

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 2, 2011  
Colchester Town Hall**

**REVISED**

**Meeting Room 1 – 7:00pm**

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TOWN OF COLCHESTER  
CLERK'S OFFICE

**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, Jim Paggioli, Nancy Bray, Adam Turner, Ryan Blessing, and other citizens.

1. **Call to Order**  
G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda**  
None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the May 19, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**  
S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Citizen's Comments**  
None.
5. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
  - a. **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.
  - c. **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 interviewed.
  - d. **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 interviewed.

**e. Commission on Aging. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Herb Davis, Goldie Liverant, Rob Gustafson, or Marilyn Finnigan to the Commission on Aging**

- a. Two Open Member Positions; expiring 12/31/11 and 12/31/13**
- b. Two Open Alternate Positions; expiring 12/01/11 and 12/01/12**

Selectman Coyle's comments were read aloud regarding her recommendations for appointment to the Commission on Aging.

J. Ford moved to appoint Goldie Liverant as a member to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire 12/31/2013 and Rob Gustafson as a member to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire 12/31/2011, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

G. Cordova moved to appoint Herb Davis as an alternate to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire 12/01/2012, seconded by J. Ford. 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.**

S. Soby moved to re-appoint Ron Silberman to the Sewer & Water Commission for a three-year term to expire 6/30/2014, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Budget Transfers**

S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfer of \$3,000 from "Police – Regular Payroll (12101-40101)" to "Police – Uniform Purchase (12101-42324)," seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**7. Tax Refunds & Rebates**

G. Cordova moved to approve the tax refunds of \$111.90 to Patrick & Coleen Reavey and \$3,917.94 to EAN Holdings, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Discussion and Possible Adoption of A Resolution Concerning African American Revolutionary War Patriots of Colchester, Connecticut and the Proposed National Liberty Memorial**

S. Soby moved to approve the resolution concerning African-American Revolutionary War Patriots of Colchester, Connecticut and the Proposed National Liberty Memorial and attach to the minutes, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on Contract for Portal Services**

G. Cordova moved to approve the addendum to the original contract dated Dec. 4, 2008, between the Town of Colchester and Cott Systems, Inc. regarding portal services and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- 10. Discussion and Possible Action of Refinancing of 2002 Bond Issue**

S. Soby moved to approve the attached resolution prepared by Day Pitney authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 Refunding bonds for payment in whole or in part of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the Town of Colchester's \$5,985,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2002, and costs related thereto, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action on CTIP Application for Wellness Center on Hayward Road**

J. Ford moved to approve the CTIP application for a Wellness Center at 11 Hayward Road, as recommended by the Economic Development Commission, and to forward it to a Town Meeting to take place at 7:00 p.m. on June 29, 2011, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action on Recreation Manager Job Description**

S. Soby moved to approve the job description of the Recreation Manager as recommended by the First Selectman, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 13. Discussion and Possible Action on Hiring Policy Update**

J. Ford moved to approve the Hiring Policy, as amended to state in Section 2.3, "At either of it's next two meetings following such hiring or dismissal notification to an employee, the Board of Selectmen, by majority vote, may request a review of the decision to hire or dismiss and make a recommendation to the First Selectman," and update the "Department Head" list, and to update the Town Policy Manual, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- 14. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Ordinances**

No action taken.
- 15. Citizen's Comments**

K. Nicolas commented on public nuisance of animals.
- 16. First Selectman's Report**

First Selectman G. Schuster reported that based on the rules and powers set forth in the Town Charter for the Board of Selectmen regulate that the Board can only establish an ad-hoc board or commission if the formation of such board or commission is for one year or less. With regards to a building committee, which will be needed for over one year, needs to go to a Town Meeting for approval. Also, elected officials cannot serve on the building committee. Secondly, with regards to the State budget, it has been secured that the remaining \$400 million gap in the governor's budget will not come out of municipal aid, contingent upon state unions accepting the proposed concession deal. However, the Town is slated to receive revenues that were not budgeted for from the re-establishment of the Machine and Manufacturing Equipment grant and the Property Tax Relief grant. Lastly, the Elderly Tax Relief ordinance expires in 2012 and will need to be analyzed and re-codified, if desired.

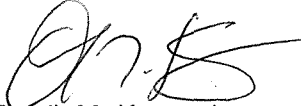
**17. Liaison Report**

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission has discussed their desire to pass on new uniforms, they are continuing to update the Department's Rules and Regulations, and they have been addressing questions about equipment. Selectman Ford questioned the recent publicity concerning the Police Uniforms. He noted he was concerned that the budget item was presented as being desired by the officers and his reason for supporting that request was based solely on that information. Encouraging morale and supporting officers concerns he felt was essential to retain staff. He suggested the Board review the situation with the Police Commission.

**18. Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman

Attachment:

- Resolution authorizing the issuance of not exceeding \$3,000,000 Refunding bonds for payment in whole or in part of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the Town of Colchester's \$5,985,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2002, and costs related thereto
- Selectman Coyle's recommendations for Commission on Aging Appointments