



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2012
Colchester Town Hall**

Meeting Room 1 – 7:00pm

REVISED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selectman James Ford, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Greg Cordova, and Selectman Rosemary Coyle

MEMBERS ABSENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, James Paggioli, Patti White, Walter Cox, Art Shilosky, and other citizens.

1. Call to Order

S. Soby called the Board of Selectmen Regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

J. Ford moved to add to the agenda item #3, "Appointment of Temporary Chair," #6b, "Ethics Commission. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 01/31/2015. Andrea Riley to be interviewed," and #15, "Discussion and Possible Action on Animal Control Meeting and setting of special Board of Selectmen Meeting;" and delete from the agenda items #17, 18, and 19; and renumber accordingly; seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Appointment of Temporary Chair

R. Coyle moved to appoint S. Soby as temporary chair, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approve Minutes of the February 2, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Citizen's Comments

D. Martin expressed concern with regards to the CHFVD Task Force and selectman's charge on issues #4 and #5 of the Task Force Memo, with volunteers agreeing, and ask selectmen to drop those tasks from the charge and keep it to encouraging volunteers to aspire to become officers.

W. Cox commented on the Task Force's need to focus on recruitment and retention of volunteers only.

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

a. Commission on Aging. Robert Gustafson. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire on 12/01/2014. Robert Gustafson to be interviewed.

R. Coyle moved to re-appoint Robert Gustafson as a member to the Commission on Aging for a three-year term to expire 12/01/2014, seconded by. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

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14. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Policy

Edits and corrections to section one of the draft were noted. No action taken.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Animal Control Meeting and Setting of Special Board of Selectmen Meeting

J. Ford commented on the number of questions and concerns that were expressed to him over the animal control articles in the paper and believes that they deserve the attention of the Board of Selectmen in a special meeting. R. Coyle agreed. G. Cordova commented on the need for all selectmen, in a called meeting, to be involved as the personnel issue is a management concern. The Board agreed that the issue needs to be heard and investigated, to determine who is responsible, and possible next steps. It was commented that the notice of the public forum on February 23 could have had better notification. J. Ford moved to set a special board of selectmen meeting for February 23 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct an informational meeting to discuss the dog pound issue, seconded by R. Coyle. J. Ford and R. Coyle voting in favor. G. Cordova and S. Soby voting against. MOTION DEFEATED.

16. Citizen's Comments

None.

17. First Selectman's Report

None.

18. Liaison Report

R. Coyle reported that the Building Committee has been working very hard and has done their due-diligence on selecting the appropriate architect for the Senior/Community Center and all interviews and ratings were done very well. The selection of the architect was almost unanimous and the Committee is working hard to keep to the established time line. The Selectman also reported that the Commission on Aging has toured the Johnston School, seen the space, and are pleased. Building Committee members were in attendance and answered any questions Aging Commission members had with regards to the project. The Commission is still working on the Handyman Service and are now also working on a Senior Resources list for different types of services available for the senior population of Colchester.

S. Soby reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved two re-subdivisions and the zoning regulations have been revised and are now being edited by staff based on Commission comments.

J. Ford reported that the Conservation Commission heard three applications, two subdivisions have been approved with condition, and a past applicant asked to have their application re-heard, but it was denied due to the Commission stating it has been duly heard and acted on.

19. Adjourn

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrick M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman