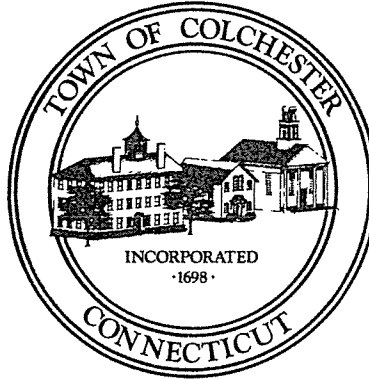


Gregg Schuster



First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 17, 2011
Colchester Town Hall**

Meeting Room 1 – 7:00pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Rosemary Coyle

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, Kate Byroade, Mark Decker, Patti White, Rob Esteve, Ryan Blessing, 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**
J. Ford moved to add to the agenda Item #8, "Discussion and Possible Action on Federal Transit Vehicle Program Grant Application," and to renumber accordingly, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
3. **Approve Minutes of the February 3, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**
S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Citizen's Comments**
None.
5. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Ethics Commission. Member re-appointment for a new three-year term to expire 02/28/2014. Dan Henderson to be interviewed.**
Dan Henderson was absent. No action taken.
6. **Budget Transfers**
None.
7. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**
J. Ford moved to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$14.54 to Laura Palmese, \$19.55 to Ronald Demars, \$174.48 to Ally Financial, \$418.92 to Ally Financial, and \$84.24 to Ally Financial, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Federal Transit Vehicle Program Grant Application

J. Ford moved to approve the submission of an application to the State DOT for a federal 5310 grant, to pay for a new wheelchair accessible van to transport elderly and disabled residents, for a purchase not to exceed \$60,000, the Town's share not to exceed \$20,000, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents and to publish public notices of such intent in a major newspaper in accordance with the DOT application procedural requirements, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Sewer & Water Operating Budget

S. Soby moved to approve the 2011/2012 Sewer and Water operating budget, rates, and fees, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on STEAP Recommendation and Weston & Sampson Proposal

S. Soby moved to approve a budget transfer of \$3,150 from *Legal Expenses* to *Professional Services* to make up the difference between the STEAP grant and the cost of the design the Weston & Sampson design proposal, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

S. Soby moved to approve the Weston & Sampson design proposal and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Citizen's Comments

None.

13. First Selectman's Report

First Selectman G. Schuster commented that he is currently working on the Town budget, looking at information from the newly-released Governor's budget, and how aid to the Town will be flat. The Town budget will not ask for any layoffs, it will enhance the safety net of the town through increases in social services and public safety, and greater investment in capital maintenance of infrastructure.

14. Liaison Report

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission has finalized their proposed budget recommendation and the police are working on their equipment inventory in preparing for their 5-year equipment plan.

S. Soby reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission discussed an EMPAR operation in an industrial zone as well as the continuation of updating the Zoning Regulations.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Discovery Grant (Colchester Collaborative)

S. Soby moved to approve the Colchester Collaborative to submit an RFP for the continuation of the Discovery Grant, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

J. Ford moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Colchester Board of Selectmen and Colchester Collaborative, as agreed upon at the May 7, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Agreement with Local 1303-448 Connecticut Council 4, AMERICAN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO Library Employees

J. Ford moved to enter in to executive session to discuss the agreement with Local 1303-448 Connecticut Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Library Employees, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:33 p.m.
Returned from executive session at 7:37 p.m.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Agreement with Local 1303-448 Connecticut Council 4, AMERICAN FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, AFL-CIO Library Employees

G. Cordova moved to accept the agreement with Local 1303-448 Connecticut Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Library Employees and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

17. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiation Strategy with Colchester Police Local 2693T, AFSCME Council 15

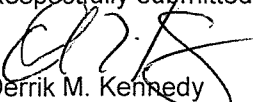
S. Soby moved to enter into executive session to discuss negotiation strategy with Colchester Police Local 2693T, AFSCME Council 15, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:39 p.m.
Returned from executive session at 8:08 p.m.

18. Adjourn

G. Cordova moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen at 8:09p.m., seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrik M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman