

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 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, Patti White, James Paggioli, Sal Tassone, Robert Tarlov, and other citizens.

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 August 16, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**
G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2012 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by R. Coyle. S. Soby abstained. All others approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Approve Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Special Tri-Board meeting**
G. Cordova moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2012 Special Tri-Board meeting, seconded by S. Soby. J. Ford abstained. All others approved. MOTION CARRIED.
5. **Citizen's Comments**
None.
6. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Parks & Recreation Commission. Alternate vacancy to be filled for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2015.** David A. O'Brien was absent.
 - b. **Parks & Recreation Commission. Alternate vacancy to be filled for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2015.** Tracy Loskant was interviewed on 08/16/2012.
G. Cordova moved to appoint Tracy Loskant as an alternate to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a three-year term to expire 11/30/2015, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
 - c. **Planning & Zoning Commission. Alternate vacancy to be filled for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2014.** Nathaniel Shiff was interviewed on 8/02/2012.
No action taken.
 - d. **Fair Rent Commission. Member vacancy to be filled for a two-year term to expire 4/31/2014.** Steven J. Durel was interviewed on 08/16/2012.
No action taken.
7. **Budget Transfers**
None.

8. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**

G. Cordova moved to approve the tax refunds of \$6.57 to Joseph Olbrias, \$53.07 to Dean Sassu, \$82.85 to Catherine Swanson, \$6.49 to Kathy A. or James Sheehan, \$7.20 to Frank Lavech Jr., \$323.71 to Nissan Infiniti-LT, \$9.99 to Rocco & Caterina Nozzolini, \$2,937.60 to Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, \$252.00 to Honda Lease Trust, \$28.22 to Therese Blais, \$14.40 to Thomas & Gail Kittle, \$21.02 to Mary Pallozzi, \$8.41 to Robin Blankenship, \$42.91 to Catherine McKenney, and \$20.45 to Joseph Villani; seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on East River Energy Diesel Fuel Contract**

S. Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with East River Energy for the purchase of diesel fuel for the contract period of August 21, 2012 through June 30, 2013, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Discontinuance of Portion of Reservoir Road**

G. Cordova moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the discontinuance of Reservoir Road from the east boundary of property of the City of Norwich to a line approximately 20 feet west of the existing end of pavement, said Line being approximately 680 feet west of the centerline of Scott Hill Road, as recommended by the Town Engineer, and to move for formal discontinuance at a Town Meeting to be held at 7:05 p.m. on September 20, 2012 at the Colchester Town Hall; seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Superintendent Karen Loisel Goodwin Appreciation Day**

R. Coyle moved that Colchester designate September 14, 2012 as Superintendent Karen Loisel Goodwin Appreciation Day, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center Policies**

R. Coyle moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the Transportation, Code of Conduct, and Participation policies for the Senior Center as presented, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. **Discussion and Possible Action on Energy Project – Referral to Planning & Zoning Commission**

R. Coyle commented on concern over process and would like the item tabled until a future meeting until more questions about the process are answered. J. Ford commented that Planning & Zoning Commission usually approved §8-24 reviews with the appropriate financial process and stated that the Town is not at that point yet and should be tabled. G. Cordova commented that the project is a, "no brainer," and that it would save the Town and Board of Education money and the process should continue. G. Schuster recommended that the Board of Selectmen still refer the §8-24 review to the Planning & Zoning Commission, but ask that they not make a formal recommendation until the appropriate boards have officially ruled on their decision to continue with the project. S. Soby commented that concurrent activities of the process should continue while questions are being answered as they arise. R. Coyle stated again her displeasure with the process. S. Soby moved to refer the energy project to the Planning & Zoning Commission for an §8-24 review and request that a final recommendation not be made until the process to approve the project by Town has been solidified by the appropriate boards, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

14. **Citizen's Comments**

None.

15. **First Selectman's Report**

First Selectman G. Schuster reported that he went on a ride-along with the Colchester Police during a 3rd shift. It was a slow night with proactive patrol whereby they had several encounters and traffic violations, no DUIs though. He recommended that other Board members participate in a ride along. He further reported that work had begun on Route 85 to expand the sewer and water lines and that there will be traffic detours. Also, The State Vegetation Management Task Force released their final report and it should be noted that Colchester's Director of Operations, Kevin Kelly, was on the Task Force and should be recognized for his hard work. Finally, several

residents have requested that a blight ordinance be adopted. The Board will discuss this issue at a future meeting.

16. **Liaison Report**

R. Coyle reported that the Building Committee has been working on a flyer to hand out during a series of open houses to further explain the project to the public. No dollar value has been placed on the project and will not be until the public has been fully informed and makes their preferences known to the Committee.

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission has continued with third shift coverage and there has been a fair amount of activity, especially when officers on bikes patrol hard-to-reach areas. Specifications for a new cruiser (SUV) are being examined. State police are changing their weapons as are the Town. There is a gun buy-back program to save money.

S. Soby further reported that the Agriculture Commission has been discussing regulations on pigs and other fur-bearing animals for best animal practices. Also, an alternate location for the Farmers' Market is being explored.

S. Soby reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission heard discussions on the expiration of a sub-division, the extension of another, and the use of a mobile home due to a house fire.

17. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issue**

G. Cordova moved to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue and invite Town Attorney Patrick McHale, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:35 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 10:04 p.m.

18. **Executive Session to Discuss Litigation**

S. Soby moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.


Entered into executive session at 10:05 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 10:18 p.m.

19. **Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 10:19 p.m., seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy

Executive Assistant to the First Selectman