



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2012
Colchester Town Hall**

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Meeting Room 1 – Immediately Following Town Meeting at 7:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Greg Cordova, Selectman James Ford, and Selectman Stan Soby

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Rosemary Coyle

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, James Paggioli, Marc Tate, Val Geato, Maggie Cosgrove, and other citizens.

1. **Call to Order**
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda**
None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the May 3, 2012 Public Hearing**
S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 Public Hearing, seconded by J. Ford. G. Cordova abstained. All others approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the May 3, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**
S. Soby moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. G. Cordova abstained. All others approved. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Citizen's Comments**
None.
6. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Conservation Commission. Alternate appointment for a three-year term to expire 10/01/2015. Erika Fuery to be interviewed.**
Erika Fuery was interviewed.
7. **Budget Transfers**
S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfers of \$22,500 (11701-41260, "Workers Compensation Insurance") and \$25,000 (11701-44243, "Unemployment Compensation") to (11701-41211, "Health Insurance") and \$20,000 (13201-40103, "Snow Removal – Overtime") to (11701-41211, "Health Insurance"); seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
8. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**
G. Cordova moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$78.84 to Elizabeth & Veronica Cordon, \$24.00 to Joseph & Rita LeBlanc, \$3,744.38 to Rebecca Steele, and \$64.62 to William & Stephanie Bruneau; seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Contract with WSP Sells (Color Digital Orthophotography)

M. Tate presented the project and contract to the Board. J. Ford commented on range of bids and concerns over quality of data for bid price. S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfer of \$7,157 (30018336-62208, "Street Sign/Catch Basin Capital Account") to (30018337-62208, "GIS Aerial Flight Capital Account"), seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. S. Soby moved to approve the color digital orthophotography contract with WSP Sells and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Donation Policy

V. Geato commented on need of policy to direct uses of donations. J. Ford questioned what other communities do in such circumstances. It was noted that Colchester was one of three towns in New London County with a town-operated food bank. G. Cordova and S. Soby commented on perception of use of donations for administrative costs. G. Schuster noted how generous towns-people and businesses are on a consistent basis with the amount donated to the food and fuel banks. No action taken.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Policy

a. Section II, pages 15 – 18 (Holidays) (2nd Reading)

Comments from the Board on which other towns provide part-time employees who work at least 20 hours per week with regards to benefits. No action taken.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on FY 2012-2013 Budget

S. Soby moved to send the Town and Board of Education budgets, as proposed by the Board of Finance, to a Town Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2012, at 7:15 p.m. at Town Hall, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Citizen's Comments

P. Schiebelien commented on the use of donations for administrative costs and that the Town should fund positions through the budget.

14. First Selectman's Report

First Selectman G. Schuster reported the Sunday alcohol sales bill was passed and signed and that municipalities can restrict the sale per ordinance. It was researched and in 1982 Colchester passed an ordinance restricting alcohol sales on Sunday to between 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The State law regulates sales between 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Therefore, per Town ordinance, liquor sales are permitted between 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Further, it was reported that the Town and Board of Education have reviewed the bids for employee benefits consultants and recommend Lockton Benefits, which is a move away from Ovation Benefits. The Board of Education has already approved the change but are waiting for the final contract. Also, there has been discussion over a possible mailing to residents to explain the impact of the revaluation on their property taxes – which may need a special Board of Selectmen meeting to approve. First Selectman Schuster then corrected some statements from the previous Board of Selectmen meeting over the reorganization news article and stated that all memos from his office are on official letterhead and are signed by him.

15. Liaison Report

J. Ford reported that the Conservation Commission is discussing enforcement actions and procedures that can be used by the Zoning Enforcement Officer and will be reviewing them for possible alterations.

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission approved their strategic goals, including moving towards 24/7 coverage and technology.

16. Executive Session to Discuss Release Agreement with Point-to-Point Access.Com

S. Soby moved to enter into executive session to discuss the release agreement with Point-to-Point Access.com and to invite Marc Tate and Maggie Cosgrove into discussions, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:55 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 8:02 p.m.

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Release Agreement with Point-to-Point Access.Com

S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfer of \$1,200 (11801-44208, "Info Technology – Professional Services") to (11901-45216, "Facilities – Telephone), seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. S. Soby moved to approve the release agreement with Point-to-Point Access.com, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

18. Adjourn

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 8:03 p.m., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman