



# *Town of Colchester, Connecticut*

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

## AMENDED

**Board of Selectmen Agenda  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, November 7, 2019 @ 7:00 PM  
Colchester Town Hall**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions to the Agenda
4. Citizen's Comments
5. Consent Agenda
  - a. Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting
  - b. Approve Minutes of the October 21, 2019 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting
  - c. Approve 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule
  - d. Planning & Zoning Commission – Reappointment of Meaghan Kehoegreen for a three-year term to expire 12/1/2022
  - e. Commission on Aging – Reappointment of Linda Pasternak for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2022
  - f. Youth Services Advisory Board – Reappointment of Pam Scheibelein for a three-year term to expire 12/1/2022
  - g. Ethics Commission – Reappointment of Betty Wagner for a three-year term to expire 10/13/2022
  - h. Tax Abatements
6. Commemorating Stan Soby's Years of Dedicated Service to the Town of Colchester
7. Citizen's Comments
8. First Selectman's Report
9. Liaison Reports
10. Adjourn to Reception for Stan Soby (public welcome)

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Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 17, 2019  
Colchester Town Hall @ 7:00pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Denise Mizla, and Selectman Denise Turner

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Fire Chief W Cox, Recreation Director T Quinn, Town Clerk G Furman, Fire Marshal S Shoemaker, BOF A Migliaccio, BOE M Bylone, E Evans, T Rudko, D Gesiak, 6 students and clerk T Dean

**1. Call to Order**

A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

- 2. Additions to the Agenda** – A Shilosky added #8 Discussion and Possible Action on Bloom Connecticut Clean Energy Company LLC Energy Tax Stabilization. R Coyle added #9 Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase Request of 129 Westchester Road, renumber remaining items.

R Coyle moved to approve the additions to the agenda as presented, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Citizen's Comments** – none

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Minutes of the October 3, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting
- b. Housing Authority – Reappointment of Janet LaBella for a five-year term to expire 11/30/2024
- c. Parks & Recreation Commission
  1. Reappointment of Traci Bruni for a four-year term to expire 11/1/2023
  2. Reappointment of Brenda Kniska for a four-year term to expire 11/1/2023
- d. Planning & Zoning Commission – Reappointment of Joseph Mathieu for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2022
- e. Agriculture Commission – Reappointment of Leslie Curtis as an alternate member for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2022
- f. Historic District Commission – Reappointment of Ellen Sharon for a five-year term to expire 11/1/2024
- g. Reappointment of Dean Hunniford as Tree Warden to expire 11/17/2020
- h. Tax Abatements

S Soby moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**5. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**

- a. Emergency Management Director – Sean Shoemaker possible appointment to expire 11/19/2020  
S Soby moved to appoint Sean Shoemaker as Emergency Management Director for a one year term to expire 11/19/2020, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. Deputy Emergency Management Director – Richard Peruta possible appointment to expire 10/31/2020  
D Mizla moved to appoint Richard Peruta as Deputy Emergency Management Director for a one year term to expire 10/31/2020, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Discussion and Possible Action on Recreation Department Halloween Event**

S Soby stated concern that Friday night 11/1 potentially might exclude people from participating as it is the Jewish Sabbath, as well as a Christian holy day observed. Input from T Quinn on scheduling conflicts as to why this was the earliest date that worked.

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on Mutual Police Assistance Compact**

A Shilosky stated that he wasn't confident that having mutual assistance from the Mohegan Tribe and Mashantucket Pequot Tribe would be in the best interest of the town due to distance. S Soby asked what generated this request and the

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position of our Sgt. Resident Trooper. A Shilosky stated he was just given the contract by the PD and there was no position stated. The Board agreed that due to currently having state police available if needed, that the current program was satisfactory. NO ACTION

**8. Discussion and Possible Action on Bloom Connecticut Clean Energy Company LLC Energy Tax Stabilization**

A Shilosky gave an overview of the project to date. Eversource is currently installing pipeline for natural gas through Colchester. Bloom has requested breaking down the tax payment of \$9 million tax over 20 years at a set rate semi-annually. This would provide the same final tax payment over the 20 years, but at a set amount per year. This would not incur any cost to the town. A Town Meeting to approve this is required. Discussion on potential risk if company changes hands and whether contract language is noted that the obligation would carry to the successor owner.

