



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 6th, 2023, at 7 PM

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

Members Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), J. LaChapelle, D. Bates, D. Turner, and R. Coyle

Also Present: Tiffany Quinn (Park & Recreation Director), J. Leone (Public Works Director), Sgt. Z. Cash (Resident State Trooper), A. Migliaccio (Board of Finance Chair), M. Williamson (Finance Director)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by A. Bisbikos at 7:02 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
 - M. Dubreuil spoke about the Board of Education out-of-town tuition. R. Silberman spoke against field irrigation. D. Bouchard about the out-of-town tuition and on the proposed ARPA Social Services grant to help citizens.
5. Consent Agenda
 - R. Coyle made a motion to add 6C to the agenda to include a discussion on the Town Hall Roof, Town Hall HVAC, and 70ft Highlands Woods water tower. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - D. Bates made a motion to move items 8 A & B as the new item 6 on the agenda and number the remaining items accordingly. 2nd by R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - J. LaChapelle made a motion to make item 5D, item 5-1. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - R. Coyle made a motion to move the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, and F. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
- 5-1:
 - J. LaChapelle asked R. Silberman questions related to Sewer & Water.
 - J. Leone answered questions related to water consumption.
 - J. LaChapelle made a motion to accept the reappointment of Ron Silberman to the Sewer & Water Commission with a term set to expire 6/30/26. 2nd R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
6. Commission/Committee Interviews
 - A. Bonnie Trecarten was interviewed for the Commission on Aging, alternate membership.
 - B. Russell Melmed was interviewed for the Fair Rent Commission, membership.
7. ARPA
 - T. Quinn and J. Leone answered BOS questions related to field irrigation.
 - R. Coyle made a motion to authorize the First Selectman to sign all contracts and documents associated with awarding the irrigation project to Fournier Irrigation in the amount of \$238,797.00; the electrical work to Stula

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Enterprises in the amount of \$9995.00; the fencing to Fenceman and Sons in the amount of \$1750.00. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***

- R. Coyle made a motion that at the next Board of Selectmen meeting J. Leone provides a bid on the wells and to identify if there are any alternatives to the \$25,000 needed. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- J. Leone and Z. Cash answered questions related to the police expansion proposal.
- R. Coyle made a motion to approve a contract between the Town of Colchester and Stephen Jager Associates, LLC, to prepare architectural design and construction documents for the police expansion in the amount of \$18,400 deducted from the \$228,000 ARPA funds and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. ***Motion carried unanimously 5-0***
- J. Leone provided an update on the Town Hall Roof, the HVAC system, and the Water Tower.

8. Finance Department discussion

- M. Williamson and A. Migliaccio provided updates on the Finance Department

9. Nip Surcharge Disbursement

- J. Leone and the Board of Selectmen discussed ideas on how to appropriate the funds and how to gather additional feedback from various commissions/committees.

10. Citizens Comments

- D. Bouchard provided feedback on the nip surcharge disbursements and rent concerns. M. Dubreuil praised the finance department. M. Egan provided thoughts on the audit. R. Silberman spoke on gathering feedback and on irrigation. J. Farrell spoke about the finance department and budgetary numbers.

11. First Selectman's Report

- A. Bisbikos provided updates on the Town Green Gazebo, the Youth Center Roof, and the Splash Pad

12. Liaison Reports

- J. LaChapelle provided a BOE update on out-of-town tuition and negotiated contracts. D. Bates provided an update on the Norton Park status related to grants and remediation. D. Turner provided a Historic District update on the Van Cleef House, the bid on the electrical box on the Green, and damaged windows for the School for the Colored Children, and an update on CORE's last meeting, community conversations, and recent events. R. Coyle provided an update on Chatham Health's update on fee increases and state grants, and an update on the Agricultural Commission on a tax reduction program.

13. Adjourn

- J. LaChapelle made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by D. Bates. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 PM.

Minutes submitted by F. Brown