

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Colchester Town Hall

Meeting Room 1 – 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rosemary Coyle

OTHERS PRESENT: ,Mike Caplet, Bill Otfinoski, Jay Cohen, two members of the Boy Scouts, Sean O'Leary, Ryan Blessings, Bruce Hayne, Ron Goldstein, Chris Fonda, Anita Miazga, Maggie Cosgrove, Greg Plunkett, Dan Utz, Evan Evans. Glenn Morron, and other members of the public.

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman L. Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** S. Soby moved to amend the agenda adding "CHFD Grant Application to Fireman's Fund Heritage" --- discussion and possible action for Fire Department personnel to meet with grant funder to proceed with discussion of application; further info to come to the Board of Selectmen before final grant application is made, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Citizen's Comments:** None
4. **Presentation of Parks & Rec Program Budget:** J. Cohen, C. Fonda, and A. Miazga gave a presentation of the "Parks & Recreation Program Budget." S. Soby requested that Maggie Cosgrove, CFO, review of the software used for tracking the program budget. L. Hodge noted that she would work with J. Cohen to provide balance tracking and other data for the Board of Finance and Parks and Recreation Commission.
5. **Discussion and Possible Action on Easter Egg Hunt Partnership with Stop & Shop:** S. Soby moved to go forward with the Easter Egg Hunt partnership with Stop & Shop, seconded by Greg Cordova. Following discussion and comments from Dan Utz noting Stop & Shop's enthusiasm for moving this program forward for the children of Colchester, members present voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
6. **Discussion and Possible Action on Cable Advisory Board Grant Proposal:** G. Cordova moved to approve the Cable Advisory Board Grant Proposal submitted by J. Cohen for Parks & Rec to request a \$600 grant from Comcast to purchase a portion of the equipment needed to provide wireless internet access from the Town Green. As a part of the grant, Parks & Rec will take classes to be able to produce public access

television shows, ads, etc. Seconded by S. Soby. Following discussion, members present voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action on Fireworks Bid Selection:** G. Cordova moved to approve the fireworks bid selection for Pyro FX and to authorize the First Selectman to sign any documents necessary, S. Soby seconded. Following discussion, members present voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **Boards and Commissions – Resignations:**

- **Police Commission - George White:** S. Soby moved to accept the resignation of George White with deepest regrets, J. Malsbenden seconded. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Fuel and Energy Conservation Committee – Steve Tonucci:** J. Malsbenden moved to accept the resignation of Steve Tonucci with deepest regrets, S. Soby seconded. Unanimously approved. . MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments:**

- a. **Senior Center Task Force - Melvyn Hyatt:** Melvyn Hyatt was not present to be interviewed.
- b. **Parks & Rec (term expires 11/15/11; two openings):**
- **Clint Williams (interviewed 12/20/07):** Clint Williams will be interviewed by the Parks and Recreation Commission prior to the next Board of Selectmen meeting.
 - **Eric Kundahl (currently alternate):** S. Soby moved to appoint Eric Kundahl as a full member of the Parks and Recreation Commission with a term to expire on 11/15/11, J. Malsbenden seconded. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- c. **Police Commission (term expires 11/15/10; two openings):**
- **Glenn Morron (to be interviewed) and James Stavola (interviewed 12/20/07):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Glenn Morron. J. Malsbenden moved to appoint Glenn Morron and James Stavola as members of the Police Commission with terms to expire on 11/15/10, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
 - **Richard Kemmett (to be interviewed):** Richard Kemmett was not present to be interviewed. L. Hodge will communicate with Richard Kemmett to see if he is interested in any other positions.
- d. **Planning and Zoning Commission (12/31/10; one opening):**
- **David Gesiak (interviewed 01/03/08):** At the request of the Board, L. Hodge will confirm party affiliation. No action was taken.
 - **Kurt Frantzen (interviewed 01/17/08):** L. Hodge will contact Kurt Frantzen, request that he attend a Conservation Commission meeting, and share the Board's strong desire that he consider serving on that Commission as he is very needed there. No action was taken.
- e. **TVCCA Board of Trustees (term to expire November 15, 2009) – Faye Sherman (current representative):** S. Soby moved to appoint Faye Sherman as representative to the TVCCA Board of Trustees with a term to expire on

11/15/09, J. Malsbenden seconded. Unanimously approved.. MOTION CARRIED.

10. **Approve minutes of the January 17, 2008 meeting:** J. Malsbenden moved to approve the January 17, 2008 regular meeting minutes, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
11. **Tax Refunds & Rebates:** After review S. Soby moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$1.81 to John and Evelyn Barr, \$5.35 to James and Margaret Ciaglo, \$68.47 to Glen and Marie Campbell, \$1686.48 to the Estate of Hans Priemer, \$2.14 to Jean Latham, \$2.49 to Angela and Leon Grant, \$2649.85 to Peter McCarty, \$2.28 to Crystal Barnes, \$38.74 to Jeffrey and Sara Kubas, \$5.48 to Kevin Hutchins, \$2.51 to Dolores Tarnowski, \$3.20 to Glen Abbott, \$136.20 to Marlene and/or Daniel Hageman, \$.049 to Ann Smyk, \$6.00 to David and Nancy Anderson, \$4.08 to March Thompson, \$4.80 to Janice and David Blake, \$6.14 to James and Margaret Gerent, \$1706.65 to Sharon Tuttle, \$4.01 to Donna Palmes, \$2.32 to Carolyn Fedus, \$5.12 to Donald and Suzanne Townsend, \$56.37 to Emile Bourque, \$3.20 to Anthony Skawinski, \$4.33 to Laurence and Doris Webster, \$8.08 to Ernest and Virginia Boughten, \$5.06 to George and Norma Thurber, \$4.51 to Pamela and Steve Purcell, \$37.71 to Gary and Bonnie Harris, \$9.45 to Steve and Diane Ostroski, \$80.48 to Barbara Brainerd, \$70.73 to Thomas Jakubiec, \$6.88 to William and Annette Kluepfel, \$4.27 to Frank and Lillian Lavech, \$8.38 to James and Patricia Nardella, seconded by J. Malsbenden. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
12. **Transfers:** None
13. **Elderly Tax Relief Task Force Update:** L. Hodge gave the update in place of R. Coyle. She noted that the Task Force has informed her that there will not be a recommendation for action made to the Board of Selectman by March 1st, 2008 due to the complexity of the issue. The Task Force will produce a one-page flier to explain current programs in place for elderly and disable tax relief. The flier is targeted to be completed by the end of February, 2008.
14. **Discussion and possible action (set Town meeting date for February 21) on acceptance of Cambridge Court as a Town Road:** S. Soby moved acceptance of Cambridge Court as a Town Road and the scheduling of a town meeting on 2/21/08 at 7:15pm for acceptance of Cambridge Court as a Town Road, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
15. **Discussion and possible action to authorize the First Selectman to purchase electricity through the CCM Energy Program:** S. Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to purchase energy through the CCM Energy Program, seconded by G. Cordova. Following discussion and comments from Greg Plunkett, members present voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
16. **Action on Affirmative Action Policy Statement for State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation:** J. Malsbenden moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Affirmative Action Policy Statement for State Matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
17. **CHFD Grant Application to Fireman's Fund Heritage** –G. Cordova moved to authorize Fire Department personnel to meet with grant funder to proceed with discussion of application; further info to come to the Board of Selectmen before final grant application

is made seconded by J. Malsbenden. After discussion, members present voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED. .

18. Citizen's Comments: None

19. First Selectman's Report: First Selectman L. Hodge reported on the School Readiness Collaborative for Children Grant with the Board of Education (\$50,000), the award of the Healthy Links Grant to the Town(\$25,000), updates on upcoming committee chair training, the award of an Emergency Management Grant to the Town (\$3,356), a new partnership with the Town, the Southeastern CT Council of Government and the Board of Education work on the "Safe Routes to School" program, the recently released Budget Audit Report, the ongoing building security audit , ongoing training to cut legal bills in accordance with centralized human resources duties, the upcoming combined meeting of the Economic Development Commission, Business Development Task Force and Lebanon Avenue Task Force meeting on Feb 19th at 7:00pm, and ongoing work among various Town boards, committees, and staff on energy audit, analysis, and savings..

20. Liaison Reports: The selectmen reported on their respective boards.

21. Executive Session regarding Crump/Priam Litigation: J. Malsbenden moved to go into Executive Session for Crump/Priam litigation, and to invite Lloyd Langhammer to join the session, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- The Board of Selectmen entered into Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. and came out of Executive Session at 9:29 p.m.

22. Adjourn: G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 9:35 p.m., seconded by J. Malsbenden. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Information Items

1. Board of Selectman Special Meeting, February 28th, 7:00 p.m., Meeting Room 1; Topic: Sewer and Water Budget