

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, December 15, 2011**  
**Colchester Town Hall**

**Meeting Room 1 – Immediately after the Public Hearing at 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:** Greg Plunkett, Maggie Cosgrove, Sal Tassone, Patti White, Dot Mrowka, Herb Davis, Rob Tarlov, Paul Picard, Joe Delucia, B. Przekopski, C. Halpin (Celtic), and other citizens.

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

None.

**3. Approve Minutes of the December 1, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**

R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2011 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Citizen's Comments**

C. Borque urged officials to pull town resources to qualify and apply for a newly-announced grant from the State Department of Agriculture whereby \$2 million have been allotted for agriculture preservation. The deadline for the grant is May 31.

P. Picard spoke favorably of the Board of Selectmen for not appointing N. Dupuis to the Building Committee.

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

a. **Commission on Aging. Alternate re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 12/31/14. Robert Gustafson to be interviewed.**  
Robert Gustafson was absent.

b. **Commission on Aging. Possible member appointment of Herb Davis to fill a vacancy left by Suzanne Maikshilo to expire 12/31/2011 and continue on as a member for a new three-year term to expire 12/31/2014.**

R. Coyle moved to appoint Herb Davis to the Commission on Aging to fill a vacancy left by Suzanne Maikshilo to expire 12/31/2011 and to continue on as a member for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2014, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

c. **Planning & Zoning Commission. Alternate re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2014. James Miller to be interviewed.**

James Miller was interviewed. S. Soby would like some time to consider applicants answers. No action taken.

- d. **Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Jason Tinelle as an alternate for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2014. Jason Tinelle was interviewed on 12/01/2011.**  
S. Soby moved to appoint Jason Tinelle to the Planning & Zoning Commission as an alternate for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2014, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
- e. **TVCCA Board of Directors. Representative appointment for a term to expire 11/18/13. Eleanor M. Phillips to be interviewed.**  
Eleanor M. Phillips was absent.

G. Cordova recused himself from interview and discussion on Building Committee.

- f. **Building Committee. Chuck Guarino to be interviewed.**  
Chuck Guarino was interviewed
- g. **Discussion and Selection of Liaison to Building Committee**  
S. Soby moved to appoint R. Coyle and G. Cordova as liaisons of the Board of Selectmen to the Building Committee, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Budget Transfers**

S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfers of \$1,000 from "Planning & Code Administration – Legal Notices (11411-44230)" to "Planning & Code Administration – Mileage, Training, and Meetings (11411-43213)," seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

G. Cordova moved to approve the budget transfers of \$8,882 from "Highway – Other Purchased Supplies (13201-42340)" to "Highway – Professional Services (13201-44208)," seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

G. Cordova moved to approve the budget transfers of \$3,630 from "Fire – Services Contracts (12202-44223)" to "Fire – Emergency Medical Supplies (12202-42345)," seconded by R. Coyle. Discussion on future tools and equipment factored into the fire capital plan. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**

G. Cordova moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$13.65 to Mary or Russel Crandall, \$143.22 to EAN Holdings LLC, \$102.87 to EAN Holdings LLC, \$174.11 to EAN Holdings LLC, \$18.12 to James Machowski Jr., and \$9.14 to Richard or Laura Young; seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Acceptance of Carvalho Drive as a Town Road**

G. Cordova moved to accept the portion of Carvalho Drive, which starts at the Salem town line and extends approximately 720 northerly into Colchester, as a town road, as recommended by the Town Engineer; seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Bond Release for Westchester Road Subdivision**

S. Soby moved to release the road maintenance bond for 612 Westchester Road Subdivision/Veccadola Drive in the amount of \$34,590.00 plus accrued interest, as recommended by the Town Engineer; seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Bond Release for Whispering Winds Subdivision**

S. Soby moved to release the Subdivision Surety Bond No. 5023486 by Bond Safeguard Insurance Company in the amount of \$56,468.00, as recommended by the Town Engineer; seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Bond Reduction for White Oak Farm Subdivision**

S. Soby moved to reduce the Subdivision Surety Bond No. 1063781 in the amount of \$442,262.85 by \$151,211.00, leaving a bond balance of \$291,051.85, as recommended by the Town Engineer; seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Energy Performance Contract**

Discussion on the availability of a red-line version of the Celtic and Honeywell contracts that show town counsel and board member changes from the original as well as any other changes. The Board reviewed the contracts with G. Plunkett and the Celtic Energy representative.

Changes will be made to the contracts and will be send to the Board next Monday. Possible special meeting next Thursday to potentially act on energy performance contract.

**13. Citizen's Comments**

B. Przekopski inquired about solar panels included in investment grade audit.

**14. First Selectman's Report**

First Selectman G. Schuster reported that the per capita dues to Chatham Health District will stay the same as this year and they are developing regulations regarding salons, the Town is putting together a request for proposals (RFP) for a benefits consultant, and he is investigating other council of governments that Colchester could join.

**15. Liaison Report**

G. Cordova reported that the Fair Rent Commission is working on three cases and reviewing the scope of their duties.

J. Ford reported that the Conservation Commission approved the Caring Community facility on Waterhole Road and upgrades to another project.

R. Coyle reported that the Open Space Advisory Committee did not meet. The Commission on Aging discussed appointment to Building Committee, their Holiday Breakfast is coming up, and morning meetings were moved to 8:30 a.m.

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission is making progress on rules and regulations. Also, Selectman Soby commented that a new faith-based initiative to reach out to those in need (lunches, etc.) on a volunteer basis has been started by a community group.

**16. Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m., seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

December 7, 2011

Pauline Leonard  
50 Williams Road  
Colchester, CT 06415

Greg Schuster, First Selectman  
And Board of Selectmen  
Town of Colchester  
127 Norwich Ave.  
Colchester, CT 06415

RE: Appointment of Member to Building Committee for Senior Center

Dear Board of Selectmen Members,

Norman Dupuis was rejected because he has too much knowledge??? Who better to represent the senior center but someone who has for the past 6 years researched, and visited numerous centers to see what a new center would need and not need. Who better to represent the seniors in our town but a person who frequents the center and sees first hand what goes on? Do your board members ever drop in to look see?

We at the AARP are completely behind Norman Dupuis. Please reconsider your decision.

Respectfully,

Pauline B. Leonard  
Colchester president AARP #4019

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pauline B. Leonard". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.

**From:** Michelle Komoroski [<mailto:rmtdkomo@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 13, 2011 9:46 PM  
**To:** Gregg Schuster  
**Subject:** Building Committee

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I am writing regarding my disappointment that Norm Dupuis was not appointed to the building committee for the new middle school & senior/community center.

I served on the Senior Center Study Group with Norm and would like you to know how impressed I was with his knowledge concerning the needs and services provided by the Senior Center. He has spent years researching this project from building design to senior programming. As a group, we looked at stand alone centers as well as centers that are part of a larger community center. Of the many different designs we studied, the group discussed what was important to the Colchester community. Norm is an excellent candidate to bring that important information to the building committee. Without it, how can the committee make decisions that are based on the unique needs of OUR seniors? This is the specific reason for the recommendation of the Senior Center Study Group that included appointing the Chairwoman or her designee to the building committee.

Please reconsider this appointment as I believe it is essential to planning & designing a practical senior center relevant to the needs of our community.

Sincerely,

Michelle Komoroski

156 Christy Lane  
Colchester, CT 06415  
December 9, 2011

The Board of Selectmen  
c/o Mr. Gregg Schuster  
First Selectman  
127 Norwich Avenue  
Colchester, CT 06415

Dear Sirs,

We are distressed by the failure of the Board of Selectmen to appoint Norm Dupuis to the Building Committee for the Community/Senior Center. This action fails to give recognition to the voice of our town's senior citizens. As you know, Norm has been active in senior issues for a number of years and comes strongly recommended by all of the town's senior organizations.


It is true that Norm has strong opinions but that on a committee of such importance, all opinions should be at the table, be recognized, and be dealt with. While Norm has strong opinions, he has given every evidence of his ability to listen to and recognize the opinions of others. At the end of the day, he has been part of whatever consensus has emerged from the group's actions.


Norm's familiarity with the organizational structures of Senior Centers and the facilities needed to realistically serve the increasing number seniors can only be of benefit to the town.

We ask that the Board revisit this issue and appoint Norm to the Building Committee.

Also, a number of seniors' have circulated the enclosed petition and ask that it be presented to the Board.

Yours truly,

  
Irene Malsbenden

  
John F. Malsbenden

Colchester AARP #4519

Mary Flanagan 475 Starwood Trl  
Andrew Flanagan 475 Starwood Trl  
Pauline Leonard 50 Williams Rd  
Dorothy A. Moroski 399 Lebanon Ave  
Robert A. Weeks 181 Taylor Rd  
Jean Weeks 181 Taylor Rd  
Jan Picard 171 Windham Ave Colc.  
Lynn M. Sinner 384 Parum Rd.  
Jack Anderson 100 West Road  
W. D. M. 100 West Road, Colchester  
Jude A. Orange 52 Standish Rd Colchester  
Greene A. Watson 147 Standish Rd, Colchester  
Bertha Pomppois 4 Wheelock dr, Columbia.  
B. Jean Spooner 13 Church St. Hebron, Ct. 06248  
P. J. J. Voss 13 Church St Hebron Ct., 06248  
Goldie Luerant 12 Chestnut Hollow  
Maya. Tomas 18 Diane Lane Colchester  
Esther Starkweather 55 Clark Ln  
John F. Malbender Col. Ct. 06415  
June Malbender 7156 Christy Lane Colchester  
Barbara M. Kelvey 420 Parum rd Col. Ct  
Jean Pauline Sney 283 Westchester Rd  
Karen K. Keller 1802 Southgate Lane  
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Bernie Dixon 113 Bulkeley Hill Rd  
Carmaine Speer 86 Weedwood, E. Haddam

**From:** William Otfinoski [<mailto:billyot@sbcglobal.net>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2011 3:50 PM  
**To:** Gregg Schuster  
**Subject:** Senior/Community Center Building Committee

Gregg-

Please share this note with the other selectmen.

Norm Dupuis has told me about his desire to be added to the Senior/Community Center Building Committee. Norm has been involved with "senior" issues in town for some time now and I think he would be a good, qualified representative for us seniors. I would like the Board of Selectmen to place him on that committee.

Thank you, Bill Otfinoski