



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, April 7, 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 Greg Cordova, and Selectman Rosemary Coyle

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, Patti White, Walter Cox, Greg Plunkett, John Chaponis, Craig Grimord, Nancy Bray, Mike Caplet, Don Kennedy, Ron Goldstein, Rob Tarlov, Katy Nally, 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**

S. Soby moved to move agenda item #8 to after agenda item #4 and renumber accordingly, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. **Approve Minutes of the March 17, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**

R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Citizen's Comments**

Mr. Davis commented on his outstanding application to the Commission on Aging.

5. **Recommendation to the Board of Selectmen by the Senior Center Study Group**

A presentation was given to the Board of Selectmen explaining the Senior Center Study Group's recommendation. R. Coyle moved to accept the Senior Center Study Group's recommendation and forward it to the Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**

a. **Open Space Commission. Member re-appointment for a new three-year term to expire 3/31/2014. Theodore Fuini to be interviewed.**

Theodore Fuini was interviewed. R. Coyle moved to re-appoint Theodore Fuini to the Open Space Commission for a new three-year term to expire 3/31/2014, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

b. **Open Space Commission. Town Planner, Adam Turner, re-appointment for a new three-year term to expire 3/31/2014.**

R. Coyle moved to re-appoint Adam Turner to the Open Space Commission for a new three-year term to expire 3/31/2014, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- c. **Open Space Commission. Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Jay Gigliotti, re-appointment for a new three-year term to expire 3/31/2014.**
J. Ford moved to re-appoint Jay Gigliotti to the Open Space Commission for a new three-year term to expire 3/31/2014, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Selectman Soby left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- d. **Chatham Health District Board of Directors. Member appointment for three-year term to expire 4/7/2014. Russel Melmed to be interviewed.**
Russel Melmed was interviewed.

Selectman Soby returned to the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

7. **Budget Transfers**

None.

8. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**

G. Cordova moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$8.27 to Jerry & Diane Perkins, \$1,805.04 to Russell McNichols, \$182.26 to Peterson DL Trust, \$4,740.74 to Marusz & Christine Ruszczuk, \$2,874.28 to John Connors Sr. & Margaret Anne Albee, \$3,745.46 to David & Barbara Hahn, \$2,372.88 to Jon & Marnita Morris, \$4,050.06 to Michael & Kathleen Hanrahan, \$2,119.67 to Peter & Linda Daniels, \$32.89 to Al Ewers, \$2,931.94 to Joseph Warzecha, Jr., \$60.25 to Jeffrey, Sidney, & David Lejfer, \$2,461.88 to John & Lynn Maldonado, \$1,865.21 to Charles & Kimberly Opalenik, \$2,251.29 to John Alfieri & Rachel Frenette, \$21.00 to Donald Sullivan, \$7.13 to Waldemar & Irena Suszek, \$1,968.00 to Diane Freeman, \$1,781.23 to Frederick Solmo, \$178.75 to Nutmeg Gravel & Excavating, Inc., \$49.89 to Evelyn McGuigan, and \$21.56 to Dennis & Elizabeth Kessler; seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Town Ordinances**

Discussion on edits to the proposed town ordinances. The Board agreed to forward the ordinances onto Town Counsel for review.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Free Solar Panels**

G. Cordova moved to authorize Greg Plunkett to pursue free solar panels for Town buildings through DCS Energy and submit contracts for review and possible approval, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Hardware for Land Record System**

R. Coyle moved to appoint the First Selectman to sign the addendum to the original contract, dated December 4, 2008, between the Town of Colchester and COTT Systems, Inc., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Subdivision/Road Maintenance Bond Release**

S. Soby moved to release the remaining Chestnut Hill Rd. & Palmer Rd. subdivision/road maintenance bond in the amount of \$10,740.00 plus accrued interest to the owner, Ernest Costa, as recommended by the Town Engineer, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. **Discussion and Possible Action on Zoning Enforcement Attorney Referral**

J. Ford moved to approve the request for legal action through the Connecticut Housing Court for zoning enforcement purposes against the Pettigrew Flynn property located at 553 Amston Road, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

14. **Discussion and Possible Action on Emergency Management Performance Grant**

S. Soby moved to approve the submission of the Emergency management Performance Grant and allow the First Selectman to sign any and all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

15. **Discussion and Possible Action on Hebron Land Exchange**
Discussion on Hebron Land Exchange. No action taken.
16. **Discussion and Possible Action on Town Hall Flag Request**
G. Cordova moved to approve the Donor for Life Flag request to fly a flag on the Town Hall flagpole from April 18 through April 29, as recommended by the Parks & Recreation Commission, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
17. **Discussion and Possible Action on Hiring Public Works Director**
S. Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to hire James Paggioli as Public Works Director, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
18. **Discussion and Possible Action on Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Colchester and MEUI, Local 506, SEUI, AFL-CIO, CLC**
R. Coyle moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Town of Colchester and MEUI, Local 506, SEUI, AFL-CIO, CLC, and authorize the First Selectman to sign any and all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
19. **Citizen's Comments**
None.
20. **First Selectman's Report**
First Selectman G. Schuster reported that he attended the last Board of Directors meeting of the Chatham Health District and the Board is looking to change its schedule from monthly meetings to meetings every six weeks, with subcommittees meeting more frequently, as well as how the health district would like to handle inspections and permitting of farmer's markets going forward; the Town recently received Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund (LEEF) money for old and used Town equipment; the Town is currently reviewing the new resident state troopers contract; the annual Clean to the Green event is coming up this Saturday, April 9 and the Town would like to extend a special "thank you" to all the volunteers and S&S Worldwide for their assistance; and the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees have asked to renew their lease with the Town for the Senior Center.
21. **Liaison Report**
S. Soby reported that the Police Commission is continuing to work on the department strategic plan and revisions to the department rules and regulations.

G. Cordova reported that the Youth Services Bureau is discussing the DCF Wilderness outing in New Hampshire, the Open Youth Center is picking up participation, there will be an MS Walk coming up, and the department is seeking a van. Selectman Cordova further reported that the Parks & Recreation Commission has been discussing field endorsements with the various leagues, the Hershey Track Meet is coming up, and there will be fireworks for this year's 57 Fest.
22. **Adjourn**
R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m., seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman