



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 19, 2012  
Colchester Town Hall**

**Meeting Room 1 – Immediately following  
Commission Chair meeting at 7:00pm**

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## REVISED

**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, Valerie Geato, Dot Mrowka, James Paggioli, Leann Hill, Maggie Cosgrove, Ryan Blessing, and other citizens.

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

S. Soby moved to rename agenda item 6a, "Building Committee. Irene Malsbenden to be interviewed" and remove item 6c, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Presentation by Diane Hettrick & Valerie Geato on Bullying**

Diane Hettrick and Valerie Geato presented the results of their community survey on bullying. There was a discussion on the impact of bullying.

**4. Approve Minutes of the January 5, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**

R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**5. Citizen's Comments**

M. Lehetinen commented on staff responses and behavior to resident's concerns at board and commission meetings.

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

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

**a. Building Committee. Irene Malsbenden to be interviewed.**

Irene Malsbended was interviewed.

**b. Ethics Commission. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 01/31/2015. Andrea Riley to be interviewed.**

Andrea Riley was absent.

**7. Budget Transfers**

None.

G. Schuster recused himself from discussion and action on tax refunds due to conflict and turned the chair over to S. Soby.

**8. Tax Refunds & Rebates**

G. Cordova moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$29.99 to Jose Acevedo, \$1,400.36 to Deborah & Wayne Campbell, \$28.56 to Christopher & Laura Coupe, \$272.01 to Ean Holdings LLC, \$4.51 to Bryan Einhorn, \$1.81 to Bryan Einhorn, \$17.06 to Bryan Einhorn, \$85.05 to Timothy Forget, \$4.40 to Timothy Forget, \$36.16 to Francis Hambrecht, \$56.87 to Harry Hom, \$91.25 to Nissan Infiniti LT, \$55.32 to Dawn Senesac, \$241.70 to Charles Shabunia, \$725.61 to Toyota Motor Credit Corp., and \$192.54 to Toyota Motor Credit Corp.; seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

S. Soby turned the chair over to G. Schuster

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on Supplemental ARRA Grant**

S. Soby moved to approve the supplemental ARRA grant application and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Uniform Services**

S. Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to enter into a contract extension with Swiss Cleaners-Uniform Services for the supplying, serving, and cleaning of uniforms for staff in accordance with the terms of the addendum to service agreement dated January 12, 2012, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution on Bond Refunding**

J. Ford moved to adopt the bond resolution below, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$10,000,000 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 \$10,800,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, ISSUE OF 2005, AND COSTS RELATED THERETO; AND RESCINDING THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION OF REFUNDING BONDS AS ADOPTED AT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HELD JUNE 2, 2011

RESOLVED,

(a) That the Town of Colchester issue its refunding bonds, in an amount not to exceed TEN MILLION DOLLARS (\$10,000,000), the proceeds of which are hereby appropriated: (1) to fund one or more escrows, the balance held in such escrows, together with the investment earnings thereon, to be applied by the Town to the payment in whole or in part, as to be determined by the Selectmen, or a majority of them, and the Treasurer, of the outstanding principal of and interest and any call premium on the Town's \$5,985,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2002 (consisting at original issue of \$985,000 General Purpose Bonds and \$5,000,000 School Bonds) and \$10,800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2005 (consisting at original issue of \$376,000 General Purpose Bonds and \$10,424,000 School Bonds), including the payment of interest accrued on said outstanding bonds to the date of payment, and (2) to pay costs of issuance of the refunding bonds authorized hereby, including legal fees, consultants' fees, trustee or escrow agent fees, underwriters' fees, net interest and other financing costs and other costs related to the payment of the outstanding bonds described above. The

refunding bonds shall be issued pursuant to Section 7-370c of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and any other enabling acts. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town secured by the irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit of the Town. The Treasurer shall keep a record of the bonds and notes. The Selectmen, or a majority of them, and the Treasurer are authorized to determine the amount, date, interest rates, maturities, redemption provisions, form and other details of the bonds or notes; to designate a bank or trust company to be certifying bank, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent for the bonds or notes; to designate the persons to sign such bonds or notes by their manual or facsimile signatures in the name or on behalf of the Town; to designate a law firm to approve the legality of the bonds or notes; to designate a financial advisor to the Town in connection with the sale of the bonds; to sell the bonds or notes at public or private sale; to deliver the bonds or notes; and to perform all other acts which are necessary or appropriate to issue the bonds or notes.

(b) That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2 that costs of the refunding may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that (except to the extent reimbursed from grant moneys) the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the refunding. The Selectmen, or a majority of them, and the Treasurer are authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as they deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as they deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

(c) That the Selectmen, or a majority of them, and the Treasurer are authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds.

(d) That the Selectmen, or a majority of them, and the Treasurer are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to enable the Town to effectuate the refunding of all or a portion of the \$5,985,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2002, and \$10,800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2005, and to issue refunding bonds authorized hereby for such purposes, including, but not limited to, the entrance into agreements on behalf of the Town with underwriters, trustees, escrow agents and others to facilitate the issuance of the refunding bonds, the escrow of the proceeds thereof and investment earnings thereon, and the payment of the outstanding bonds in whole or in part.

(e) That the First Selectman, the Chief Financial Officer, the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools and other proper officers and officials of the Town are each authorized to execute and file all necessary applications, agreements and documents in order to obtain grants and to accept such grants, to the extent available, to defray all or any portion of principal and interest on or to pay issuance costs with respect to the refunding bonds authorized hereby.

(f) That the above authorization to issue refunding bonds shall lapse on June 30, 2012.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the authorization to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the Town's \$5,985,000 General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2002, as approved by resolution adopted by the Board of Selectmen at meeting held June 2, 2011, is hereby rescinded.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Potential Bond Issuance**

Chief Cox and Deputy Chief Lee presented to the Board fire apparatus and department needs. Public Works Director J. Paggioli presented to the Board road improvement and maintenance needs. Chief Financial Officer M. Cosgrove discussed the bonding proposal and process. No action taken.

**13. Citizen's Comments**

None.

**14. First Selectman's Report**

First Selectman G. Schuster read the State of the Town (attached).

**15. Liaison Report**

R. Coyle reported that the Open Space Advisory Committee has asked since the Town ordinance states that the PR Director is a member of Open Space Committee and we no longer have a PR Director, will Town Ordinances be modified and how should they proceed to fill this vacancy on the committee?

S. Soby reported that there will be a volunteer Community Lunch Program by St. Andrews/Federated Church as well as a mobile health unit to meet health needs of the community. Selectman Soby further reported that "Freezin' for a Reason" (formerly 3 Men in a Tent) will be held on the Town Green February 3-5 to raise money for the Colchester Fuel Bank.

**16. Executive Session to Discussion Union Negotiations with Local 1303-25, CT Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Town Hall Union)**

J. Ford moved to enter into executive session to discuss union negotiations with Local 1303-25, CT Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Town Hall Union), seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 9:40 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 9:55 p.m.

**17. Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 9:56 p.m., seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick M. Kennedy  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman

Attachments:

- State of the Town