Town of Colchester, Connecticut
127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Agenda Minutes
Thursday, September 1st, 2022, at 7 PM

Members Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), D. Bates, J. LaChapelle, D. Turner, R. Coyle
Also Present: D. Kratochvil (Finance Director), A. Migliaccio (Board of Finance Chairman), J. Jones (Interim Public Works Director), S. Sharpe (Fleet Management Supervisor), S. Hoffman (Fire Chief), P. DeStefano (SLR)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:01
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
   • R. Coyle made a motion to add 3A to the agenda: Board of Selectman policy regarding communications with the town attorney. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. Motion carried unanimously 5-0
   • 3A: R. Coyle made a motion that the BOS establish this policy that any requests for legal opinions or clarification of matters by the FS or any member of the BOS to the Town Attorney must be in writing and the entire BOS must be copied. I move that this policy be added to our Bylaws as Section 6 Town Attorney and the original Section 6 be renumbered Section 7 and the original Section 7 be renumbered Section 8. The BOS shall receive an updated copy of the Bylaws and it shall be posted on the Town Website. 2nd by D. Turner. Motion carried unanimously 5-0
4. Citizens Comments
   • G. Transue spoke about the Norton Mill Project site and encouraged collaboration with the Board of Selectmen. J. Malsbenden spoke about the correspondence. K. Paquette spoke about a political video. T. Rudko spoke about the proposed town budget. R. Silberman spoke about SLR’s report and the Water & Sewer meetings. J. Ford encouraged greater collaboration and better decorum in town government. B. Dennler spoke about the town budget.
5. Consent Agenda
   • R. Coyle made a motion to make the 8/18/22 Board of Selectman Special Meeting minutes make it 5.1. 2nd by A. Bisbikos. Motion carried unanimously 5-0
   A. Approve the 8/2/22 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting minutes and the 8/18/22 Board of Selectman Special Meeting minutes
   B. Accept the Tax Collector’s Refunds for 9/1/2022

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C. Possible action to approve of a motion that the Town of Colchester reduce Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company Subdivision Bond N0. SUR0000250 from $213,575.17 to $101,677.68 as recommended by the Town Engineer

D. Possible action to approve the C-PACE Partial Release Agreement and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents
   - D. Turner made a motion to approve the consent agenda. 2nd by D. Bates. Motion carried unanimously 5-0
   - 5.1 D. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes of the 8/18/22 Board of Selectmen special meeting, 2nd by J. LaChapelle. Motion carried 3-0-2. R. Coyle & A. Bisbikos abstained.

6. Motion to set a new Town Meeting date for the Town Budget
   - A. Migliaccio & D. Kratochvil spoke about the importance of moving the budget forward, refuted the claim by various elected officials that there is fraud in the budget, and refuted a selectman’s claim that last year’s budget was over expended by over 700K. D. Kratochvil spoke about the effects the budget process might have on bonding, including higher interest rates. The Board of Selectmen had a conversation on what could happen if the budget did not pass to a town meeting. A. Bisbikos discussed potential litigation that may happen upon delays and obstruction. D. Turner felt reprimanded for asking questions on the budget. R. Coyle raised her concerns on the budget. J. LaChapelle raised his concerns on the budget.
   - A. Bisbikos made a motion to move the proposed budget from the BOF of $15,636,525.00 to a town meeting to be held on Monday, September 19th at 6:30 pm at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, CT. And referendum to be held on Wednesday, September 28th from 6 am to 8 pm at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Ave, Colchester, CT. 2nd by D. Bates. Motion carried 4-1 with J. LaChapelle dissenting

7. Job Description Review
   A. Full-time Accountant Position - No Action Taken

8. Contract Discussion
   A. Possible action to approve a contract with Dime Oil Co LLC to lock in gas prices at $2.9928 for an allocation of 25,000 gallons and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents.
      - R. Coyle made a motion to approve a contract with Dime Oil Co LLC to lock in gas prices at $2.9928 for an allocation of 25,000 gallons and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents. 2nd by J. LaChapelle. Motioned carried unanimously 5-0
   B. Possible action to approve of a contract with DEEP – the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, State Parks Division and accept the state grant of $39,822.20 for a link trail associated with Colchester Cemetery Road/Church Street Connecticut Trail
      - R. Coyle made a motion to approve of a contract with DEEP – the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, State Parks Division and accept the state grant of $39,822.20 for a link trail

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9. MOU Discussion
   A. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Police
      Union regarding Academy pay for new, non-certified police officers and allow the First Selectman to
      sign all necessary documents – **No Action Taken**
   B. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Police
      Union regarding compensatory time and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents - **No
      Action Taken**
   C. Possible action to approve of the MOU between the Town of Colchester and the Colchester Public
      Works Union regarding temporary light duty policy and allow the First Selectman to sign all necessary
      documents - **No Action Taken**

10. Norton Mill Project Grant Application
    A. Possible action to for the Board of Selectmen to authorize the submission of a grant application to the
       CT DECD Brownfield Program, for funds to complete the environmental remediation at 139
       Westchester Road site and authorize the First Selectman to sign all documents necessary to submit the
       grant application
       - R. Coyle made a motion for the Board of Selectmen to authorize the submission of a grant
         application to the CT DECD Brownfield Program, for funds to complete the environmental
         remediation at 139 Westchester Road site and authorize the First Selectman to sign all
         documents necessary to submit the grant application. **2nd by D. Bates. Motion carried
         unanimously 5-0**

11. Conversation with SLR
    A. Discussion with representatives of SLR on their overall review and recommendations of the Public
       Works Department
       - A. Bisbikos will schedule a meeting with SLR with Sewer & Water. After the meeting A.
         Bisbikos will schedule a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen to discuss SLR’s
         recommendations.

12. ARPA Discussion
    A. Possible action to approve of $27,730 in ARPA funding for a new roof on Company #2 Roof on
       Westchester Road with Millstream Construction and have the First Selectman sign any necessary
       documents
       - R. Coyle made a motion to approve of $27,730 in ARPA funding for a new roof on Company #2
         Roof on Westchester Road with Millstream Construction and have the First Selectman sign any
         necessary documents. **2nd by A. Bisbikos. Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
    B. Possible action to approve of the ARPA Committee’s Municipal Evaluation Rubric
       - R. Coyle made a motion to approve of the ARPA Committee’s Municipal Evaluation Rubric. **2nd
         by A. Bisbikos. Motion carried unanimously 5-0**

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C. ARPA Playbook Review, Updates, Next Steps

13. Citizen’s Comments

- M. Hayes spoke about the budget process. C. Russi spoke about how the medical driver need should be studied before approved. D. Lambert spoke about the budget process. L. Pasternak spoke about BOF meeting minutes, about ARPA being used for Norton Park, and encouraged a study on the medical driver. R. Silberman spoke about the budget process. K. Paquette spoke about the FS and politics.

- R. Coyle made a motion to adjourn. J. LaChapelle 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm

14. First Selectman’s Report
15. Liaison Reports
16. Adjourn

Submitted by A. Bisbikos

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