

## **Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, January 17, 2008

Colchester Town Hall

Meeting Room 1 – 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Linda Hodge, Stan Soby, Rosemary Coyle, John Malsbenden, Greg Cordova

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Evan Evans, Mike Caplet, Gregg Schuster, Robert Kodym, Barbara Warden, Richard Kemmett, Eileen Fazekas, Kurt Frantzen, Bill Otfinoski, Jay Cohen

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectmen L. Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.
2. **Additions to Agenda:** J. Malsbenden motioned to amend the agenda adding David Gesiak as a possible appointment for Planning and Zoning and removing Main Street Coalition interview of Jenny Contois, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Citizen's Comments:** None
4. **Approve minutes of the January 3, 2008 regular meeting :** R. Coyle motioned to approve the January 3, 2008 regular meeting minutes, seconded by J. Malsbenden. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Tax Refunds & Rebates:** After review J. Malsbenden motioned to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$5.47 to Robert and Karen Partington, \$107.11 to Nancy Lebiszczak, \$558.96 to Ronald and Barbara Drum, \$145.39 to Christopher Snow, \$4.36 to Philip Gladue, \$148.31 to Tracy Hardy, \$4.68 to Harry and Grace Downey, \$4.15 to Ronald and Marjorie Niemczyk, \$7.57 to James and Sandra Spillane Jr., \$4.75 to Steven Goodwin, \$3.61 to Robert Wales, \$4.16 to Kathleen and Philip Sheridan, \$80.82 to Emmett and Judith Delgaizo, \$57.25 to DH Marvin and Sons, \$9.62 to Mary Jane and Frank Slade, \$.54 to Barbara Warden, \$3.47 to Michelle and Brian Ladegard, \$18.38 to Joseph Rutka, \$9.60 to Dennis and Elizabeth Kessler, \$18.48 to Kevin and Shelley Johnson, \$5.46 to Michael and Jennifer Gatesman, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
6. **Transfers:** None

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding make-up of the Main Street Coalition, Lebanon Avenue Revitalization Task Force, and Business Development Task Force:**

R. Coyle motioned for the Main Street Coalition to consist of seven members, holding a one-year term to expire December 2008, made up of members from the Economic Development Commission, the Historical Society, developers, business/property owners, citizens-at-large, and staffed by the town planner or designee of the First Selectman, seconded by J. Malsbenden. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

R. Coyle motioned for the Lebanon Avenue Revitalization Committee to consist of seven members, holding a one year term to expire in December 2008, consisting of members from the Economic Development Commission, Historical Society, developers, business/property owners, citizens-at-large, and staffed by the town planner or designee of the First Selectman, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

R. Coyle motioned for the Business Development Task Force to consist of nine members, holding a one year term to expire in December 2008, consisting of members from the Economic Development Commission, business owners, developers, citizens-at-large, and staffed by the town planner or designee of the First Selectman, seconded by J. Malsbenden. MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Boards and Commissions – interviews and/or possible appointments**

- a. **Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief – Jess McMinn:** R. Coyle motioned to appoint Jess McMinn as Colchester Hayward Volunteer Fire Department 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- b. **Elderly Tax Relief Task Force: (maximum one year term to end with the committee's final report to the Board of Selectmen): Rosemary Coyle, Ron Goldstein, Robert Kodym, Barbara Warden, Richard Kemmett, Eileen Fazekas:**
  - S. Soby motioned that Rosemary Coyle and Ron Goldstein, both as representatives of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, be appointed members of the Elderly Tax Relief Task Force, with a maximum one year term to end with the committee's final report to the Board of Selectmen, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
  - The Board of Selectmen interviewed Robert Kodym and invited him to attend the public meetings of the Elderly Tax Relief Task Force as well as to explore vacancies on all other town boards and commissions.
  - The Board of Selectmen interviewed Barbara Warden. R. Coyle motioned to appoint Barbara Warden as a member of the Commission on Aging, for a term of three years, seconded by J. Malsbenden. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
  - The Board of Selectmen interviewed Richard Kemmett.
  - The Board of Selectmen interviewed Eileen Fazekas. R. Coyle motioned to appoint Eileen Fazekas as a member of the Elderly Tax Relief Task Force, for a maximum one year term to end with the committee's final report to the Board of Selectmen, J. Malsbenden seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED
- c. **Zoning & Planning (term expires 12/31/10) - Kurt A. Frantzen and David Gesiak (interviewed 1/03/08):**
  - The Board of Selectmen interviewed Kurt Frantzen.
- d. **Youth Services Advisory Board (term expires 11/30/11) – Ginger Peltier:** R. Coyle motioned to appoint Ginger Peltier as a member of the Youth Services Advisory Board, with a term expiring on 11/30/11, seconded by G. Cordova. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

e. **Zoning Board of Appeals (term expires 11/30/12) – Laurie Robinson, Patrick Reading:** S. Soby motioned to appoint Laurie Robinson and Patrick Reading as members of the Zoning Board of Appeals, with terms to expire on 11/30/12, seconded by J. Malsbenden. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

f. **Business Development Task Force: Interviewed on 01/03/08 but not appointed yet**

- **Jack Faski (term expires 12/15/08)**
- **Evan Evans (term expires 12/15/08)**
- **Greg Schuster (term expires 12/15/08)**
- **Donald Herbert (term expires 12/15/08)**

J. Malsbenden motioned to appoint Jack Faski, Evan Evans, Greg Schuster, and Donald Herbert as members of the Business Development Task Force, all with terms to expire on 12/15/08, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Discussion and possible action regarding Greenway Grant:** J. Cohen of the Parks and Recreation Department gave a description of the goals of the grant, noting his excitement of its potential. S. Soby motioned that the Board of Selectmen approve submitting the Greenway Grant application and authorize the First Selectman to sign any paperwork to facilitate the process, G. Cordova seconded. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

10. **Discussion and possible action regarding the Salmon River Watershed Conservation Compact:** L. Hodge provided a description of the Compact and a discussion was held. R. Coyle motioned approval for signing the compact, J. Malsbenden seconded. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **Citizen's Comments:** None

12. **First Selectman's Report:** The First Selectman reported on various topics to the Board of Selectmen.

13. **Liaison Reports:** The selectman reported on their respective boards.

14. **Information Items Enclosed:**

- a. **Craig Memorial Library Monthly Report for December 2007:** L. Hodge identified this item of information to the Board of Selectmen.

15. **Executive Session regarding AFSCME Council #15, Local 2693T, Police Bargaining Unit contract negotiations:** R. Coyle motioned to go into Executive Session for Strategies for AFSCME Council #15, Local 2693T, Police Bargaining Unit contract negotiations, and to invite Bill Otfinoski to join the session, seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The BOS entered into Executive Session at 9:21 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 9:30 p.m..

16. **Adjourn:** R. Coyle motioned to adjourn at 9:31 p.m., seconded by S. Soby. All members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Caplet  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman