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**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 18, 2010
Colchester Town Hall
Meeting Room 1 – 7:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Greg Cordova, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman James Ford

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Stan Soby,

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, Sylvia Miller, Mark Decker, Walter Cox, Wendy Mis, Rob Tarlov, Dorothy Mrowka, Katy Naly, Leann Hill, Ryan Blessing, Janet Taylor, Shelly Flynn, Mike Caplet and other citizens.

1. **Call to Order:** First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2010 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting:**
Selectman Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2010 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Selectman Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Citizen's Comments:** David Martin, Sandy Brown, Eric Hutchins, and John Knapp spoke in support of Board of Selectmen Meeting Agenda Item 13.
5. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Planning and Zoning (alternate appointment to fill vacancy left by John Carroll for a term to expire on 12/31/2011). Terence Clark to be interviewed.**
Terence Clark was absent. To be interviewed at next meeting.
 - b. **Planning and Zoning (alternate to fill vacancy left by John Carroll for a term to expire 12/31/2011). Patricia C. Hayn to be interviewed.** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Patricia Hayn.
 - c. **Planning and Zoning (alternate to fill vacancy left by John Carroll for a term to expire 12/31/2011). John R. Novak was interviewed on 02/04/2010.**
Discussion and action on John R. Novak for filling vacancy. Board took no action.
 - d. **Economic Development Commission (member appointment for a new term previously held by Cathy Pompei to expire 10/31/2014). Christopher J. Rowllins to be interviewed.** Christopher J. Rowllins was absent.

- e. **Economic Development Commission (member filling vacancy left by Cathy Pompei for a term to expire on 10/01/2014). William DiCioccio was interviewed on 02/04/2010. Discussion and action on William DiCioccio for filling vacancy.** Board took no action.
 - f. **Commission on Aging (alternate appointment to fill vacancy left by Suzanne Maikshilo for a term to expire on 12/31/2011). Rose Levine interviewed on 02/04/2010. Discussion and action on Rose Levine for filling vacancy.** R. Coyle moved to appoint Rose Levine as a member of the Commission on Aging, filling the vacancy left by Suzanne Maikshilo for a term to expire on 12/31/2011, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
 - g. **Sewer and Water Commission (member appointment for a new term previously held by Ken Fargnolli to expire 06/2013). Stephen Coyle interviewed on 02/04/2010. Discussion and action on Stephen Coyle for filling vacancy.** G. Cordova moved to appoint Stephen Coyle as a member of the Sewer and Water Commission, filling the vacancy left by Ken Fargnolli for a term to expire on 06/2013, seconded by J. Ford. R. Coyle recused. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
 - h. **Zoning Board of Appeals (alternate member being appointed as regular voting member for a new, five-year term to expire 12/31/2015, previously held by Fay Sherman). Discussion and Action on Bob Setschinsky for filling vacancy.** J. Ford moved to appoint Bob Setschinsky as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, filling the vacancy left by Fay Sherman for a term to expire on 12/31/2015, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
6. **Budget Transfer:** None
7. **Tax Refunds & Rebates:** After review, G. Cordova moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$30.16 to Steve Michaud, \$35.86 to Paul Conlon, \$1,280.65 to Andrzej Kowal, \$3,720.15 to John and Deborah Grottole, \$2,252.67 to Frank and Eleanor Ball, \$33.34 to Dorri Smith, \$1912.11 to Marianna Wikarska, \$1,957.04 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, \$186.84 to Louis Amara, \$18.86 to James and Elizabeth Hunt, \$33.84 to Bonnin Concrete & Construction, LLC, \$46.64 to Aaron Spearin, \$308.87 to Donald and Irene Stanavage, \$82.78 to Daniel and Ellen Weinick, \$57.46 to Leonard Viggiani, \$3,421.59 to Kimberly Fan, \$34.80 to David Campbell, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Collaborative for Children Discovery Trust** (Shelley Flynn presented to the Board) R. Coyle moved to approve and submit the continuation grant for the Colchester Collaborative for Children Discovery Trust and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Spring Clean-Up Day Sponsorship**
G. Cordova moved to approve sponsoring Colchester Spring Clean-Up Day and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Hershey Track & Field Games Sponsorship**
J. Ford moved to approve sponsoring Hershey Track & Field Games and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Telephone Service at Cragin Memorial Library**
This item was tabled to be discussed at the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Unemployment Compensation Service Agreement** G. Cordova moved to approve the Unemployment Compensation Service agreement and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by Ford. Discussion on understanding how claims are calculated (Coyle/Schuster). Discussion on how other communities/municipalities use this service and what is their feedback (Ford/Schuster). Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action on CHFD Policy on Staff Members Serving As Chiefs** (Walter Cox, Fire Chief, explained Policy to Board) G. Cordova moved to approve the CHFD Policy on Staff Members Serving as Chiefs as written, seconded by J. Ford. Discussion on call-back policy (Coyle/Cox). Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
14. **Discussion and Possible Action on Health District Task Force** (Wendy Mis, Health Director, presented to the Board) R. Coyle moved to approve the creation of a Health District Task Force, per the memorandum dated 2/16/10, and with the amendment to Number 4 of the memorandum to replace “of” with “by.” Seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action on Amended Agreement with Ovation Benefits**
G. Cordova moved to approve the amended agreement with Ovation Benefits and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
16. **Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of Sewer and Water Budget**
(Mark Decker, Public Works Director presented to the Board and took questions) R. Coyle moved to approve the sewer and water budget, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
17. **Discussion and Possible Action on Renewal of Grant for Senior Center Making Memories Program** R. Coyle moved to approve renewing the grant for the Senior Center Making Memories program and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
18. **2010-2011 Budget Discussion** From First Selectman G. Schuster, there was no new items to discuss. The First Selectman is in the process of reviewing options regarding the budget and there is a target maximum of 3% growth over last year’s budget. Further action by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance is pending. Currently, the proposed budget will most likely involve staff reductions, which are to be determined as the budget process evolves. The proposed budget will be a ‘starting point’ for further discussion. The Board of Finance has not been received any budget documents to date, thus there has not been any discussion or direction from the Board. The Board of Selectmen has not voted on any actions to date regarding the budget. On March 10th there will be a town-side-only budget forum at 7:15pm in the Cragin Memorial Library.
19. **Citizen’s Comments** None.
20. **First Selectman’s Report** First Selectman G. Schuster reported he has been working on the budget. Efforts to raise money for fuel bank amounted to \$7,500 to date, with money still coming in. Next Wednesday, February 24, the National Wildlife Federation will be in Colchester.
21. **Liaison Report** J. Ford reported on the Friends of Cragin Library. First Selectman G. Schuster reported on the Parum Road project.

22. **Adjourn** G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle.
Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.