R Coyle moved to send the following question to a town meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 7pm in Town Hall meeting room 1; Should the town of Colchester enter into a twenty year tax stabilization agreement with Bloom Clean Energy Company, LLC where Bloom will pay a stabilized annual tax payment for their personal property that is equal to what they would have paid if they had been tax conventionally.

S Soby inquired if the motion language has been reviewed by town counsel for legal sufficiency. A Shilosky will follow up.

R Coyle withdrew the motion . NO ACTION

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase Request of 129 Westchester Road**

R Coyle stated that the BOS and BOF have reviewed and both approved the purchase. The board would like to move forward by purchasing the property. The demolition and remediation are not time sensitive and there are a few options available to fund it.

R Coyle moved to approve the purchase of the property at 129 Westchester Road adjacent to Norton Park for the price of \$1.00, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**10. Citizen's Comments – Evan Evans regarding the property purchase of 129 Westchester road. He encouraged the Board to get a full assessment of the property before purchase.**

**11. First Selectman's Report - none**

**12. Liaison Reports**

R Coyle reported on Commission on Aging – attached

D Mizla reported on Board of Education – Approved 2020 meeting dates. Presentation of grade 3-8 student assessment results and Bacon Academy math improvement update. Eastern CT Workforce Investment Board (EWIB) donated four large fabrication tables. The WEIB has supported BA's manufacturing program and has been instrumental in establishing a pipeline to employment that our students benefit from. Projected enrollment is slightly higher than projected (attached).

S Soby stated that given the projected contracts with Electric Boat, there is definitely a huge need for manufacturing students. The EWIB program is a way to give students the experience base needed to move into that workforce.

**13. Adjourn**

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:35 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

Attachment:

129 Westchester Road  
Commission on Aging report  
CPS enrollment



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 21, 2019  
Colchester Town Hall @ 3pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Denise Turner; via teleconference; Selectman Stan Soby and Selectman Denise Mizla

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Assessor J Chaponis and clerk T Dean

**1. Call to Order**

A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

**2. Citizen's Comment - none**

**3. Discussion and Possible Action on Bloom Connecticut Clean Energy Company LLC Energy Tax Stabilization**

A Shilosky stated that included in the packet is a memo from the Assessor, letter from Bloom, and a copy of the C.G.S.32-71a(a).

R Coyle moved to send the following to a town meeting on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 7pm in Town Hall meeting room 1: To discuss and vote upon the town of Colchester, in accordance with C.G.S. 32-71a(a), and/or such other statutes under the laws of the State of Connecticut, authorizing the First Selectman to enter into a twenty year tax stabilization agreement with Bloom Clean Energy Company, LLC whereby Bloom will pay the town a stabilized semi-annual tax payment for their personal property. The total of such stabilized semi-annual payments shall be equal to the total tax liability that Bloom would have paid to the town had they been taxed conventionally, seconded by D Mizla.

Discussion. S Soby asked if the language in the agreement would apply to any successor to Bloom. J Chaponis stated the contract has been vetted by town counsel and does have language allowing Bloom to sell with the agreement still being held in full force.

Motion and second on the floor. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Adjourn**

D Turner moved to adjourn at 3:06 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

Attachment:  
Interdepartmental Memorandum Assessor  
Bloom Energy letter  
C.G.S. 32-71a(a)

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# MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**Cc:**  
**From:** Art Shilosky, First Selectman  
**Date:** 11/7/2019  
**Re:** 2020 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Schedule

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The following meeting schedule is recommended for the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Selectmen for 2020.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall, located at 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT.

January 2	July 16
January 16	August 6
February 6	August 20
February 20	September 3
March 5	September 17
March 19	October 1
April 2	October 15
April 16	November 5
May 7	November 19
May 21	December 3
June 4	December 17
June 18	
July 2	

**Recommended Motion – “Move to adopt the Board of Selectmen 2020 meeting schedule as recommended by the First Selectman”**