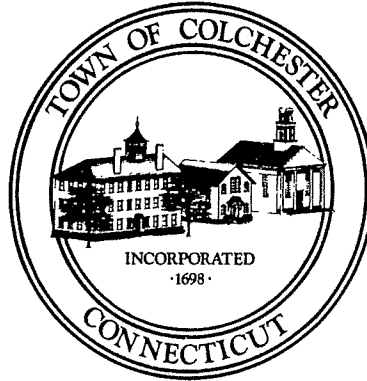


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**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 18, 2010  
Colchester Town Hall  
Meeting Room 1 – 7:00 p.m.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman James Ford, Selectman Stan Soby, and Selectman Greg Cordova

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Derrik Kennedy, Sylvia Miller, Greg Plunkett, Candace Barnes, Guthrie Dinda, Ron Goldstein, Gina Santos, Maggie Cosgrove, Jay Cohen, Karen Loiselle, Val Geato, Leann Hill, Ryan Blessing, and other citizens.

- 1. Call to Order**  
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- 2. Additions to the Agenda**  
R. Coyle moved to add a new item #25, "A resolution authorizing the First Selectman to Sign the State Department of Transportation matching Grant Program for Elderly and Disabled Demand Responsive Transportation for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 for the amount of \$31,457," and to renumber the remaining items accordingly and that agenda item #16 be discussed and acted upon immediately following agenda item #8, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 3. Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2010 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting**  
S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2010 Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting as presented, with the amendment that those being approved for board/committee membership be designated as "alternates," seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 4. Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2010 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting.**  
G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2010 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting as presented, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 5. Citizen's Comments** Anita Hill, Karen van Heist, Ellen Weinick, and Walt Smalentski stated their support of the Bacon Academy Track project. Kevin McGill, Jr. would like the town to put money into pole vault mats.
- 6. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**

- a. **Conservation Commission (Kurt Frantzen to fill vacancy left by Gary Avery for a term to expire on 10/31/2010). On Wednesday, March 10, the Colchester Conservation Commission voted to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that Alternate Kurt Frantzen take Gary Avery's full-time status. This will leave a vacant Alternate position. Kurt Frantzen to be interviewed.**  
J. Ford moved to appoint Kurt Frantzen as a member of the Conservation Commission, filling the vacancy left by Gary Avery for a term to expire on 10/31/2010, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
7. **Budget Transfers – None.**
8. **Tax Refunds & Rebates** After review, R. Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$237.87 to Yves & Marie Legros, \$2,553.02 to BAC Tax Services Corp., \$35.14 to David and Julie Joaquin, \$46.71 to Brenda Scrivani & Janet Mickens, and \$151.14 to Michelle & Steven Bouffard. Seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
16. **Discussion and Possible Action on Awarding Contract for Bacon Academy Track Reconstruction**  
Board of Education Chairman Ron Goldstein presented to the Board. S. Soby moved to approve Empire Paving as the contractor for the reconstruction of the Bacon Academy Track and adopt the resolution as provided 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 Awarding Bid for Legal Services**  
R. Coyle moved to award the bid for labor relations legal services to Kainen, Escalera, and McHale and Shipman & Goodwin and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Discussion on "average experience" calculation (Coyle), how the RFP was posted (Ford), and promotion of professionalism and qualifications (Soby). Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. Lisa Mehta (Shipman & Goodwin) was available for questions. Pat McHale (Kainen, Escalera, & McHale) was available for questions.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Parks & Recreation Program Fund**  
Chief Financial Officer N. Maggie Cosgrove presented this issue to the Board and took questions.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on 57 Fest**  
Parks & Recreation Director Jason Cohen addressed this issue to the Board and took questions. S. Soby moved to approve having the 57 Fest, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Fireworks Vendors for 57 Fest**  
G. Cordova moved to approve the fireworks bid for 57 Fest to Zambelli Fireworks International, in the amount of \$7,000, as the fireworks vendor for this year and next year's 57 Fest, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action on Dog Park Grand Opening & Pet Expo Sponsorships**  
Keith Kelly, Chairman of Dog Park Committee presented to the Board. R. Coyle moved to approve the Dog Park Grand Opening & Pet Expo Sponsorships and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

14. **Discussion and Possible Action on Interactive Drumming Concert**  
R. Coyle moved to approve the Interactive Drumming Concert and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Discussion on crowd involvement (Soby). Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action on Increasing Pavilion Rental Fee**  
G. Cordova moved to approve increasing the pavilion rental fees to \$40/4hrs (resident) and \$80/4hrs (non-resident) and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
17. **Discussion and Possible Action on Energy Performance Contract**  
Facilities Director Greg Plunkett presented to the Board. There was consensus from the Board to move forward with attaining an energy performance contract.
18. **Discussion and Possible Action on Combining Youth Services and Social Services**  
R. Coyle moved to approve combining Youth Services and Social Services per First Selectman Schuster's memo (attached), seconded by G. Cordova. Discussion on qualification language and medical qualifications in job descriptions (Coyle). Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
19. **Discussion and Possible Action on Authorization to Sign ARRA Notice of Grant**  
R. Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the ARRA "Notice of Grant", seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
20. **Discussion and Possible Action on Precious Metal Application, License, and Permit**  
Gina Santos and TFC Billian addressed this issue to the Board and took questions. S. R. Coyle moved to table until next meeting pending potential processing fees, S. Soby seconded. Discussion regarding the fee (Soby). Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
21. **Discussion and Possible Action on Accepting the Conservation Easement Proposed by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer**  
S. Soby moved to accept the conservation easement proposed by the wetlands enforcement officer, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
22. **Discussion and Possible Action on Contract for Professional Services By & Between the Town of Colchester Senior Center and Sue Roos**  
R. Coyle moved to approve the contract for professional services by and between the Town of Colchester Senior Center and Sue Roos and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
23. **Discussion and Possible Action on Memorandum of Agreement with MEUI Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC**  
S. Soby moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with MEUI Local 506, SEIU, AFL-CIO, CLC and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
24. **Discussion and Possible Action on Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME, Local 1303-254 of CT Council 4**  
R. Coyle moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with AFSCME, Local 1303-254 of CT Council 4 and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Discussion on bullet # 4 language (Soby). Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**26. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2010-2011 Budget**

R. Coyle wondered if First Selectman Schuster had a priority list regarding budget cuts from each department. First Selectman Schuster stated that he is requesting cuts of \$100,000 increments up to \$500,000 from staff. The majority of those cuts will come from road improvements.

**27. Citizen's Comments**

None.

**28. First Selectman's Report**

Continuing to work on the budget.

**29. Liaison Report**

R. Coyle commented on the Commission on Aging, Open Space Advisory Commission, and Fire Department. S. Soby commented on the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning & Zoning Commission.

**30. Adjourn** G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment – First Selectman Schuster Memo regarding Youth and Social Services

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick M. Kennedy  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman