to meeting in person.

The town has been able to keep open about 100 businesses, only two business have closed, Two Wheels and the Barbershop, due to COVID.

The Town budget was moved forward at the June 8 Board of Finance meeting.

9. LIAISON REPORTS

Commission on Aging - R. Coyle attended, reporting that the commission is working on their annual report. Not sure if the COA will be able to hold the roundtable scheduled for July.

Open Space Advisory Committee - R. Coyle attended, reporting that the Committee is working on an Open Space Land Grant that will be brought to both the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen for endorsement. The committee also recommended two other properties for fee in lieu of Open Space.

10. ADJOURN

D. Turner motioned to adjourn at 5:28 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. **MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

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

Respectfully Submitted by:



Heide Perham, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman