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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 20th, 2023, at 7 PM

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TOWN CLERK

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

Members Present: A. Bisbikos (First Selectman), D. Bates, R. Coyle, D. Turner, and J. LaChapelle
Also Present: J. Leone (Public Works Director)

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
4. Citizens Comments
5. Consent Agenda
 - R. Coyle made a motion to remove the minutes of 7/6/23 and make them item 5.1 and re-letter as appropriate. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - R. Coyle made a motion to move as Item E on the Consent Agenda to charge the Water & Sewer Commission with preparing a list of sites (ex. Splash pad) in which rate payers are subsidizing the use of water for town usage and make a recommendation to the BOS (Water Pollution Control Authority) on how to address these issues. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
 - R. Coyle moved the Consent Agenda. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
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 - R. Coyle made a motion to amend the minutes of 7/6/23 to state R. Silberman spoke about his concern with connecting the field irrigation to the water supply. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**
6. Commission/Committee Interviews
 - Bruce Hayn was interviewed for the Colchester Blight Hearing Officer
 - Jeffrey Mastrianni was interviewed for the Fair Rent Commission
7. ARPA
 - J. Leone provided an update on various ARPA projects such as the Town Hall Roof, HVAC, the Police Station Expansion, Field Irrigation, the Fire Department paving, the Youth Center Roof, and the Water Towers.
8. Town and Board of Education Budgets
 - D. Turner made a motion to move the proposed Town budget of \$15,660,140 and the proposed Board of Education budget of \$43,979,351 to a Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, August 2nd for 6:30 PM at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue in Colchester, CT, and a Referendum to be held on Wednesday, August 9th from 6 AM to 8 PM at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue in Colchester, CT. 2nd by R. Coyle. **Motion carried unanimously 5-0**

9. Citizens Comments

- M. Dubreuil commented on the interview process. M. Egan praised the work leading up to the second referendum.

10. First Selectman's Report

11. Liaison Reports

- R. Coyle stated that the Agriculture Commission is working on a tax relief ordinance, that the Commission on Aging finished their resource guide, numbers were reported on meals on wheels and on the senior center membership, and that the Open Space is reviewing the town's open space plan.

12. Adjourn – D. Turner motioned to adjourn. 2nd by D. Bates. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Minutes submitted by F. Brown