



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

## AMENDED

**Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, and Board of Education  
Special Tri-Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 16, 2013  
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.**

NANCY A. BRAY  
TOWN CLERK

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**Board of Selectmen Members Present:** Gregg Schuster, Stan Soby, Rosemary Coyle, Jim Ford and Greg Cordova (arrived at 7:24pm)

**Board of Finance Members Present:** Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Tom Kane and Art Shilosky

**Board of Finance Members Absent:** John Ringo and Bill Curran

**Board of Education Members Present:** Ron Goldstein, Donald Kennedy, John Reeve, Michael Egan Mitchell Koziol and Mary Tomasi

**Board of Education Members Absent:** Brad Bernier

**Others Present:** Maggie Cosgrove, Jim Paggioli, Jeff Mathieu, Chris Bennett, Jennifer Olsen, Mike Caplet, Ryan Blessing and other citizens

### 1. Call to Order

First Selectman G. Schuster called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman R. Tarlov called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman R. Goldstein called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### 2. Citizens Comments

Linda Hodge voiced her concerns regarding the WJJMS project, her support in the past for a standalone Senior Center and thanked the WJJMS project building committee for all of their work (see attachment #1).

Jim Kelly voiced his concern regarding keeping the Board of Finance involved from day one in the WJJMS project moving forward, slowing down on spending and watching the tax payers dollars.

### 3. Discussion and Possible Action on WJJMS Renovation/New Construction Project

Discussion was had on meeting the June 30<sup>th</sup> State of Connecticut deadline. R. Goldstein stated they need to address the immediate needs of the school now and a decision for the future of the school cannot be rushed. The consensus was to take the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline off the table.

Discussion was also had on forming a new building committee or keeping the existing one. First Selectman Schuster will look into legalities regarding this. **Rob Esteve** will gather analysis of data from referendum and **all boards will** work on outreach. First Selectman Schuster asked the registrars to look into placing a suggestion box at the November 5<sup>th</sup> election. Another tri-board meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m to continue discussions and present information gathered.

**4. Citizens Comments**

J. Malsbenden voiced his concern regarding the growth of all segments of the population and stated the boards need to be very clear with parameters and charge given to the future building committee.

L. Hodge stated she understands the bones of construction but her questions still stands which she will submit at the end of the meeting, she thanked R. Goldstein for answering several of the questions and she understands but still has questions. L. Hodge also stated a road plan did exist and a thorough vehicle inventory had been completed in the past. L. Hodge voiced her concern regarding the boards making the room inviting when citizens attend meetings and ask questions.

P. Piccard voiced his concern with remodeling the entire school and suggested if a suggestion box is placed at the polls to keep it to a few questions.

T. Peters suggested putting out options for citizens to decide and feels separate buildings will help.

J. Kelly voiced his opinion that the primary reason the building project failed from phone calls he has received and people he has talked with was due to size, tax increase and security issues.

R. DeVore stated he felt confused regarding new school vs. renovations to school; senior center should be located in an open space and was personally looking for a more fiscally conservative package utilizing all existing buildings in town.

S. Quattro suggested keeping it within the current budget.

**5. Adjourn**

R. Esteve moved to adjourn the Board of Finance at 8:37 p.m., seconded by A. Shilosky. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Kennedy moved to adjourn the Board of Education at 8:37 p.m., seconded by M. Tomasi. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

R. Coyle moved to adjourn the Board of Education at 8:37 p.m., seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment #1: Linda Hodge comments

Note: This meeting was recorded by a digital audio recording system and is available through the Colchester First Selectman's office in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gina Santos, Administrative Assistant