



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes

Regular Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Colchester Town Hall

Meeting Room 1 – Immediately Following Public Hearing at 7:00PM

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, James Paggioli, Patti White, Gail Therien, Leann Hill, Donald Lee, Nancy Bray, Robert Tarlov, David Martin, Ryan Blessing, and other citizens.

1. **Call to Order**
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda**
None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the April 19, 2012 Regular Commission Chairmen Meeting**
R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 Regular Commission Chairmen meeting, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the April 19, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**
R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Citizen's Comments**
None.
6. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Housing Authority. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 05/01/15. Denise Salmoiraghi to be interviewed.**
R. Coyle moved to re-appoint Denise Salmoiraghi as a member of the Housing Authority for a three-year term to expire 05/01/15, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
 - b. **Police Retirement Board. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 01/31/15. John Ringo to be interviewed.**
R. Coyle moved to re-appoint John Ringo as the Board of Finance representative to the Police Retirement Board for a three-year term to expire 01/31/15, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
7. **Budget Transfers**
None.

Received for record at Colchester, Conn.
on May 4, 2012 at 10:50 a.m.
Attest, Nancy A. Bray, Town Clerk

8. Tax Refunds & Rebates

R. Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,405.87 to Louis J. & Maria A. Amara; \$91.26 to Robert P. & Denise C. Delisle; \$3,123.98 to Jason Manganello; \$165.96 to Allyson J. Holman; \$24.00 to Daniels, Howard Ellsworth & ROS; and \$84.02 to Susan Staton Farrington; seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Old Firehouse Lease

R. Coyle moved that a Special Town Meeting be held at Town Hall on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., to discuss and vote upon a lease for the Old Firehouse between the Town of Colchester and Colchester-Hayward Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., as recommended by the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents; seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Hebron Land Swap

R. Coyle commented on restrictions of land to be exchanged with Hebron. No action taken.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Ice Cream Vendor for Summer Concert Series

R. Coyle moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the New England Soft Serve bid and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Town Hall Hours

R. Coyle requested data, alternate schedules, and other information to make a decision, but likes the idea of a late day for resident convenience. Nancy Bray commented on the number of residents who have recently come in on Thursday nights and the times in which they usually arrive. No action taken.

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Memorandum of Agreement with Local 1303-254 of CT Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (Town Hall)

R. Coyle inquired about item #5 of the MOA. S. Soby moved to approve the Land Use Assistant job description and the Memorandum of Agreement with Local 1303-254 of CT Council #4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Council of Governments

Discussion on purpose of reviewing Colchester's membership in our current council of governments. R. Coyle commented on the need for more information; in particular: towns in each COG, size of the towns in each COG, issues of each COG, whether the Town must belong to a COG, and the various pros/cons of each COG. J. Ford commented on the Capitol Region COG and Windham Region COG. No action taken.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Policy

a. Section II, pages 15 – 18 (Holidays) (1st Reading)

Discussion on edits to the revised Personnel Policy. Discussion on paid holidays for part-time (20 hrs/week) employees. No action taken.

16. Citizen's Comments

None.

17. First Selectman's Report

First Selectman G. Schuster reported that there will be a State-wide Emergency Disaster Exercise on the last weekend of July and invited the members of the Board to participate, but must be NIMS-certified to do so, the plans for the Dept. of Transportation facility on Lake Hayward Road have been received and they are currently out to bid by the State, a tri-board meeting will need to be held to discuss and answer questions on the Honeywell

project, and the Board of Finance discussed the health fund and that there will be a budget transfer into the health fund at a future meeting.

R. Coyle inquired about the possible reorganization of Public Works and Facilities.

18. Liaison Report

R. Coyle reported that the Building Committee hosted the architect for the project and they introduced preliminary designs. The Committee is continuing on schedule with the timeline, have met with all the relevant groups, and are progressing as planned.

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission approved the revised Rules and Regulations and they are now working on the five-year equipment plan. Selectman Soby further reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission has a discussion on permits and how to handle/penalize those who go through an action where a permit is needed but apply for one after such action has been taken. Other municipalities double the permit fee while others have a fine schedule. Once discussed and agreed upon the appropriate course of action, this matter will be recommended to the Board of Selectmen.

19. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations with Bacon Academy Trustees

J. Ford moved to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations with Bacon Academy Trustees, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 7:59 p.m.

20. Adjourn

Stan moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman