



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 4, 2011 Colchester Town Hall

Meeting Room 1 – Immediately Following
Commission Chair Meeting at 7:00pm

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman James Ford, Selectman Stan Soby, and Selectman Rosemary Coyle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Greg Cordova

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrick Kennedy, Adam Turner, Jim Paggioli, Nancy Bray, Patti White, Dot Mrowka, Tricia Coblentz, Ryan Blessing, and other citizens.

1. **Call to Order**

First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

2. **Additions to the Agenda**

R. Coyle moved to remove from the agenda item #5o and renumber accordingly, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Approve Minutes of the July 7, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**

S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by J. Ford. R. Coyle abstained. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Citizen's Comments**

G. Barden, C. Picard, and F. Brown thanked the Town for the use of the green and facilities, but are concerned over vandalism and loitering when their equipment and vehicles are located there during events. They would like to see an anti-loitering ordinance or other type of enforceable law that would deter future mischief.

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

a. **Agriculture Commission. Leslie Curtis to be interviewed.**
Leslie Curtis was interviewed.

b. **Agriculture Commission. Olivia Duksa to be interviewed.**
Olivia Duksa was interviewed.

c. **Agriculture Commission. Elizabeth Gillman to be interviewed.**
Elizabeth Gillman was interviewed.

- d. **Agriculture Commission. Andrew Lyons to be interviewed.**
Andrew Lyons was interviewed.
- e. **Building Committee. John Avery to be interviewed.**
John Avery was interviewed.
- f. **Building Committee. Justin Bunton to be interviewed.**
Justin Bunton was interviewed.
- g. **Building Committee. Nancy Cordova to be interviewed.**
Nancy Cordova was interviewed.
- h. **Building Committee. John Carroll to be interviewed.**
John Carroll was absent.
- i. **Building Committee. Robert A. Dennehy to be interviewed.**
Robert A. Dennehy was interviewed.
- j. **Building Committee. Joe Ruiz to be interviewed.**
Joe Ruiz was interviewed.
- k. **Building Committee. Pamela Scheibelein to be interviewed.**
Pamela Scheibelein was interviewed.
- l. **Building Committee. Robert Sosnoski to be interviewed.**
Robert Sosnoski was interviewed.
- m. **Building Committee. Thomas A. Tyler to be interviewed.**
Thomas A. Tyler was absent.
- n. **Building Committee. Stephen W. Wells to be interviewed.**
Stephen W. Wells was interviewed.
- o. **TVCCA Board of Directors. Resignation of Fay M. Sherman.**
S. Soby moved to accept the resignation of Fay M. Sherman from the TVCCA Board of Directors, with regret, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- p. **TVCCA Board of Directors. Representative appointment for a term to expire 11/21/11. Eleanor M. Phillips to be interviewed.**
Eleanor M. Phillips was interviewed. R. Coyle moved to appoint Eleanor M. Phillips as a representative to the TVCCA Board of Directors for a term to expire 11/21/11, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- q. **Zoning Board of Appeals. Resignation of Chris Bourque.**
S. Soby moved to accept the resignation of Chris Bourque from the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Budget Transfers

None.

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates

J. Ford moved to approve the tax refunds in the amount of \$9.56 to Paul Cercone, \$18.62 to Mary Emerling, \$71.95 to James Desanzo, \$14.73 to Thomas & Carol Starzyk. \$77.55 to Daniel Butler. \$47.57 to Bonnie Pinnock, \$36.00 to Warren and Linda Bristol, \$39.46 to Stephen Stanulonis, \$77.55 to John F. Connors or Margaret Albee, and \$75.96 to Shauna Rago, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on TVCCA Contract

R. Coyle moved to approve the 2012 contract with TVCCA for the ongoing provision of meals and to authorize the First Selectman to sign any necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Hebron Land Swap

R. Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to schedule a public hearing to consider the Hebron-Colchester land swap as described in the memo from the Town Planner to the Board of Selectmen, dated July 29, 2011, and to authorize the First Selectman to schedule a Town meeting on the matter once the public hearing has been completed. The hearing and Town Meeting would concern the following:

Pursuant to Section 402.1 of the Colchester Town Charter to consider authorizing the First Selectman to authorize the conveyance of a 9.0 acre parcel of land from the Town of Colchester (Assessor's Map #10, Lot #23) to the Town of Hebron without consideration, and further accept title to a 9.5 acre parcel of land from the Town of Hebron to the Town of Colchester (Assessor's Map #9, Lot #12) without consideration, with a Conservation Restriction requiring that the land be left in its natural state as a buffer parcel. Seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on VOIP for Town Facilities

Discussion by the Board on different financing options. The Board agreed that the use of "Equipment Reserve" was the best funding option. No action taken.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Free Solar Panels

S. Soby moved to approve the contract for free solar panels from DCS Energy and for the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Services Bureau Grants

S. Soby moved to approve the application for the YSB Grant and the Enhancement Grant and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Fair Rent Commission

Discussion was tabled until the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Policy

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and discussed a section of the revised personnel policy. No action was taken.

15. Citizen's Comments

None.

16. First Selectman's Report

First Selectman G. Schuster reported that there is a new weekly newsletter that is sent out updating residents and businesses on town happenings, one of our snow contractors was concerned about the Town going out to bid for snow removal services and is asking for a waiver of the bid process, and there was recently a live-burn in Town where the Fire Department used new fire suppression equipment which worked better than expected.

17. Liaison Report

None.

18. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matter

S. Soby moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and to invite the Tax Collector to join the Board in executive session, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into Executive Session at 9:12 p.m.

Tax Collector exited from executive session at 9:23 p.m.

Exited from Executive Session at 9:27 p.m.

19. Adjourn

S. Soby moved to adjourn at 9:28 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman