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Andreas Bisbikos, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Agenda - Minutes

Thursday, August 10th, 2023, at 6 PM

Hybrid: Town Hall - Meeting Room 1 & Via Zoom

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TOWN CLERK

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

Member Absent: J. LaChapelle

Also Present: S. Hoffmann (Fire Chief), D. Sorrentino (Planning Director), M. Williamson (Finance Director), D. Rosenblatt (Agricultural Commission Chair), S. Ramsby (HR Director)

1. Call to Order – A. Bisbikos called the meeting to order at 6 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Correspondence
 - D. Turner and A. Bisbikos discussed FOI.
4. Citizens Comments
 - L. Shilosky spoke in support of C. Russi's room dedication. P. Clesowich spoke in support of C. Russi's room dedication. D. Beatty spoke in support of C. Russi's room dedication. M. Tomasi spoke about the Colchester Burial Grounds.
5. Consent Agenda
 - R. Coyle made a motion to remove 5c from the consent agenda, make it 5.1, and re-letter the remaining items A through D. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
 - R. Coyle made a motion to move the consent agenda. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
 - 5.1
 - R. Coyle made a motion that the Board of Selectmen approve the contract award for "Colchester Town Green Electrical Services Upgrades" to the apparent low bidder, Stula Enterprises LLC and allow the First Selectman to sign any necessary documents associated with said contract as recommended by the Town Engineer. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
6. Job Descriptions
 - S. Hoffman provide an overview of the job descriptions and an update on the hiring of two additional firefighters.
 - D. Turner made a motion to approve the Career Lieutenant Job Description as recommended by the Fire Chief. 2nd by D. Bates. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
 - R. Coyle made a motion to approve the Career Captain Job Description as recommended by the Fire Chief. 2nd by D. Turner. **Motion carried unanimously 4-0**
7. Petition

- R. Coyle made a motion to support a room in the “New” Colchester Senior Center as “The Cathy Russi Room” to honor Cathy Russi’s years of service & commitment by enhancing the lives of all generations through activities for over 30 years. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- Motion to place the dedication designated for Cathy Russi on the November 5th, 2024, ballot per the Naming Facilities policy for a town-wide vote. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

8. MOA

- D. Turner made a motion to approve the MOA between the Town of Colchester and the Local 1303-254 of Council 4 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO accepting the Accountant and Recreation Specialist into the Town Hall Employees Union. 2nd by D. Bates. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- D. Turner made a motion to approve the MOA between the Town of Colchester, Samantha Partney, Alexis Turner, and the Colchester Library Employees Union, Local 1303-448, AFSCME Council 4, AFL-CIO in relation to tax reimbursement. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***
- D. Turner made a motion to approve the MOA between the Town of Colchester, Joann MacDonald, and the Colchester Library Employees Union, Local 1303-448, AFSCME Council 4, AFL-CIO in relation to sick time. 2nd by R. Coyle. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

9. Green Energy

- D. Sorrentino spoke about installing an EV Charger at the Town Hall.
- The Board of Selectmen agreed to have D. Sorrentino negotiate on behalf of the Town to identify the best possible agreement and bring it to the Board for a vote.
- No action was taken on the proposed motion.

10. Farm Ordinance

- J. Chaponis correspondence recommended seeking legal counsel. The Board of Selectmen and D. Rosenblatt agreed with that assessment.
- No action was taken on the proposed motion.

11. Union Contract

- R. Coyle made a motion to approve the Union Contract between the Town of Colchester and the Local 1303-448 Connecticut Council 4 American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO in relation the Library Employees Union. 2nd by D. Turner. ***Motion carried unanimously 4-0***

12. Citizens Comments - None

13. First Selectman’s Report

- A. Bisbikos provided an update on all the First Selectman’s initiatives related to the passed budget and mentioned the Town Gazebo’s revitalization’s completion.
- A. Bisbikos answered questions on the audit, Robert Haft, and staffing,

14. Liaison Reports

- R. Coyle provided an update on the Senior Building Committee’s payments, transfers, and water concerns related to construction. D. Bates provided an update on Norton Park.

15. Adjourn – D. Turner made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by R. Coyle. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Minutes submitted by F. Brown.