

Heide Perham

From: Taras Rudko
Sent: Thursday, December 3, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Hennick, Thomas A
Cc: Heide Perham; First Selectman
Subject: RE: applicants for Park and Rec commission

Tom,

Thank you for your timely response below. I do not wish to belabor this point nor go back and forth, however my general point of contention is in your list below item "2) Sheets will not be shared or reviewed by any board member until the meeting." would provide the potential for undue influence. These rankings are going to Heide in the First Selectman's office ergo to the First Selectman "potentially". Would it not be more transparent to just conduct this business in its entirety during the meeting and avoid any potential for questionable behavior?

Thank You,

Tars W. Rudko
Member Board of Selectman

From: First Selectman
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Taras Rudko <trudko@colchesterct.gov>
Cc: Heide Perham <hperham@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: FW: applicants for Park and Rec commission

Taras

I had Heide send your concern to Tom Hennick and I have attached his reply.

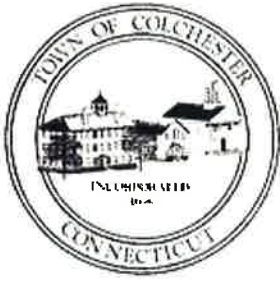
In the same vein, I would ask that you refrain any response to an email related to Board of Selectman by replying to all as you did below. This is in violation of the FOI requirements around conducting board business outside of the public meeting.

As you requested, this full email exchange will be included in the correspondence attachments for the December 3rd meeting of the BOS.

Thank you,

Mary

Mary Bylone
First Selectman Colchester CT
860-537-7220 office



From: Heide Perham <hperham@colchesterct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:35 PM
To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: FW: applicants for Park and Rec commission

From: Hennick, Thomas A <Thomas.Hennick@ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Heide Perham <hperham@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: Re: applicants for Park and Rec commission

Hello Heide,

While Selectman Rudko raises an important point about conducting town business in secret, my opinion is that what the first selectman has suggested here would not be violative of that credo or of the FOI Act. From my vantage point, asking the selectmen to rank the candidates for the Park and Rec Commission without consulting each other, then sending their rankings to you to prepare a tally sheet for tomorrow's meeting would constitute, in essence, meeting preparation and nothing more. There are several thoughts I would offer:

- 1) This ranking must not constitute a vote.
- 2) Sheets will not be shared or reviewed by any board member until the meeting.
- 3) The ranking sheets and your tally sheet are public record.
- 4) The vote is made in public.

I applaud Selectman Rudko on his caution and concern about conducting improper meetings, but I think in this case there would be nothing improper from an FOI standpoint. It never hurts to check though.

I hope this helps.

Tom

From: Heide Perham <hperham@colchesterct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 1:24 PM
To: Hennick, Thomas A <Thomas.Hennick@ct.gov>
Subject: FW: applicants for Park and Rec commission

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FYI, please advise

From: Taras Rudko <trudko@colchesterct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 2, 2020 11:16 AM
To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; Board of Selectmen <BoardofSelectman@colchesterct.gov>
Cc: Heide Perham <hperham@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: RE: applicants for Park and Rec commission

Mary,

I can appreciate your enthusiasm. I would have thought that having the FOI representative in and all the chatter about the town hall conducting illegal meetings would have given you a moment of pause.

Your ask below is conducting town business outside of a town meeting... Any voting must be conducted during the meeting. Responding to this correspondence with a "vote" or ranking provides your office potential undue influence on the selectman prior to the meeting.

I will provide my responses in public during the meeting. I would also request that you include this thread in its entirety as a public correspondence for December 3rd's meeting.

Taras W. Rudko

Member Board of Selectman
Town of Colchester

From: First Selectman
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Board of Selectmen <BoardofSelectman@colchesterct.gov>
Cc: Heide Perham <hperham@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: applicants for Park and Rec commission

Please do not reply to all***Send response to Heide ONLY*****

Hi Everyone

I am excited we have 5 applicants for the Park and Rec Commission and people from a variety of backgrounds is a big plus. I heard a lot of enthusiasm from the group. We are slated to make a selection this coming Thursday and since we have to pick only 4 and also, who will be a regular member and an alternate, I am asking for each of you to consider the interviews we conducted at the last meeting and rank the applicants from 1-5, with 1 being your top pick. I will have you respond to Heide and she will fill in a tally sheet with each of our votes which we will use at the meeting in our discussion. I am not saying this will determine the selection. Just trying to provide some information to help us make the decision. We will still have discussion. The votes will be a public document. Please respond by 3 pm on Thursday, Dec 3 to Heide. You can just forward this email with your response to her.

Please Rank in order of preference, with 1 being your top pick:

Dan Everleigh	
Tim Daniels	
Roseanne Tousignant	
Nola Weston	

Anna Ackroyd

Mary

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