

Gregg Schuster



First Selectman

**Colchester Commission Chairmen Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 15, 2010 – 7:00 pm
Colchester Town Hall – Meeting Room 1**

1. Call to Order

First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Commission Updates – Commission Chairs

*First Selectman G. Schuster read Chair Jean Stawicki's report on the activity of the Commission on Aging.

Chair Stephen Cohn reported on the Economic Development Commission.

Chair Genea Bell reported on the Ethics Commission.

Chair Nick Norton reported on the Open Space Advisory Committee.

Chair Joseph Mathieu reported on the activity of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

*First Selectman G. Schuster read Chair Richard LeMay's report on the activity of the Sewer & Water Commission.

*First Selectman G. Schuster read Chair Laurie Robinson's report on the activity of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Rob Tarlov reported on the activity of the Board of Finance.

*reports are attached

No Reports Received From:

Chair Dave Anderson on the activity of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Chair Falk Von Plachecki on the activity of the Conservation Commission.

Chair Ron Goldstein on the activity of the Board of Education.

Chair Robert Kennedy on the activity of the Fair Rent Commission.

Chair Ellen Sharon reported on the activity of the Historic District Commission.

Chair Jan LaBella on the activity of the Housing Authority.

Chair Sean O'Leary on the activity of the Parks & Recreation Commission

Chair Glenn Morron on the activity of the Police Commission.

Chair Thomas St. Louis reported on the activity of the Youth Services Advisory Board.

3. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:14pm, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrick M. Kennedy".

Derrick M. Kennedy

Executive Assistant to the First Selectman

39 Caverly Mill Road
Colchester, CT 06415
July 15, 2010

Mr. Greg Schuster
First Selectman
And Board of Selectmen
Town of Colchester
127 Norwich Avenue
Colchester, CT 06415

Re: Commission on Aging Quarterly Report

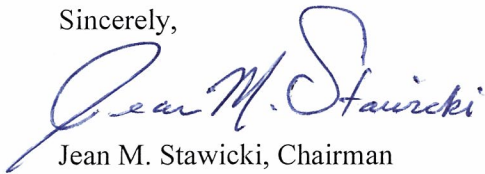
Dear Board of Select men,

Since April 2009, the Commission on Aging has been reviewing various alternatives for a project that its members might desire to pursue toward the end of improving conditions for the seniors of the Town of Colchester.

At it June 2010 meeting, the Commission heard a shorter version of the presentation of the Long Term Care Plan which was presented to the State Legislature by the Connecticut Commission on Aging and the Long-Term Care Advisory Council. The Long Term Care Plan's goal is to help people with long term disabilities, such as aging, to stay in their homes or help them live more cost effectively in the community as opposed to living in a nursing home before that level of care is needed, with Title 19 (and all Connecticut taxpayers) paying the bill. This Commission has also scheduled a presentation by ASCA from Noank to have them give a presentation to this Commission at our Senior Center, which will be open to our community, on resources which are available to family and care givers to help keep their loved ones in the community. That presentation is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday October 20 at 7 pm.

The Commission has also started the process of reviewing its by-laws toward the end of making some revisions in areas where its current practices are not reflected in its by-laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jean M. Stawicki". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jean M. Stawicki, Chairman
Commission on Aging

Commission Chairman's Notes

Colchester Sewer and Water Commission

Stream Flow Standards and Regulations – DEP is still reviewing the results of the public hearing. However, based on some recent discussions, the Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) drafted a letter to Governor Rell with copies to the chairs and members of the legislature's Regulations Review Committee outlining continued concerns with the proposed stream flow regulations. The letter indicated CWWA recently met with DEP to discuss the proposed regulations but received no assurances that the regulations will be substantially revised to address concerns regarding the impact of the regulations on the availability and cost of public water supplies in the state. After discussion with Chairman LeMay, he agreed to support the letter as it basically was the same support provided earlier in the regulatory process.

STEAP Grant - Sewer and Water Infrastructure Expansion – an official kick-off meeting is scheduled for Monday the 19th although information has already been exchanged and Weston & Sampson is working on the mapping component at this time.

Conservation Measures – Due to the recent spell of very hot weather with limited rainfall, the DPH Drinking Water Division issued a communication to all water companies in CT encouraging them to keep a close eye on their trigger levels for conservation measures. The Department has reduced the pumping rate in one of its wells and has activated the second well to provide a more balanced withdrawal from each well. This has resulted in sustained drawdown water levels and adequate pumping capacity to meet the demands of the system. Levels are being carefully monitored but there are no reasons at this time to institute either voluntary or mandatory conservation measures.

Updated 15 July 2010

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From: H & L Robinson [robinson@snet.net]
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2010 6:46 PM
To: Gregg Schuster; Derrik Kennedy
Cc: Stan Soby; Laurie Robinson; Patrick Reading
Subject: ZBA Report-Out for Commission Chairman's Meeting

Hello Gregg,

My apologies for the last-minute electronic report. I would have liked to be there in person, but had an unexpected work issue develop late in the day.

My report is short:

- Current volume of appeals applications is quite low/slow. We currently only have one application in process this month, and that is a continuation.
- The Board continues to be short at least one Alternate. I believe that we have two open Alternate slots. It would be great to have at least one of those positions filled.

Thank you,

Laurie R. Robinson
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals