



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 1, 2011
Colchester Town Hall**

Meeting Room 1 – 7:00pm

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Gina Santos, Jim Paggioli, Dot Mrowka, Richard Kemmitt, and other citizens

1. Call to Order

First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Grant Program

S. Soby moved to approve and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on UCFS Contract

S. Soby moved to approve the UCFS contract and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Hurricane Irene and Storm Response Update

First Selectman G. Schuster discussed in terms of hurricane Irene what steps were taken in regards to the preparation which began 4 to 5 days prior to the hurricane arriving and the steps that were taken throughout the days that followed. First Selectman G. Schuster also discussed in terms of communication what was accomplished. It seemed to be very effective. There were a few issues that will be looked into. First Selectman G. Schuster gave an update regarding Colchester storm clean-up. Daily flyers updating the

Colchester storm clean-up will be available at local businesses and at town hall. Jim Paggioli gave an update regarding CL&P crews in Colchester.

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6. Citizens Comments

Colchester citizen, Richard Kemmitt, voiced his concerns regarding the effects of the aftermath of hurricane Irene. First Selectman G. Schuster stated, in terms of the restoration, he has been in contact with CL&P on a daily basis with little response in return. They are doing their best with the little resources that they have.

Colchester citizen, Tom Tyler, stated that he received the communications. Folks that he has spoken to in town have had very positive things to say in regards to the calls they have received. He works for a large utility company and stated that the magnitude of the info structure and the volume of work that has to be done and the safety of the workers is an overwhelming task.

Colchester citizen, Dot Mrowka, had a question regarding notification of when school will resume and how will it be communicated to the public. First Selectman G. Schuster stated that the Board of Education has notified the community and it has also been put in the flyers that are being handed out.

Colchester citizen, Herb Davis, stated that he thinks this has been a trying time for a number of people. He believes that the community should pull together to make things work in the absence of things working well. A good attitude needs to be had towards each other. He believes that things are going well.

7. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:48p.m., seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Note: This meeting was recorded by a digital audio recording system and is available through the Colchester First Selectman's office in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant