



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Agenda  
Regular Meeting Immediately following  
Commission Chairmen Meeting @ 7 PM  
Thursday, July 16, 2015  
Colchester Town Hall  
Meeting Room 1**

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2015 JUL 10 AM 11:08

1. Call to Order
2. Additions to the Agenda
3. Approve Minutes of the June 30, 2015 Board of Selectmen Emergency Meeting
4. Approve Minutes of the July 2, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
5. Citizen's Comments
6. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations
7. Budget Transfers
8. Tax Refunds & Rebates
9. Discussion and Possible Action on Historic Documents Preservation Grant Resolution
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Bight Ordinance Task Force Charge
11. Discussion and Possible Action on Consultant Agreement for Norton Mill Project
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Town Planner Selection Process
13. Citizen's Comments
14. First Selectman's Report
15. Liaison Reports
16. Adjourn



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**Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Emergency Meeting  
Tuesday, June 30, 2015  
Colchester Town Hall @ Noon**

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2015 JUN 30 PM 2:09

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, and Selectman Kurt Frantzen

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman S. Soby called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

**2. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations on Tentative Agreement for Successor Contract with Firefighters Local 3831 Union**

R Coyle moved to enter into executive session to discuss Negotiations on Tentative Agreement for Successor Contract with Firefighters Local 3831 Union, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 12:01 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 12:07 p.m.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action on Tentative Agreement for Successor Contract of Agreement with Firefighters Local 3831 Union**

D Mizla moved to approve the Tentative Agreement for Successor Contract for the period of July 2015 through June 2018, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously Approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Adjourn**

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 12:09 p.m., seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk



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**Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, July 2, 2015  
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM**

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COLCHESTER, CT  
2015 JUL -7 AM 9:02

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, Selectman Kurt Frantzen, and Selectman John Reever

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Selectman Rosemary Coyle

**OTHERS PRESENT:** BOF Rob Tarlov, Registrar Diana Giles, Board of Education Ron Goldstein & Don Kennedy & Brad Bernier, Senior Services Director Patty Watts, T. Dean Clerk, and other citizens.

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman S. Soby called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

S Soby asked that the following be added to the agenda; #13 Discussion and Possible Action on the Christian Life Chapel Donation, renumber accordingly.

K Frantzen moved to approve the addition the agenda as presented, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**3. Approve Minutes of the June 18, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**

D Mizla moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of June 18, 2015, seconded by J Reever. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**4. Citizen's Comments**

S Soby read a statement (attached)

D Giles, R Goldstein, R Tarlov, D Kennedy, and B Bernier all thanked Stan for his comment and stand by his statement.

**5. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**

**a. Commission on Aging – Resignation of Susan Choma**

D Mizla moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Susan Choma from the Commission on Aging Commission, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

S Soby commended Susan on her work with the COA as well as with the Giving Garden. Both Susan and her husband will be missed and wishes them both well.

**6. Budget Transfers - None**

**7. Tax Refunds & Rebates**

D Mizla moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$30.84 to John Lantz, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**8. Discussion and Possible Action on My Senior Center Contract/Purchase Agreement**

P Watts indicated that the new language has been added as well as the date has been adjusted. Clarified that the \$3,300 is a one-time charge and that the \$1,200 is an operational cost for the subscription.

K Frantzen moved to approve the purchase of "My Senior Center" system for the Colchester Senior Center and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on Munis Crystal Reports Financial Software Contract Renewal**

D Mizla moved to approve the Annual Support and License Agreement for Munis Crystal Reports application for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 and authorize the First Selectman to sign the agreement, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**10. Discussion and Possible Action on CYSA/DCF Juvenile Review Board Support Grant**

D Mizla moved to approve the application for the CYSA JRB Support grant and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on a Senior Center Building Committee**

S Soby made a commitment to residents that he would start discussions on this after the budget and school building passing. Now is the time to start a process for the seniors of Colchester. The Commission on Aging and P Watts are working on the process of getting accreditation, as well as working on a strategic plan that will be a basis for the Senior Center project.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Blight Task Force meeting dates and charge**

Meetings will be held the fourth Thursday of every month. The charge would result in a proposed ordinance created and proposed by the task force. S Soby requested the Selectmen to give input on what they would like included in the charge.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on the Christian Life Chapel Donation**

The church donated \$5,000 to the town to be used as the town sees fit. S Soby suggested that it be used towards something tangible, lasting and that can be used by anyone in town. He would like to propose purchasing books for Cragin Library. The Board agreed that this was a good idea.

D Mizla moved to approve using the \$5,000 received by Christian Life Chapel to Cragin Library for their book line fund, seconded by J Reeve. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**14. Citizens Comments - none**

**15. First Selectman's Report**

First concert on the green today at 6pm, so far drawing a large size crowd; Currently in court with employer in pre-development stage on a new big expansion in Industrial park; Cone Heads is a new ice-cream shop in town; In answer to questions regarding the Colchester Sports Complex, no formal proposal yet but met with the EDC and it was decided to do a new CTIP application due to the new location; Fire on Tuesday at Balaban Apts, no report on cause yet, no human fatalities but did have a dog fatality. Fire marshal did perform an inspection with a maintenance person before the fire and did replace all detectors and batteries. Firefighters responded quickly along with mutual aid; Newest police officer was sworn in, Michael Brown, started Mon 6/29. New resident trooper also starts on 7/1 Sgt. Martinez; Finalizing contract with engineering firm for stage two of the Mill Project; Received nine applications for the Town Planner position. This will be a multi-step process including an internal and external panel for interviews; Blight had one issue on Lebanon Ave, the Health District was helpful on the public health issue. Conducted a drive by and noticed marked progress; Zoning enforcement issue with neighborhood concerns. Met with the applicant and neighbors to find a common ground to avoid a formal and costly process; Tire removal process starting at Tony's Junkyard.

**16. Liaison Reports**

D Mizla reported that there are no meetings for Youth Advisory or Park and Rec for July and August

J Reeve reported on Charter Review Commission – stated there was some question on septic tank disposal with no reference to Chatham, and also on #92&93 regarding hearing procedure. S Soby took the information and will work with the commission on clarifying.

**17. Executive Session to Discuss a Security Matter**

K Frantzen moved to enter into executive session to discuss a security matter, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:39 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 7:50 p.m.

**18. Discussion and Possible Action on a Security Matter**

D Mizla moved to approve the action on a security matter, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously Approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**19. Adjourn**

D Mizla moved to adjourn at 7:51 p.m., seconded by J Reeve. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

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Attachment: Statement by S Soby

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tricia Dean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tricia Dean, Clerk

As we approach the 239<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, which was actually approved by Congress on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, we are reminded of how remarkable the founding of this nation was and continues to be.

At our country's beginning, in the crucible of debate, great ideas and ideals were formed, which have been tested over time and still ring true today.

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We Americans have always been a fractious and disputatious lot, well chronicled in Woody Holton's book *Unruly Americans and the Origins of the Constitution*, but the scurrilous rantings published on broadsides, the Facebook of the day, only became spirited productive debates when the discourse occurred in public.

Everyday folk, understanding that Government is us, unless we let it become 'them', engaged in the process and made a significant impact on the makings of the Constitution.

But the 'broadside' remains. Anonymous letters have been received by public officials, cut and pasted from unsourced articles, marked up by the author(s) for emphasis. But we have had some go further than that. A number of people have received racist misrepresentations regarding public policies and anti-Semitic screeds by a Holocaust-denier.

There is no place in a civil society for uncivil behavior and hate speech. We have seen the tragic results when this behavior goes unchallenged. So, here is the challenge: if this is what you believe, then come debate in the public square, as our Founders and our ancestors did.

Stan Soby

July 2, 2015

Tricia: Please have this resolution added to the agenda for the Board of Selectmen's meeting on July 16, 2015

This is the grant I applied for in March to have our records restored. The State Library has notified us that we have been approved for the grant and the next step is to have the Board of Selectmen adopt this resolution.

### **RESOLUTION**

**RESOLVED: That Stan Soby, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant.**



**CT State Library**  
Office of the Public Records Administrator

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June 30, 2015

Town Clerk Gayle Furman  
Town of Colchester  
Town Hall  
127 Norwich Ave.  
Colchester, CT 06415

**RE: Historic Documents Preservation Grant # 028-PC-16, Cycle 1, FY 2016**

Dear Town Clerk:

The State Library is pleased to inform you that the Historic Documents Preservation Grant application for the **Town of Colchester** in the amount of **\$3,000.00** has been approved.

To receive the grant award, the municipality must now enter into a contract with the State Library. Please find the following documents enclosed:

1. **Instructions for Completing the Contract Documents**
2. **Targeted Grant Contract**
3. **Certified Resolution Form**

Please return the Targeted Grant Contract and Certified Resolution Form no later than **August 14, 2015**. Once returned, the contract will be signed by the State Librarian. We will mail a copy of the fully executed contract to the MCEO and notify you by email.

Grant work and expenditures can begin only after the municipality has received its copy of the fully executed contract and must be completed by June 30, 2016. Grant award payments will be processed within 30 days after the contract has been fully executed. The final report must be submitted by September 1, 2016. For complete grant administration requirements, see the FY 2016 Grant Guidelines.

**Please complete and return the enclosed documents by August 14th**, following the enclosed instructions. To request an extension of this deadline, or if you have questions or need assistance, please contact Kathy Makover at [kathy.makover@ct.gov](mailto:kathy.makover@ct.gov) or (860) 566-1100 ext. 303.

Sincerely,

LeAnn R. Power, CRM  
Public Records Administrator

Enclosures (3)

cc: First Selectman Stan Soby