



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 23, 2012
Colchester Town Hall**

Suite 201 – 4:30 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, and Selectman Stan Soby (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Greg Cordova and Selectman James Ford

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, Maggie Cosgrove, and Sgt. Marc Petruzzi.

1. Call to Order

G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action Heating Oil Contract with East River Energy

Discussion on prices and gallons purchased. S. Soby moved to purchase 9,000 gallons of heating oil at \$3.1465 from East River Energy and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on Employee Benefits Consultant Contract with Northeast Series of Lockton Companies, LLC.

M. Cosgrove presented to the Board the bid and selection process and stated that the Board of Education has already approved. G. Schuster commented on the history of employee benefits consultants and compared the bidding firms. M. Cosgrove explained the difference between the State plan versus the bidding firms. Discussion on funding of contract, compensation to Lockton, cost of optional services, use of 3rd party vendors, and services provided by each firm. S. Soby moved to approve the consulting service agreement with Northeast Series of Lockton Companies, LLC and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Executive Session to Discuss Animal Control Officer

S. Soby moved to enter into executive session to discuss the animal control officer, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 5:18 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 5:35 p.m.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Separation Agreement

S. Soby moved to accept the separation agreement and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 5:36 p.m., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment – Selectman J. Ford comments

From: James Ford [mailto:ford_james_w@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 23, 2012 11:27 AM
To: Gregg Schuster
Subject: Special Meeting Agenda

As you requested I am offering the following comments on the agenda items.

1. Regarding the Oil Price contract this is routine and I'm sure that Maggie has obtained the best deal we can get at this time. The only suggestion I have on this as oil prices and futures are falling perhaps it would be prudent to have some ability to renegotiate if market conditions warrant. I didn't read the full agreement due to schedule and maybe that is in there.
2. Regarding the Health Insurance Consultant I feel it is important that we have a clause that dictates funding is subject to availability of funds appropriated for the purpose. We do not have a budget yet and who knows may not have one prior to June 30th. We should not be approving a contract that calls for spending after the current budget expires on June 30th. You mentioned this might be paid by Anthem. That is of concern as it appears to let the fox in the henhouse. That notwithstanding, even if they are paid by Anthem I'm sure their payment would be passed on to us and be reflected on our health care costs. Thus we must not commit to a contract that would obligate the Town to incur cost we may have no way of funding. I would like this item held to the regular meeting so these issues can be addressed.

Sorry I can't be with you today. Hope this explains where I stand on these issues.

Best wishes

Jim Ford