

Linda M. Hodge



First Selectman

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**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 1, 2008
Colchester Town Hall**

Meeting Room 1 – Following Conclusion of Special Joint Board of Selectmen and Sewer & Water Commission Meeting which Begins at 7:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Caplet, Mark Decker, Tom Chaplik, Jim Stavola, Glen Moron, Ryan Blessing, Jim Salemi, Bill Otfinoski, Jeffrey Blumberger

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman L. Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:42 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** J. Malsbenden moved to add as new #13 "Discussion and Possible Action on Resolutions and Certifications for Open Space Purchased by Norwich Public Utilities", and renumber remaining items consecutively starting with #14, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Approve Minutes of the April 17, 2008 Regular Meeting:** S. Soby moved to approve the April 17, 2008 regular meeting minutes as presented, seconded by R. Coyle. J. Malsbenden abstained. All other members voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the April 17, 2008 Colchester Commission Chairmen Meeting Minutes:** R. Coyle moved to approve the April 17, 2008 Colchester Chairmen meeting minutes as presented, seconded by S. Soby. J. Malsbenden abstained. All other members voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Approve Minutes of the April 22, 2008 Special Meeting:** R. Coyle moved to approve the April 22, 2008 special meeting minutes as presented, seconded by S. Soby. J. Malsbenden and G. Cordova abstained. All other members voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
6. **Approve Minutes of the April 23, 2008 Special Meeting:** S. Soby moved to approve the April 23, 2008 special meeting minutes as presented, seconded by R. Coyle. J. Malsbenden and G. Cordova abstained. All other members voted unanimously in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
7. **Citizen's Comments:** None

8. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations

- a. **Business Development Task Force (member): Jeffrey D. Blumberger (to be interviewed):** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Jeffrey Blumberger and took no further action.
- b. **Police Retirement Board (member; term expires 01/17/11): Daniel Eberle (interviewed on 3/17/08):** S. Soby moved to appoint Daniel Eberle as a member of the Police Retirement Board with a term to expire on 01/17/11, seconded by G. Cordova. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- c. **Ethics Commission (member; term expires 04/17/11): Jacqueline Twedt (interviewed on 3/17/08):** R. Coyle moved to appoint Jacqueline Twedt as a member of the Ethics Commission with a term to expire on 04/17/11, seconded by G. Cordova. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
- d. **Commission on Aging (alternate to member; term expires 12/2008): Betty Ann Oppelt:** S. Soby moved to appoint Betty Ann Oppelt as a member of the Commission on Aging from the alternate position with a term to expire on 12/01/08, seconded by G. Cordova. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Budget Transfers - None

10. **Tax Refunds & Rebates:** After review J. Malsbenden moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$47.83 to Margaret Cable, \$8.44 to Richard Mendall, \$751.50 to Mark and Anne Brayman, \$92.59 to Pedro Rivera, \$541.07 to Joseph or Robin Forcucci, \$9.46 to Daniel Anselmo, \$18.27 to Greg and Nancy Cordova, seconded by S. Soby. G. Cordova recused himself from this item. Unanimously approved by the remaining members. MOTION CARRIED.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Public Hearing Notice for the Proposed Small Cities Grant Application:** S. Soby moved to schedule the Public Hearing for the proposed Small Cities Grant Application on Thursday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m., seconded by J. Malsbenden. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Speed Hump Policy:** The Board of Selectmen requested that Mark Decker return to the next regular Board of Selectmen meeting with a revised "Town of Colchester Speed Hump Policy" that takes into account their suggested revisions.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action on Resolutions and Certifications for Open Space Purchased by Norwich Public Utilities:** J. Malsbenden moved to approve the resolutions and certifications for open space purchased by Norwich Public Utilities and to authorize the First Selectman to sign any necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Police Commission

Fundraising/Donation Proposal: R. Coyle moved to accept the Colchester Police Fundraising Plan with amendments including, at #1 "The Police commission to form a fundraising subcommittee to include..." to replace the current language, and at #6 to be modified to "All money collected is to be deposited into the General Fund in a Police Special Revenue Fund", and to authorize the First Selectman to sign any necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Update on Colchester Police Commission Actions Toward Repair of Cruiser

Electrical Issues: Bill Otfinoski reported that the Police Commission received three bids for repair work. The Commission will review the bids and provide a summary comparing them and bring it as a package to the next Board of Selectmen meeting. First Selectman L. Hodge requested that the Selectmen send any questions they would like answered to her office by the middle of next week.

16. Update on Elderly Tax Relief Task Force Recommendation for Ordinance

Amendment: R. Coyle provided the Board of Selectmen with an update on the Elderly Tax Relief Task Force's Recommendation for the ordinance amendment.

17. Citizen's Comments: None

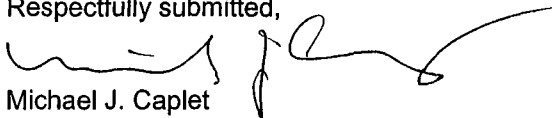
18. First Selectman's Report: First Selectman L. Hodge reported on the purchasing policy working group's progress, a Town Hall phone busy study and its results, the progress made toward field preparations for the league seasons, the progress of the two newest police officers, the certification of Officer Green as a training officer, the certification of Officer Edwards for background checks, and ongoing progress toward work with state contractors for centralized purchasing.

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

20. Adjourn: S. Soby moved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments - None

Respectfully submitted,


Michael J. Caplet
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman