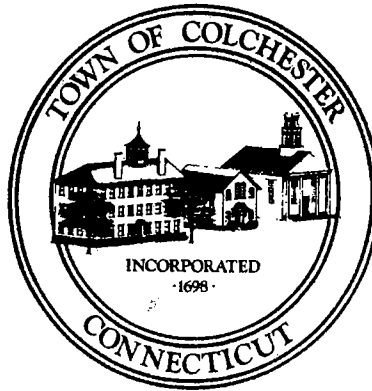


Linda M. Hodge



First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2008
Colchester Town Hall
Meeting Room 1 – 7:00 p.m.**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Greg Cordova, Rosemary Coyle, John Malsbenden, Stan Soby (joined at 7:06 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Caplet, William Hochholzer, Mark Noniewicz, James Ford, Marc Tate, Walter Cox, Arthur Standish, John Jones, Nancy Cordova, William Beer, Susan Bruening, Jay Cohen, Keith Kelly, Jack Faski, members of the Dog Park Subcommittee, and other citizens

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman L. Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** R. Coyle moved to add "Discussion and Possible Action on Cott System" to the agenda as item #9a, and to delete item #16 from the agenda, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2008 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting:** J. Malsbenden moved to accept the minutes of the November 13, 2008 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes as presented, seconded by R. Coyle. G. Cordova abstained. The remaining members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED
4. **Citizen's Comments:** None
5. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**

S. Soby joined the meeting as a voting member at 7:06 p.m.

- a. **Open Space Advisory Committee (member; term expires 03/01/11): William Hochholzer (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed William Hochholzer.
- b. **Conservation Commission (member; term expires 10/01/11): Susan Bruening (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Susan Bruening. J. Malsbenden moved to reappoint Susan Bruening to the Conservation Commission as a member with a term to expire on 10/01/11, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- c. **Planning & Zoning Commission (member; term expires 12/01/11): Mark Noniewicz (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Mark Noniewicz. R. Coyle moved to reappoint Mark Noniewicz to the Planning & Zoning Commission as a member with a term to expire on 12/01/11, seconded by J. Malsbenden. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- d. **Planning & Zoning Commission (member; term expires 12/01/11): James Ford (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed James Ford. R. Coyle moved to appoint James Ford to the Planning & Zoning Commission as a member with a term to expire on 12/01/11, seconded by J. Malsbenden. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- e. **Fair Rent Commission (member; term expires 04/01/10): Kenneth Herman (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Kenneth Herman.
- f. **Police Commission (member; term expires 11/01/11): Arthur Standish (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Arthur Standish. R. Coyle moved to reappoint Arthur Standish to the Police Commission as a member with a term to expire on 11/01/11, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- g. **Historic District Commission (alternate; term expires 11/01/11): William Beer (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed William Beer.
- h. **Zoning Board of Appeals -- Resignation (effective 12/31/08): Denise Mizla:** R. Coyle moved to accept the resignation of Denise Mizla from the Zoning Board of Appeals with deep regret, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Budget Transfers

9a. Legal and Insurances - Arbitration Costs: J. Malsbenden moved to approve the budget transfer for fiscal year 2007-08 from "First Selectman -- Regular Payroll (11201-40101)" and "First Selectman -- FICA & Retirement (11201-41230)" to "Legal (11701-44203)" in the amount of \$2249.⁰⁰, for reason "Arbitration costs (invoices received in September for May & June)", seconded by S. Soby. Following discussion, all members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

9b. Transfer Station -- Heavy Equipment Repairs: S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfer for fiscal year 2007-08 from "Transfer Station -- Building Repairs (13601-46226)" to "Transfer Station -- Vehicle Maintenance & Fuel" in the amount of \$215.⁰⁰, for reason "late receipt of June invoice for heavy equipment repairs", seconded by G. Cordova. Following discussion, all members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates: After review, J. Malsbenden moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$33.36 to Christopher Amirault, \$15.22 to Peter Kupczak, \$75.30 to Joseph and Ursula Cocomo, \$13.35 to Peter and Dinane Hajdun, \$126.79 to RF Landscaping, \$7.72 to Kevin and Janelle Hutchins, \$5.10 to Barbara Martin, \$23.01 to Anna Perrino, \$80.99 to Toyota Motor Credit Corp, \$7.60 to Cynthia Koss, \$541.61 to Terri and David Laroche, \$278.02 to Donald and Pamela Sullivan, \$19.94 to Roman and Inna Sekelyk, \$152.69 to Nancy Summerfield, \$140.30 to David Zawilinski, \$302.79 to HCS Industries, \$9.56 to Margaret and Arthur Curtis, \$9.79 to Holy Morgan, \$43.95 to Sean and Kimberley McLaughlin, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Town-Wide Technology Plan (Marc Tate): Marc Tate, Technology Coordinator, presented the Town-Wide Technology Plan.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Stryker Powered Ambulance Cot Purchase (Chief Walter Cox): Chief Walter Cox presented on the Stryker Powered Ambulance Cot. J. Malsbenden moved to authorize the purchase of one Stryker Powered Ambulance Cot for a cost not to exceed \$10,693.21 with a bid waiver and funds to be taken from equipment reserve, and to forward this to the Board of Finance for approval, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents contingent on Board of Finance approval, seconded by S. Soby. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

9a. Discussion and Possible Action on Cott Systems: G. Cordova moved to approve the Cott Systems master agreement for products and services and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Following discussion, all members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Dog Park Subcommittee Recommendation (Keith Kelly): Keith Kelly presented the recommendation of the Colchester Dog Park Subcommittee. S. Soby moved to approve the dog park conceptual proposal as presented, including the proposed location, fundraising and the creation of a special fund account, with the stipulation that there is no financial obligation on the part of the Town of Colchester and that the Board of Selectmen will approve the final plan prior to implementation, seconded by R. Coyle. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action Sponsorship Opportunity for 2009 Colchester Summer Concerts on the Green (Jay Cohen): S. Soby moved to approve the sponsorship opportunity for 2009 Colchester Summer Concerts on the Green as presented and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

G. Cordova left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Hot Shots Sponsorship (Jay Cohen): S. Soby moved to approve the Hot Shots Sponsorship as presented and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Malsbenden. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Lego Engineering Fundamentals Program Proposal (Jay Cohen): With no objections, the Board of Selectmen agreed to have First Selectman L. Hodge submit a request for the Ethics Commission for an opinion on whether any conflicts of interest exist regarding the Lego Engineering Fundamentals Program Proposal.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Spring Clean-Up Day Sponsorship Opportunity (Jay Cohen): S. Soby moved to approve the Colchester Spring Clean-Up Day Sponsorship Opportunity as presented and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on White Oaks Trail Design Award (Jay Cohen): J. Malsbenden moved to approve the White Oaks Trail Design Award to Gina Crandell et al. as presented and recommended by Jay Cohen, Director of Parks & Recreation, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

***Item #16 deleted from the agenda (see item #2 above)**

- 17. Discussion and Possible Action on Release of Road Maintenance Bond for Nager Subdivision, Nutmeg Circle and Bigelow Road - Owner/Developer – Trilacon Development Corporation:** S. Soby moved to release the road maintenance cash bond for Nager Subdivision, Nutmeg Circle and Bigelow Road – Owner/Developer – Trilacon Development Corporation in the amount of \$29,230.⁰⁰, along with any accrued interest, per the recommendation of Sal Tassone, Town Engineer, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 18. Discussion and Possible Action on Reduction of Subdivision Cash Bond for Subdivision for #612 Westchester Road LLC., Westchester Road – CT. Route 149 Colchester CT – Veccadola Drive - Owner/Developer – Claudio Vecchiarino:** S. Soby moved that the subdivision cash bond for Subdivision for #612 Westchester Road LLC., Westchester Road – CT. Route 149 Colchester CT – Veccadola Drive – Owner/Developer – Claudio Vecchiarino, currently held in the amount of \$344,617.⁰⁰, be reduced by \$242,667.⁰⁰, thus leaving a bond balance of \$101,950.⁰⁰, per the recommendation of Sal Tassone, Town Engineer, seconded by R. Coyle. S. Soby withdrew the motion. R. Coyle moved to postpone action on this item until the next meeting pending additional information from the Town Engineer and Wetlands Enforcement Officer, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 19. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Proposed Schedule for 2009 Board of Selectmen Meetings:** S. Soby moved to approve the proposed schedule for 2009 Board of Selectmen meetings, with an amendment that January 6th, 2008 be noted as a Tuesday, seconded by J. Malsbenden. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 20. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Proposed Schedule for 2009 Colchester Commission Chair Meetings:** J. Malsbenden moved to approve the proposed schedule for 2009 Colchester Commission Chair meetings as presented, seconded by S. Soby. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- 21. Update on Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative:** First Selectman L. Hodge gave an update to the Board of Selectmen on the Community Wildlife Habitat Initiative.
- 22. Citizen's Comments:** None
- 23. First Selectman's Report:** First Selectman L. Hodge reported on the Thanksgiving Tree ceremony, the holiday celebration, the ongoing efforts of the three TVCCA reimbursed employees accepting energy assistance applications, the progress of the food bank, diversity training for town employees, her visit to the OPM/OFA presentation to the Appropriations and Finance Committees at the Legislative Office Building, her election to the Board of Directors for SeCTer, a meeting with the community activism class from Bacon Academy, the status of the town hall HVAC system, preparations for proposed federal stimulus packages for infrastructure, repairs to a fire department vehicle, the award of \$50,000.⁰⁰ Housing for Economic Growth – technical assistance grant, the Pre K-2 building meeting status, an upcoming NIMS training to begin development of Colchester's "Continuity of Operations Plan", the ongoing audit work, and ongoing work with UCFS.
- 24. Liaison Reports:** Selectman Soby reported on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Police Commission Fund Raising Subcommittee. Selectman Coyle reported on the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Historic District Commission. Selectman Malsbenden reported on the Housing Authority, Conservation Commission, and the Planning & Zoning Commission.

- 25. Adjourn:** S. Soby moved to adjourn at 9:36 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments - None

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael J. Caplet', written over a horizontal line.

Michael J. Caplet
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman