

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

## Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, May 19, 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, Greg Plunkett, Marc Tate, Jim Paggioli, Sal Tassone, Adam Turner, 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**  
None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the May 5, 2011 Special Commission Chair Meeting**  
S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2011 Special Commission Chair Meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the May 5, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**  
G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Citizen's Comments**  
None
6. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
  - a. **Ethics Commission. Member re-appointment to the Ethics Commission to a three-year term to expire 5/30/2014.**  
R. Coyle moved to appoint Dan Henderson as a member to the Ethics Commission to a three-year term to expire 5/30/2014, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
  - b. **Sewer & Water Commission. Member re-appointment to the Sewer & Water Commission to a three-year term to expire 6/30/2014.**  
R. Coyle moved to appoint Rich LeMay as a member to the Sewer & Water Commission to a three-year term to expire 6/30/2014, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
  - c. **Sewer & Water Commission. Member re-appointment to the Sewer & Water Commission to a three-year term to expire 6/30/2014.**  
Tom Tripodi was absent.

- d. **Sewer & Water Commission. Member re-appointment to the Sewer & Water Commission to a three-year term to expire 6/30/2014.**  
Ron Silberman was absent.
- e. **Commission on Aging. Resignation of Member Barbara Warden.**  
R. Coyle moved to accept the resignation of Commission on Aging member Barbara Warden with regret, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- f. **Commission on Aging. Member or Alternate Appointment to the Commission on Aging for a term to be designated dependent on appointment. Goldie Liverant to be interviewed.**  
Goldie Liverant was absent.
- g. **Commission on Aging. Member or Alternate Appointment to the Commission on Aging for a term to be designated dependent on appointment. Marilyn Finnigan to be interviewed.**  
Marilyn Finnigan was absent.
- h. **Commission on Aging. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Herb Davis, Goldie Liverant, Rob Gustafson, or Marilyn Finnigan to the Commission on Aging**
  - i. **Two Open Member Positions; expiring 12/31/11 and 12/31/13**
  - ii. **Two Open Alternate Positions; expiring 12/01/11 and 12/01/12**

No action taken.

- i. **Chatham Health District. Discussion on Make-Up of Health District Appointees.**  
Discussion on make-up of health district appointees. R. Coyle moved to make appointees to the Chatham Health District be composed of one elected official or Town staff member, as designated by the Board of Selectmen, and one qualified person as determined by the Board of Selectmen, seconded by J. Ford.  
Discussion on setting requirements for nominees. R. Coyle moved to amend the motion to state that the designation in the original motion will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen in three years, seconded by G. Cordova. J. Ford, R. Coyle, G. Cordova, and G. Schuster approved. S. Soby opposed. MOTION CARRIED.
- j. **Chatham Health District. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Blyse Soby, Russell Melmed, or Gregg Schuster to the Chatham Health District Board of Directors.**
  - i. **Two Member Positions; expiring three years from appointment**  
  
G. Cordova moved to appoint Blyse Soby and First Selectman G. Schuster to the Chatham Health District Board of Directors for three-year terms to expire 5/19/2014, seconded by R. Coyle. S. Soby abstained. All other selectmen approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- k. **Open Space Commission. Discussion and Possible Member Appointment of John Henley to the Open Space Commission for a two-year term to expire 3/31/2013.**  
S. Soby moved to appoint John Henley as a member to the Open Space Commission to a two-year term to expire 03/31/2013, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.



**17. Citizen's Comments**

D. Henderson commented on the VOIP system and service agreements.

**18. First Selectman's Report**

First Selectman G. Schuster reported that the Town website is in the process of being updated, the Hebron Board of Selectmen and Colchester Planning & Zoning Commission have approved the proposed land swap and town counsels will be working together on the project, last Saturday the Colchester Fire Department opened the new training facility, and the exterior of the Youth Center is scheduled to be washed in the next month or two.

**19. Liaison Report**

J. Ford reported that the Conservation Commission received two applications, one for a farm barn construction and the other for a driveway extension with drainage concerns. He also reported that the Friends of Cragin Library will be holding a book sale in June and that they are very pleased with the Town's adopted budget.


S. Soby reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission discussed the Hebron land swap and approve of such action, are in receipt of applications from Lincoln Lake Lodge for events this summer, and the Commission is continuing to work on revising the Zoning Regulations, particularly the signage, lighting, and parking sections. He also reported that the Ad-Hoc Facilities Committee met and is recommending to the Board of Selectmen a combined community center at William J. Johnston Middle School and that the Board of Selectmen will need to establish a building committee and the Board of Education to outline their specifications.

R. Coyle reported that the Commission on Aging nominated Rose Levine to become chairperson of the Commission.

**20. Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman