



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Commission Chairmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2013
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00PM
Meeting Room 1

REVISED #2

MEMBERS PRESENT: Selectman James Ford, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Gregg Cordova, and Selectman Rosemary Coyle.
MEMBERS ABSENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster
OTHERS PRESENT: Ron Goldstein, Tom Tyler, Cheryl Hancin, and other citizens

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1. Call to Order

Selectman S. Soby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Commission Updates – Commission Chairs

Rose Levine reported that the **Commission on Aging** continues to work with the Senior Resource Guide for the town of Colchester and is currently being vetted by a committee at the Senior Center who is going through all the information making sure it is current. Also working on a Community Senior Review Team to identify and assist home bound seniors who have unmet needs. Advocating for seniors who do and do not use the Senior Center.

Dave Anderson reported that the **Board of Assessment Appeals** started hearings end of March and will be finishing all the appeals and hearings by the end of the week and voiced his concerns with the blight ordinance.

Thomas Tyler reported that the **Building Committee** attended a tri-board meeting on Feb 6, 2013 to discuss the cost estimate of the WJJMS project where the Building Committee was asked to go back to the Architect and reduce the cost of the project without changing the scope. The Building Committee worked with the Architect and accepted a 17% approximate project cost reduction. The Building Committee briefed the Board of Selectman, Board of Finance and Board of Education on the project cost reduction and are waiting for the Board of Selectman to set a tri-board meeting, also upcoming they have a schematic report from Tecton and waiting direction from the town on how to proceed with the project.

Falk Von Plachecki reported that the **Conservation Commission** are currently looking at recommendations from DEP for updating the basic language that is required for statutes and the junk yard by the transfer station have submitted their application.

Ron Goldstein stated that the **Board of Education** developed their budget and the theme for this year's budget is maximizing student achievement. The budget does include full day kindergarten and the major concern is moving forward with the WJJMS project.

Nick Norton stated that the **Open Space Advisory Committee** is a committee not a commission and do not have action authority but act as advisory to the conservation committee regarding open space issues.

Richard LeMay reported that the **Sewer & Water Commission** had their annual budget review and there will not be a fee increase for sewer and water; they are on target with this year's budget; joint facilities project is still outstanding; new equipment for the pump station has been ordered; their request for reimbursement from Hurricane Sandy has been submitted; the sewer portion of the extension of Lake Hayward Road should be starting soon; and they are in the process of reviewing three additional water sources.

Merja Lehetinen reported that the **Cable Advisory Committee** is witnessing a competition for customers between AT&T and Comcast in the area which is resulting in lower prices for consumers – discount are available, public outreach to schools and educators that funds are available to assist in training students in t.v. production, and Comcast is offering scholarships to students.

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

David Wasniewski regarding the **Agriculture Commission**
Stephen Cohn regarding the **Economic Development Commission**
Genea Bell regarding the **Ethics Commission**
Robert Tarlov regarding the **Board of Finance**
Jack Faski regarding the **Fair Rent Commission**
Ellen Sharon regarding the **Historic District Commission**
Jan LaBella regarding the **Housing Authority**
Sean O'Leary regarding the **Parks & Recreation Commission**
Joe Matthieu regarding the **Planning and Zoning Commission**
Robert Parlee regarding the **Police Commission**
Robert Suchecki regarding the **Youth Services Advisory Board**
Laurie Robinson regarding the **Zoning Board of Appeals**

3. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn the Commission Chair Meeting at 7:16 p.m., seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Santos
Clerk