

Linda M. Hodge



First Selectman

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**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 16, 2009
Colchester Town Hall**

**Meeting Room 1 – Immediately Following the Conclusion of the Board/Commission Chair
Meeting Which Immediately Follows the Conclusion of the Board of Selectmen Public
Hearing Which Begins at 7:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Linda Hodge, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Stan Soby

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman John Malsbenden, Selectman Greg Cordova

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Caplet, Chief Walter Cox, Gail Therian, Tim York, Siobhan Grogan, Gregg Schuster, Mike Ryan, Adam Benson, Rob Tarlov, Wendy Mis, Maggie Cosgrove, Sue Dubb, Brian Smith, Ryan Blessing, and other citizens

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman L. Hodge called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** R. Coyle moved to move item #14 to immediately follow item #11, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Approve Minutes of the April 2, 2009 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting:** R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2009 Board of Selectmen regular meeting as presented, seconded by S. Soby. All remaining members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the April 6, 2009 Board of Selectmen Special Joint Meeting:** S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009 Board of Selectmen special joint meeting as presented, seconded by R. Coyle. All remaining members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Approve Minutes of the April 7, 2009 Board of Selectmen Special Joint Meeting:** This item was postponed to the next meeting by unanimous consent.
6. **Citizen's Comments:** None
7. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Sewer & Water Commission (filling member vacancy left by Lisandro Suarez; new term to expire on 06/01/12): Gay St. Louis (interviewed on 04/02/09) or Robert P. Jones, Jr. (interviewed on 02/05/09):** R. Coyle moved to appoint Robert Jones Jr. as a member of the Sewer & Water Commission, filling the member vacancy left by Lisandro Suarez, for a new term to expire on 06/01/12, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
 - b. **CHVFD Exemption Eligibility Committee (member reappointment; new term to expire on 04/01/13): Kevin Dalton and Robert Jacques:** S. Soby moved to reappoint Kevin Dalton and Robert Jacques as members to the CHVFD Exemption Eligibility Committee for new terms to expire on 04/01/13, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- 8. Budget Transfers:** None
- 9. Tax Refunds & Rebates:** After review, R. Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$31.98 to David Middletown, \$1771.39 to Rory Demars, \$17.45 to Phinjack LLC, \$26.33 to Kevin Fries, \$45.68 to Daniel and Elise Pedroso, \$219.75 to Harry Cion, \$47.71 to Pryce Maltempo, \$295.68 to Mercedes benz Financial, \$214.93 to Michael Kurasinski, \$152.79 to Daniel Henderson, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action on Revision of Zoning & Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Health Department, Inland & Wetland Watercourse Applications, GIS Mapping, and Building Permit Fee Schedules as Stated in Town Ordinances Chapter 56, Article II & III, and Chapter 24, Article III:** R. Coyle moved to approve the revision of Zoning & Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Health Department, Inland & Wetland Watercourse Applications, GIS Mapping, and Building Permit Fee Schedules as Stated in Town Ordinances Chapter 56, Article II & III, and Chapter 24, Article III as presented during today's public hearing, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action on Release of Road Maintenance Bond Associated with Cambridge Court – Brom Builders Subdivision, Off of Reservoir Road, Colchester/Congdon Road, Lebanon:** S. Soby moved to approve the release of the road maintenance bond associated with Cambridge Court – Brom Buildings Subdivision, off of Reservoir Road, Colchester/Congdon Road, Lebanon, in the amount of \$37,102.⁰⁰ plus accrued interest, as recommended by the Town Engineer, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 14. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Budget for Next Fiscal Year (2009-10):** First Selectman L. Hodge presented additional proposed cuts to the proposed budget for next fiscal year (2009-10) in response to the Board of Finance's request for \$180,000.⁰⁰ in additional reductions. The Board of Selectmen discussed possible amendments. No action was taken.
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action on Agreement for Participation in Community Innovation Grants Program:** R. Coyle moved to approve the agreement for participation in the Community Innovation Grants Program as presented, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 13. Discussion and Possible Action on Board/Commission Appointment Process:** The Board of Selectmen discussed the board/commission appointment process and agreed that both new and reappointed applicants for boards/commissions need to be interviewed by the Board of Selectmen before their appointment/reappointment.
- 15. Citizen's Comments:** Jean Stawicki commented on her concerns about the lights being on late at the tennis court while no players were present. Ms. Stawicki also gave her quarterly update on the Commission on Aging (attachment).

A citizen commented on his concerns about reductions to maintenance line items in the budget.
- 16. First Selectman's Report:** First Selectman L. Hodge had no additional items on which to report.
- 17. Liaison Reports:** The Selectmen had no additional items on which to report.

18. Executive Session Regarding Discussion on Strategies for Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Colchester and Local 1303-254 of Connecticut Council 4 American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO:

R. Coyle moved to enter into executive session to discuss Strategies for ratification of the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Colchester and Local 1303-254 of Connecticut Council 4 American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. The selectmen entered into executive session at 8:07 p.m. and came out of executive session at 8:25 p.m.

19. Possible Action on Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Colchester and Local 1303-254 of Connecticut Council 4 American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO:

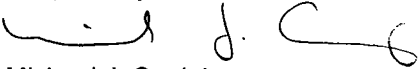
S. Soby moved to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Colchester and Local 1303-254 of Connecticut Council 4 American Federal of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO as presented, seconded by R. Coyle. Following discussion, all members present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

20. Adjourn: S. Soby moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments

1. Memorandum dated 04/02/09, from Siobhan Grogan to the Board of Selectmen, regarding "Monthly Report for March 2009"
2. Letter dated 04/16/09, from Jean Stawicki to First Selectman Linda Hodge, regarding "Commission on Aging Chairman's Report"

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Caplet
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman



Town of Colchester
Cragin Memorial Library
The public library of Colchester since 1905

TO: Board of Selectmen, Town of Colchester
Board of Finance, Town of Colchester
Cragin Board of Trustees
FROM: Siobhan Grogan, Library Director
RE: Monthly Report for March 2009
DATE: April 2, 2009

REGISTERED PATRONS: 14,888 (Colchester residents: 10,906)
CIRCULATION for March: 13,678 nonprint circulation: 35% of total
CIRCULATION (Calendar year): 38,751 **CIRCULATION (Fiscal year):** 125,629
Statewide Interlibrary Loan: Borrowed 150 items, loaned 50 items

Computer Use (Internet, Microsoft Office, iconn.org, InfoAnytime, etc.): 1,776
Computer Assistance to Visitors: 46 times
Newsletter for March: Circulation 800
Children's Display Case: Model cars loaned by Nick Baldi
Upstairs Display Case: Newspapers from the Civil War era

PROGRAMS:

Internet classes (2)	4 learners
Yoga classes (3)	84 participants
Book Repair programs (4) 59 books repaired	14 participants
Climbing Above Stress program	3 attendees
Abraham Lincoln presentation	75 in audience
Where are All the Critters Coming From?	53 attendees
Landscape and Garden Design program	40 in audience
Women's History Month presentation at Dublin Village	12 participants
"Twilight" movie for teens	15 in audience

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39 Caverly Mill Road
Colchester, CT 06415
April 16, 2009

Ms. Linda Hodge
First Selectman
Town of Colchester
127 Norwich Avenue
Colchester, CT 06415

Re: Commission Chairman's Meeting of April 16, 2009
Commission on Aging Chairman's Report

Dear Ms. Hodge and Board of Selectmen,

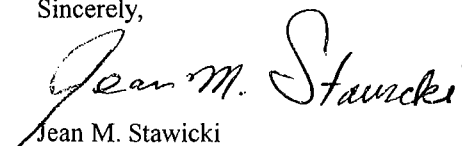
Theresa Hendricksen has been appointed to fill one of the vacancies on the Commission which opened in December 2008. Due to a mix-up in the notice to Theresa regarding the time of our meetings, Theresa was not able to attend our April meeting. The other vacancy was filled by Susan Maikshilo, who requested to be moved from an alternate to a full member position. **The Commission is still looking to have the position of an alternate filled.** We were also happy to welcome Bill Wagner back to our meetings as he was feeling better and did not have to be out of town during the meeting time. It was really good to see him back.

Since my last report to you, the Commission has met and voted on adopting a project which it will take on with the goal of enhancing the benefits to the seniors of Colchester. The project is to present a report to the selectmen and citizens of Colchester regarding the building-out of a new senior center as compared with the renovation of the existing senior center which is leased from the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees. It is the Commission's intent to examine all of the necessary details of all aspects of this project just short of the hiring of an architect in order to present a complete report. This project will hopefully move us in the direction of obtaining accreditation for our senior center. Even provisional accreditation cannot be obtained for our current center with the current state of the building. Toward this end, the Commission will be applying to the Selectmen in the next several months to designate a piece of land upon which the building could be built. By so designating a site, the report will be able to address the exact issues raised by the designated site, making the report more complete and less hypothetical. This project will not commit the Town of Colchester to anything but it will define and answer questions about the project as presented and its projected costs.

Norman J. Dupuis, president of the Friends of the Colchester Senior Center, gave a presentation to the Commission at the Commission's April meeting of the work done by the Friends of putting together a floor plan of the space needs for a new senior center. Adam Turner, the Colchester Town Planner, was also in attendance at this meeting and he indicated that he had helped plan and build out a senior center and would be able to help us through the process. Mr. Turner stated that he felt that the Friends had done at least two years of the needed planning and that the remaining process would be relatively straight-forward. The Commission is intending to move forward on this project in the manner of an accreditation review which entails enlisting the aid of many of Colchester's citizens who will then become knowledgeable about the pros and cons of the project and will more likely be fully informed on the issues when the project comes up for consideration.

The Commission will be working over the next approximately two months to designate the various committees and to set out written goals and directions for each committee to follow so that it can review, examine and obtain the facts and write its report about its limited area of investigation. Anyone who is interested in helping with this process is invited to help and to please leave their name with Patti White or the staff at the Senior Center or with me. I expect that we will start to fill the committee slots in July and August and begin committee meetings in September, after summer vacations are over.

Sincerely,



Jean M. Stawicki
Chairman, Commission on Aging