



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Commission Chairmen Special Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 8, 2011
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00PM
Meeting Room 1

Received for record at Colchester, Conn.
on October 21, 2011 at 12:21 AM.
Attest, Nancy A. Bray, Town Clerk

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Goldstein, Joe Mathieu, Steve Cohn, Jack Faski, and other citizens.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Commission Updates – Commission Chairs

Ron Goldstein reported that the **Board of Education** had a successful opening of schools with 3, 029 students enrolled, the budget cycle is starting up again, the Board is discussing teacher evaluation processes, and it has put together a group to spearhead a "Teacher Leaders" program.

Stephen Cohn reported that the **Economic Development Commission** has had a quiet summer but received two CTIP applications and approved one. There are two vacancies on the Board now and is looking for volunteers to fill the slots.

Jack Faski reported that the **Fair Rent Commission** has received some inquiries on fair rent and heating issues. Two people have expressed interest in being appointed to the Fair Rent Commission and are up for appointment at tonight's Board of Selectmen meeting. The Commission is still interested in and looking for other volunteers.

Joseph Mathieu reported that the **Planning and Zoning Commission** approved Tractor Supply recently and commended Town Hall staff on their efforts on this project. The Commission is continuing to work on updating the Land Use Regulations. The Town has fewer free-standing A-frame signs due to a sweep by the Zoning Enforcement Officer, which was really more of an educational campaign with regards to following the town zoning regulations; it was deemed helpful by businesses and a success.

Steve Petty reported that the **Police Commission** is continuing to work on the Rules and Regulations and strategic goals for the department and that the new uniforms have been adopted and our currently being worn by the officers.

Richard LeMay reported that the **Sewer & Water Commission** has been working on many projects with the water system, including a system to distribute the water better which will enhance the water quality, there have been no main breaks this past quarter, the treatment and processing plant work well with all the rain the Town has received lately, there has been diligent collection of delinquent sewer and water bills, a short and long term capital improvement plan is being developed, the commission is working on a new water supply plan, and they are working with DEEP on a new I&I plan.

Pam Scheibelein reported that the **Youth Services Advisory Board** is waiting on a new van and there will be a large event on 06/09/12 on the Town Green called, "Tye-Dye Family Fun Fest," which will showcase for families all the services that Youth & Social Services provides residents of the Town. There are two vacancies on the Board and the Board is sending a letter to all parents of children who have used Youth Services asking them if they could volunteer and be on the Board. There will be the annual Youth & Social Services bake sale fund raiser at Town Hall on Election Day.

No reports received from:

Rose Levine concerning the Commission on Aging
Dave Anderson concerning the Board of Assessment Appeals
Bruce Hayn concerning the Board of Finance
Merja Lehetinen concerning the Cable Advisory Committee
Falk Von Plachecki concerning the Conservation Commission
Genea Bell concerning the Ethics Commission
Ellen Sharon concerning the Historic District Commission
Jan LaBella concerning the Housing Authority
Nick Norton concerning the Open Space Advisory Committee
Sean O'Leary concerning the Parks & Recreation Commission
Brendan Healy concerning the Police Retirement Board
Laurie Robinson concerning the Zoning Board of Appeals

3. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn the Commission Chair Meeting at 7:20 p.m., seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman