



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 16, 2012
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1

NANCY A. BRAY
TOWN CLERK

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman James Ford, Selectman Greg Cordova and Selectman Rosemary Coyle.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Stan Soby

OTHERS PRESENT; Gail Therian, A. Turner, J. Gigliotti, Jim Paggioli, Sal Tassone, Dot Mrowka, 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 August 2, 2012 Commission Chair Meeting

G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2012 Commission Chair meeting, seconded by R. Coyle. Abstentions: G. Cordova All others in favor. MOTION CARRIED

Approve Minutes of the August 2, 2012 Commission Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Abstentions: G. Cordova All others in favor. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments-

Dave Dander presented a memo to the Board regarding three requests he made on Monday, August 13, 2012.

7. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations

a. Planning & Zoning Commission. Alternate vacancy to be filled for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2014. Nathaniel Shiff was interviewed on 8/2/2012.

G. Schuster said he has not had an opportunity to speak with the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission and suggested that the decision be delayed at this time. No action taken.

b. Parks & Recreation Commission. Alternate Vacancy to be filled for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2015.

Tracy Loskant interviewed for this position.

c. Fair Rent Commission. Member vacancy to be filled for a two-year term to expire 4/31/2014. Steven J. Durel to be interviewed.

Steven J. Durel interviewed for this position.

6. Budget Transfers

None

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates

None

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Discontinuance of Portion of Reservoir Road

G. Schuster said that this item had been scheduled for the Planning and Zoning Commission to review this 8-24 application at their Wednesday, August 15, 2012 meeting, but the Commission did not meet. S. Tassone reviewed his updated memo and map regarding the discontinuance of a portion of Reservoir Road Discussion followed. No action taken.

9. Discussion and Possible Action Reorganization of Facilities and Public Works

J. Paggioli had provided the breakdown of the duties and an organizational chart that the Board requested at the last meeting. J. Ford asked about the cross training of employees and any potential conflicts with the union contracts. R. Coyle asked about the funding of the positions. J. Paggioli explained the cross training of several of the positions. J. Ford moved to approve the proposed reorganization including the revised job descriptions, salary changes, and the MOA with the Board of Education and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents; seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center Contract/Making Memories

R. Coyle moved to resolve that the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Colchester hereby empower the First Selectman, Gregg Schuster, to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Colchester with the Eastern Connecticut Agency on Aging; seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Fire Works Contract for 57Fest

G. Cordova moved to accept Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing bid and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents; seconded by J. Ford for discussion purposes. J. Ford said that he felt the Board could not commit to the contract without a provision stipulating that the fee for subsequent years be subject to budget approval. Discussion followed regarding the budget and time line for approval of this item. J. Ford moved to approve the contract for fireworks for Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing with the display date of on or about September 22, 2012 for \$7,000 and a potential date for 2012 for the same amount of money subject to subsequent budget approval for the second year; seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on a Main Street Investment Grant (MSIG)

A. Turner, Town Planner, told the Board that staff is preparing to apply for a Main Street Investment Grant in the amount of \$300,000. He said after reviewing three options, he recommends that the Town pursue funding for the development of a streetscape between the Federated Church and Stop and Shop. The design would be similar to the Merchants Row project. J. Gigliotti presented a power point presentation on the proposed Streetscape project. Discussion followed regarding the location and obtaining input from property owners in the area. The Board was in concurrence that Town Staff continue to develop a grant proposal for the Linwood Avenue streetscape.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinances

First Selectman Schuster said that items a and b had previously been talked about and finalized.

a. Sunday Alcohol Sales
No action taken.

b. Open Space Advisory Board
No action taken.

c. Building Permit Fees
R. Coyle said she reviewed the information provided and found that the proposed ordinance is similar to other towns but perhaps the ordinance could be simplified. A. Turner explained the need for this ordinance. Discussion followed regarding an appeals process and the need to educate the public on the permit process and the proposed penalties. No action taken.

d. Curfew

First Selectman Schuster said that he will check into why the audio portion of the Police Commission meeting regarding this ordinance was no longer available. No action taken.

First Selectman Schuster said that proposed ordinances a, b and c will be forwarded to Town Counsel for their review.

16. Citizen's Comments – None

17. First Selectman's Report

First Selectman G. Shuster said that hiring process for the IT person and the Deputy Assessor is moving forward. He said that "Subway" has approached the Town about building a new concession stand at the RecPlex. He is working with them to craft a proposal. He has asked them to present the proposed costs and preliminary plans to the Parks and Recreation Commission and if they are in favor then return to the Board of Selectmen with the proposal. He also spoke about his concern about the increased number of suicide attempts and suicides in Colchester during the past year. He would like to educate the public about the services and resources available to anyone who is in need of this type of help.

18. Liaison Report

R. Coyle said that the Fair Rent Commission and the Open Space Advisory Committee had cancelled their meetings this month.

J. Ford said that he attended the Special Parks and Recreation meeting regarding staffing at the Day Camp and felt that the Commission handled the situation very well. He also mentioned that there are several traffic concerns on Linwood Avenue that should be addressed.

19. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m., seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Therian
Clerk