



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 19, 2012
Colchester Town Hall**

Meeting Room 1 – 7:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman James Ford, Selectman James Soby (arrived at 7:17pm), Selectman Greg Cordova, and Selectman Rosemary Coyle

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Derrik Kennedy, Marc Tate, Sgt. Petruzzi, James Paggioli, Sal Tassone, Nancy Bray, Dot Mrowka, Ron Goldstein, Thomas Tyler, Ryan Blessing, Kate Kelleher, and other citizens.

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1. **Call to Order**
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda**
None.
3. **Approve Minutes of the June 21, 2012 Public Hearing**
G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012 Public Hearing, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the June 21, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**
R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Approve Minutes of the June 27, 2012 Special Tri-Board Meeting**
R. Coyle moved to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2012 Special Tri-Board meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. G. Schuster abstained. All others approved. MOTION CARRIED.
6. **Citizen's Comments**
C. Jackter commented on the possible ability of the Board of Selectmen to assume functions of inactive boards and commissions until they can reach a quorum.
7. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Historic District Commission. Resignation of Member, Mike Trocchi.**
R. Coyle moved to accept the resignation of Mike Trocchi from the Historic District Commission with regret, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. **Ethics Commission. Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 7/01/2015. Debra Marvin to be interviewed.**
Debra Marvin was absent.
- c. **Parks & Recreation Commission. Alternate vacancy to be filled for a three-year term to expire 10/01/2015. John Carroll to be interviewed.**
John Carroll was interviewed.

8. **Budget Transfers**

None.

9. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**

None.

10. **Election of Vice Chairman**

J. Ford moved to elect R. Coyle as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. No second. G. Cordova moved to elect Stan Soby as Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded by G. Schuster. R. Coyle and J. Ford abstained. All others voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Historic Documents Grant Resolution**

J. Ford moved the pass the resolution, "That Gregg B. Schuster, First Selectman, is empowered to execute and deliver in the name and on behalf of this municipality a contract with the Connecticut State Library for a Historic Documents Preservation Grant," seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

S. Soby arrived.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Reservoir Road Driveway**

Discussion on possibility of future development on Reservoir Road and indemnification of Town to limit liability. G. Cordova moved to approve construction of single family residential driveway within the Town right-of-way over the abandoned portion of Reservoir Road, with the understanding that the driveway will not be maintained by the Town of Colchester. In addition, the Town of Colchester has no intention at this time to resume maintenance of the abandoned portion of Reservoir Road, and hold harmless the Town for any liability," seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. **Discussion and Possible Action on Fire Rescue Truck**

G. Schuster commented on rescue truck and continual maintenance issues. This particular truck is the main first responder and primary heavy rescue as well as one of few heavy rescues in the surrounding region. Possible lease/purchase option at similar rates to bonding. Discussion on how to proceed. J. Ford commented on specification of lease/purchase and cost differential. No action taken.

14. **Discussion and Possible Action on Building Committee**

G. Schuster commented on future meetings for the public of the building committee and potential future actions. T. Tyler commented that the architect has completed their drawings and interviews as well as on future timing of process and progression. J. Ford questioned whether the architect has budget

estimates for the project. T. Tyler stated it was not that time yet, but there would be a preliminary budget shortly, but without a lot of detail. J. Ford commented on the need for public involvement at some point in the process. R. Goldstein stated that Colchester's State Representative and State Senator have worked to extend the application deadline for reimbursement money for the project and that the sooner the application can be sent in, the better enrollment numbers the Town can use. G. Schuster commented on difficulty of pursuing project after failed referendum and a fall vote. However, interest rates are very favorable. R. Coyle commented on possible deadlines for application and referendum dates. N. Bray commented on deadlines for referendum ballot. S. Soby commented on communication plan. G. Schuster commented on concern that Town voted to not maintain current infrastructure and what will happen with vote for new infrastructure. R. Coyle commented on public education campaign. S. Soby commented on long-term benefits of the project. No action taken.

15. Discussion and Possible Action on IT Job Descriptions

J. Ford commented on possible department position and certifications that should be required. S. Soby commented on language that would meet all requirements in certifications. R. Coyle commented that she was not aware there would be an increase in total IT hours and such an increase was not discussed with the Board. S. Soby commented on differentiation of education requirements between the two positions. J. Ford commented on specific education requirements. No action taken.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Personnel Policy

- a. Section II, pages 18 – 23 (2nd Reading)
- b. Section II, pages 23 – 26 (1st Reading)

Discussion on personnel policy revisions and clarifications to new/current provisions. G. Cordova moved to adopted the proposed vacation schedule as presented, seconded by S. Soby. J. Ford and R. Coyle opposed. All others voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. No other action taken.

17. Citizen's Comments

None.

18. First Selectman's Report

G. Schuster reported that the Lebanon Avenue/Main Street streetscape project is nearing completion and that the circles near the benches are bike racks; the Town is currently working with owners and other officials of the Norton Mill due to the recent fire; he recently called the new town manager of East Hampton to welcome him to the area and to his new position and offered assistance, should he need any; and finally, at the last Council of Governments, New London will not be paying their dues do to budgetary issues.

19. Liaison Report

J. Ford reported that the Conservation Commission heard two applications, one failed and the other (Gillette Lane) was approved. One additional application for a farm pond was accepted, but evaluation is continuing.

R. Coyle reported that the Commission on Aging is still pursuing the Handyman project and Resource List. There will be no August meeting.

S. Soby reported that the Agriculture Commission is reviewing issues concerning piggeries and best practices for farm animals to make a recommendation to Planning & Zoning Commission as they revise the Zoning Regulations.

S. Soby also reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission approved a permit to allow residents to occupy a RV while their house is being rebuilt. Two proposals for housing development were introduced: one for an active adult community off of Lebanon Avenue and the other for a village style, multi-unit development off of Amston Road. The latest revisions to the Zoning Regulations have been distributed to members of the commission.

20. Executive Session to Discuss Pending Legal Matter

R. Coyle moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending legal matters and invite the Resident Trooper Supervisor, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 8:43 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 8:53 p.m.

21. Executive Session to Discuss Appointment of Animal Control Officer

S. Soby moved to enter into executive session to discuss appointment of animal control officer and invite the Resident Trooper Supervisor, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 8:54 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 9:01 p.m.

22. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Animal Control Officer

G. Cordova moved to appoint William Paul as Animal Control Officer, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

23. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 9:03 p.m., seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrik M. Kennedy

Executive Assistant to the First Selectman