

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

## Board of Selectmen Minutes

### Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Colchester Town Hall

Meeting Room 1 – 7:00PM

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**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, Adam Turner, James Paggioli, Dot Mrowka, Ryan Blessing, and other citizens.

1. **Call to Order**  
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00PM
2. **Additions to the Agenda**  
None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the May 17, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by S. Soby. R. Coyle abstained. All others approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the May 23, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2012 Special Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. J. Ford and G. Cordova abstained. All others approve. 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 was interviewed on 05/17/2012.**  
S. Soby moved to appoint Erika Fuery as an alternate to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term to expire 10/01/2015, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
  - b. **Sewer and Water Commission. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 06/01/2015. Robert Jones to be interviewed.**  
Robert Jones was interviewed. R. Coyle moved to re-appoint Robert Jones as a member to the Sewer and Water Commission for a three-year term to expire 06/01/2015, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- c. **Sewer and Water Commission. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 06/01/2014. R. Scott Boyden to be interviewed.**  
R. Scott Boyden was absent.

7. **Budget Transfers**

None.

8. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**

S. Soby moved to approve the tax refunds of \$24.00 to John & Sharon Moroch, \$100.00 to Todd Vachon & Genea Bell, and \$116.45 to Leann Laspino; seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Contract with Connecticut State Library**

R. Coyle moved to resolve, that Gregg Schuster, the duly elected First Selectman is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this organization a certain contract with the Connecticut State Library, State of Connecticut, for an LST A grant for the Every Child Ready to Read project; seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Business Associate Agreement with McGladrey & Pullen**

R. Coyle moved to postpone action on the Business Associate Agreement with McGladrey & Pullen until the next Board of Selectmen meeting; seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Farmland Preservation Grant Agreement**

J. Ford moved to approve the Farmland Preservation Grant Agreement and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program**

No action taken.

13. **Discussion and Possible Action on Sunday Alcohol Sales Ordinance**

Discussion on hours of operation and possibly following State statute and repealing Town ordinance. No action taken.

14. **Discussion and Possible Action on Donation Policy**

R. Coyle commented on concern over use of donations towards administration. G. Schuster commented on generosity of Townspeople and status of Food Bank Fund. S. Soby commented on possible language to move excess donations to Fuel Bank. The Selectmen requested a Town survey be created for public feedback. No action taken.

15. **Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Policy**

- a. **Section II, pages 15 – 18 (Holidays) (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**
- b. **Section II, pages 18 – 23 (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Discussion and comments by selectmen on edits to the revised draft policy. No action taken.

**16. Citizen's Comments**

None.

**17. First Selectman's Report**

First Selectman G. Schuster commented on the General Assembly passing a bill to allow registrars of voters to consolidate polling places at their discretion, but the governor vetoed the bill. He further reported that Colchester has begun very high-level discussions with the towns of East Haddam, East Hampton, Hebron, and Marlborough to possibly regionalize animal control operations.

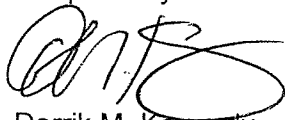
**18. Liaison Report**

S. Soby reported that the Agriculture Commission is ranking criteria and discussing the Town's ability to fund future preservation projects. He further reported that the Police Commission's equipment plan has been delayed but the department is regularly reviewing all equipment. He the reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed one application for a zone change, but it only affected one property and was denied. Staff has been working with the State to adjust the State Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) as it is inconsistent with the Town's POCD.

**19. Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman