

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Board of Selectman Special Meeting Minutes
Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 @ 6:30 PM

Members Present: First Selectman Mary Bylone, Selectmen Rosemary Coyle, Denise Turner and Denise Mizla
Member Absent: Taras Rudko

1. CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman Mary Bylone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Roberta Avery thanked Denise Mizla, Taras Rudko and Mary Bylone for their service as selectmen.
4. CORRESPONDENCE: ATTACHED
5. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approve Minutes of the October 21 Board of Selectmen Meeting
 - B. Tax Abatements: D. Turner motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED 4 - 0
6. Proclamations: First Selectman Mary Bylone read proclamations for service for both Rob Tarlov and Denise Mizla.
7. 2022 Meeting Schedule: D. Turner motioned to accept the proposed 2022 Board of Selectmen meeting schedule, seconded by R. Coyle. MOTION CARRIED 4 - 0
8. Approval of Purchase of Fire Apparatus: R. Coyle motioned that based on the bids that were received for the new fire apparatus and after a careful review of the proposed apparatus specifications by a committee made up of volunteer and career members of the department, that the town enter into contract to purchase the apparatus as outlines in the attached documents for a total of 5 apparatus at \$4,309,981, seconded by D. Turner. MOTION CARRIED 4 - 0
9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Union Contract with Municipal Employees Union "Independent" MEUI, Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC, Representing Town Administrators: R. Coyle motioned to approve the union contracts for the Municipal Employees Union "Independent" MEUI, Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC, Representing Town Administrators, seconded by D. Mizla. MOTION CARRIED 4 - 0
10. First Selectman's Report: FS Thanked everyone for a great two years, and acknowledged incoming Selectman Debbie Bates who was present on the Zoom meeting.

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Rosemary Coyle
GAYLE FURMAN
TOWN CLERK

The Town has done a great job with COVID, ahead in vaccinations and down in the number of cases due to cooperation of the community.

There is \$4.6 Million coming in from ARPA

The infrastructure bill passed at the Federal level which means there will be funds coming to the state and ultimately Colchester.

Bloom Energy flipped the switch and that means increased revenue coming to the town.

The construction on Town Green will be beginning soon.

They will begin laying the main irrigation pipe at RecPlex and then the fields R1 and R2 will get irrigated from ARPA funding before spring sports.

The street scape project on Lebanon Ave. will run sidewalks from North Woods to Center of Town.

The basketball court will be redone soon.

The roof will be replaced soon at the Youth Center.

The demolition on both Mill and Westchester Ave, will be taking place soon. Both houses were used by the Firefighters for training.

Norton Park Phase one remediation will be done soon.

Jack's Chevrolet has cleared all hurdles and has gotten a "clear bill of health" from the state, and they hope to have a purchaser of that property in the next coming months.

11. ADJOURN: D. Mizla motioned to adjourn at 6:56 p.m., seconded by D. Turner. MOTION
CARRIED 4 – 0

Please see the minutes of future meetings for any corrections hereto.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Submitted By: H. Perham

Heide Perham

From: Taras Rudko
Sent: Thursday, October 21, 2021 8:13 PM
To: Heide Perham
Subject: FW: Colchester FOI Questions

Heide,

The following correspondences were read into the meeting on 10/21/2021. I would ask that they be entered as correspondence in the minutes of the next meeting.

Thanks,

Taras

From: Hennick, Thomas A <Thomas.Hennick@ct.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:45 AM
To: Taras Rudko <trudko@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: Re: Colchester FOI Questions

Good morning Taras,

Good to hear from you. Although I'm flattered that I might be viewed as an expert on a "quiet period" before a referendum, I am not in any way such an expert. All communication I have had with folks in Colchester has been about issues related to Freedom of Information and access to public meetings and public records. I would have to refer any questions about election protocols to the State Elections Enforcement Commission or an attorney.

Tom Hennick

From: Taras Rudko <trudko@colchesterct.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Hennick, Thomas A <Thomas.Hennick@ct.gov>
Subject: Colchester FOI Questions

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Tom,

Good Afternoon! I hope and trust this email finds you well.

This past Wednesday October 13, the BOS had a special meeting to schedule the Senior Citizen Center Build Project referendum. I would like to address some of my concerns arising out of that meeting and to get some clarification from you directly.

There is some concern that now that the date for referendum has been set has placed us in a "quiet period", where no one from the building committee, the town hall, elected officials or any other town resource may advocate for the

Senior Center in any fashion. Our First Selectman stated that advocacy is a “Fine Line” and that she has been in communication with you “Thomas Hennick” and will leverage you to prescreen materials and or provide guidance regarding this matter. Also, what guidance has been provided to the FS with regard to the meetings being held by the senior center building committee and associated presentations?

Can you share what specific guidance you have provided to our First Selectman with regard to these matters?

Thank you for your time in advance and I look forward to your responses.

Thanks,

Taras W. Rudko
Member Board of Selectmen
Town of Colchester

Heide Perham

From: First Selectman
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Heide Perham
Subject: Fwd: BOS / Police Commission

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From: James Stavola <ewajim@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:09:30 PM
To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; Rosemary Coyle <rcoyles@colchesterct.gov>; Denise Turner <dturner@colchesterct.gov>; Denise Mizla <dmizla@colchesterct.gov>; Taras Rudko <trudko@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: BOS / Police Commission

To Colchester's Board of Selectman,

This is to inform you that I will not be seeking reappointment to the Police Commission.

James Stavola

Heide Perham

From: First Selectman
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Heide Perham
Subject: Fwd: Town of Colchester Police Commission, Colchester, CT

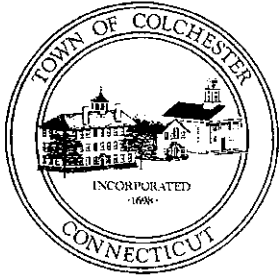
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From: Bea Far <bf4090@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 12:43:38 PM
To: First Selectman <selectman@colchesterct.gov>; Rosemary Coyle <rcoyle@colchesterct.gov>; Denise Turner <dturner@colchesterct.gov>; Denise Mizla <dmizla@colchesterct.gov>; Taras Rudko <trudko@colchesterct.gov>
Subject: Re: Town of Colchester Police Commission, Colchester, CT

To: Town of Colchester Board of Selectmen, Colchester, CT

Please be advised that, I will not be seeking re-appointment to the Police Commission.

Respectfully,
Beatrice Farlekas
Commission Expired Nov. 01, 2021



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Mary Bylone, First Selectman

Memorandum

To: Board of Selectmen

From: First Selectman's Office

Date: 11/4/2021

Subject: 2022 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Schedule

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Mary Bylone
GAYLE FURMAN
TOWN CLERK

The following meeting schedule is recommended for the regular monthly meetings of the Board of Selectmen for 2022.

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., per section 4a of the bylaws.

January 6

January 20

February 3

February 17

March 3

March 17

April 7

April 21

May 5

May 19

June 2

June 16

July 7

July 21

August 4

August 18

September 1

September 15

October 6

October 20

November 3

November 17

December 1

December 15

Recommended Motion – “Move to adopt the Board of Selectmen 2022 meeting schedule as recommended by the First Selectman.”



Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services

MEMORANDUM

November 4, 2021

To: Mary Bylone, First Selectman

From: Sean Shoemaker, Interim Fire Chief

Subj: New Fire Apparatus Purchase

Based on the bids that were received for the new fire apparatus and after a careful review of the proposed apparatus specifications by a committee made up of volunteer and career members of the department, I recommend that the Town of Colchester enter into contract to purchase the apparatus as outlined in the attached documents. Total cost of the five (5) apparatus is \$4,309,981.00.

Very Respectfully,

Sean C. Shoemaker
Interim Fire Chief

Attachments:

- 1) Recommendation for award of Tanker/Tender bid.
- 2) Recommendation for award of (3) Engine/Pumpers bid.
- 3) Recommendation for award of Tower Ladder bid.



Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services

01 November 2021

To: Chief Sean Shoemaker
From: Fire apparatus replacement committee.
Re: Recommendation for award of Tanker bid.

The apparatus committee has completed its review of the bid submitted by Northeastern Fire Associates of Cheshire Connecticut for the 2,000 gallon Tanker / Tender fire apparatus. Northeastern Fire Associates submitted a bid of \$382,500.00 on behalf of Marion Body Works of Marion Wisconsin.

Following a thorough review of the specifications and the bid submitted, the committee has determined that Marion Body Works is the lowest, qualified, and responsible bidder for this apparatus. The committee recommends its purchase of same.

Respectfully,

Apparatus replacement committee

Donald Lee Steve Morris
Paul Giudice Chris Bellantone
Brad Bernier



Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services

01 November 2021

To: Chief Sean Shoemaker
From: Fire apparatus replacement committee.
Re: Recommendation for award of (3) Engine / Pumper.

The apparatus committee has completed its review of the bid submitted by Firematic Supply Company Inc. of Rocky Hill Connecticut for the (3) Fire Engine / Pumpers. Firematic Supply Company Inc. submitted a bid of \$2,372,833.00 on behalf of Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton Wisconsin.

Following a thorough review of the specifications and the bid submitted, the committee has determined that Pierce Manufacturing is the lowest, qualified, and responsible bidder for these apparatus. The committee recommends the purchase of these three pieces of apparatus.

Respectfully,

Apparatus replacement committee

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Paul Giudice Chris Bellantone
Brad Bernier



Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services

01 November 2021

To: Chief Sean Shoemaker
From: Fire apparatus replacement committee.
Re: Recommendation for award of Tower Ladder bid.

The apparatus committee has completed its review of the bid submitted by Firematic Supply Company Inc. of Rocky Hill Connecticut for the One hundred foot (100') Mid-mount Tower Ladder fire apparatus. Firematic Supply Company Inc. submitted a bid of \$1,554,648.00 on behalf of Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton Wisconsin.

Following a thorough review of the specifications and the bid submitted, the committee has determined that Pierce Manufacturing is the lowest, qualified, and responsible bidder for this apparatus. The committee recommends its purchase of same.

Respectfully,

Apparatus replacement committee

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