

Gregg Schuster

First Selectman



**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 3, 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, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, and Selectman Greg Cordova

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, Greg Plunkett, David Dander, and Ryan Blessing

1. **Call to Order**
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda**
None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the February 17, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**
G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by J. Ford. R. Coyle abstained, all other selectmen 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.
 - b. **Commission on Aging. Member appointment for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2013. Herb Davis was interviewed on 02/03/2011.**
No action taken.
6. **Budget Transfers**
S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfer of \$4,000 from Police – Regular Payroll (12101-40101) to Police – Uniform Purchases (12101-42324), seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**
R. Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$6.52 to David Muir, \$151.26 to Daniel Impellitteri, \$3,186.40 to Taber & Kelly Parola, and \$2,263.82 to Heather Galarneau & Matthew Trust, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Historic Documents Program Grant Applicant**
R. Coyle moved to appoint Nancy Bray, Town Clerk, as the applicant for the Historic Documents Program Grant, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Spring Clean-Up 2011**
S. Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign any sponsorship agreements for the 2011 Spring Clean-Up, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on 57 Fest 2011**
Discussion on possible date for the 57 Fest. No action taken.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on FY11-12 Town Budget**
First Selectman G. Schuster stated that the upcoming year's budget, as proposed, includes an increase of \$890,000 in expenditures, but are expecting that to be cut as it represents different options for discussion. Further, capital items could be financed instead of taken out of the operating budget. An eleventh officer is budgeted for, as money was available due to the board of education paying the salary of the school resource officer. A part-time social services coordinator is included due to an increased demand for social services. Increases in funding for road maintenance, fully-funding capital reserves for vehicle replacement and the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), a transfer of money from legal services to human resources services, the elimination of the health department due to the move to the Chatham Health District, and a reduction in debt service are also included in the proposed budget. The Grand List has increased 1.5% for addition tax revenue of around \$500,000. According to the governor's proposed budget, state aid to municipalities has remained the same as previous year's levels. There are some new revenue sources, due to increases in, or the implementation of, various taxes. However, since these have not been adopted by the legislature, they are not included in the first selectman's proposed budget. Finally, the town proposed budget does not include the use of fund balance.

Selectman Ford commented that the roads are and have been underfunded, that the Town should look into developing a pavement management program, and that the Town should develop a five-year capital plan to show and anticipate future costs and projects.

Selectman Cordova commented about the budget questionnaire and about possibly holding another budget forum.

No action taken.

12. **Citizen's Comments**
D. Dander commented on concerts on the green and parks & recreation operations.
13. **First Selectman's Report**
None.
14. **Liaison Report**

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission is continuing to update policies and will be scheduling special meetings to keep working on current projects.

G. Cordova reported that within the Youth Services Bureau, seventh and eighth graders have had unusually low attendance, that another social services coordinator is needed to assist with resident's needs, and funding for a new van has become available and the department is looking to purchase soon.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Public Works Director Candidates

R. Coyle moved to enter in to executive session to discuss public works director candidates, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:33 p.m.
Returned from executive session at 7:47 p.m.

16. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman