



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 19, 2013
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1

NANCY A. BRAY
TOWN CLERK

Gregg Schuster

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Denise Mizla and Selectman Mike Caplet
OTHERS PRESENT: Maggie Cosgrove, Jim Paggioli, Jim Ford, Cindy Praisner, Jeff Mathieu, Ron Goldstein, Adam Turner, Art Shilosky, Walter Cox, Don Lee, Nancy Bray, Dot Mrowka, Civic Students and other citizens.

1. Call to Order

First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
First Selectman G. Schuster presented Jim Ford with a plaque from the Town of Colchester in recognition of his many years of service.

2. Additions to the Agenda
None

3. Approve Minutes of the December 5, 2013 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
R. Coyle moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of December 5, 2013 as presented, seconded by M. Caplet. All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approve Minutes of the December 11, 2013 Special Tri-Board Meeting
R. Coyle moved to approve the Special Tri-Board Meeting minutes of December 11, 2013 as presented, seconded by M. Caplet. Abstentions: S. Soby. All other members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Citizen's Comments
None

6. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations

a. Ethics Commission – John A. Dilorio to be Interviewed
John A. Dilorio was interviewed.

b. Economic Development Commission – William Curran to be Interviewed
William Curran was interviewed.

c. Park and Recreation Commission – Lynette Dimock to be Re-Appointed for a Four Year Term to Expire 11/1/2017
R. Coyle moved to reappoint Lynette Dimock as a member of the Park and Recreation Commission for a four year term to expire 11/1/2017, seconded by D. Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

d. Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael Solis to be Re-Appointed for a Five Year Term to Expire 12/31/2018
S. Soby moved to reappoint Michael Solis as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire 12/31/2018, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

e. Blight Task Force
D. Mizla moved to appoint William Belch Jr., Maria Colacicco, James Forristall, Alan Harrison, Nathaniel Shiff and Ron Silberman as members of the Blight Task Force, seconded by R. Coyle. Concerns were discussed.

D. Mizla modified her motion to appoint William Belch Jr., Maria Colacicco, James Forristall, Alan Harrison and Ron Silberman to the Blight Task Force, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

7. Budget Transfers

S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfer of \$5,500 from "Other Purchased Supplies (13201-42340)," to \$5,500 "Professional Services (13201-44208)," seconded by M. Caplet. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

First Selectman Schuster stated there was a budget transfer for a supplemental appropriation for funding the Fire Department Ambulance Incentive Program for \$48,000 that was presented to the Board of Finance a few weeks ago. The Board of Finance wanted to wait for the Board of Selectmen to act which was approved at their last meeting. The budget transfer went before the Board of Finance last night and they motioned to postpone the budget transfer for \$48,000 due to further questions they had. The Board of Finance did motion to appropriate \$8,000 out of fund balance to carry the incentive program into January; the motion was then amended to appropriate \$5,500 out of fund balance to carry the incentive program for one month. The First Selectman stated after reviewing the motions made by the Board of Finance, legal questions came up. R. Coyle moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the appropriation from General Fund unassigned fund balance to Fire Department Contractual, Temporary, Occasional Payroll in the amount of \$5,500 for the Ambulance Incentive Program, seconded by M. Caplet. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. First Selectman Schuster stated he will contact the Board of Finance members to expedite their part in this process to approve the \$5,500 before the end of the calendar year to make sure it is legal.

8. Tax Refunds & Rebates

S. Soby moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$11.69 to Robert Kelly, \$95.06 to Lori Ceccarelli, seconded by M. Caplet. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Collaborative for Colchester's Children

C. Praisner, Early Childhood Coordinator, gave a presentation that included the following:

- What Readiness Looks Like
- The need to invest and help children in the early years
- How investment in people is made
- What C3 is doing
- C3 Financial Sustainability

C. Praisner also gave an overview of what has been received through the Discovery Grant and what will be offered in the future, the projected budget for next year and the solutions they are pursuing.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Alcohol Waiver for Library Board of Trustees

Mary-Ellen Mahoney, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, stated they are planning a reception at the library on January 7, 2014 from 7pm to 9pm in recognition of their volunteers and donors of the Giving Circle and would like to serve alcohol. Discussion was had. The board members came to the consensus that the waiver should not be granted due to the precedent and liability.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Elected Officials Salary Increase

First Selectman Schuster recused himself and turned the chair over to Selectman S. Soby. M. Cosgrove distributed the Elected Officials salary increase history chart for the board member's review. Selectman Soby stated he would like the board members to review and come to the next meeting with recommendations. Selectman Soby turned the chair back to First Selectman Schuster.

12. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the First Selectman to enter into a Contract with SEER to perform a site analysis for a YMCA Site

Board members all received the complete contract for SEER to perform a site analysis for a YMCA site. Discussion was had. S. Soby moved to approve the elimination of the second sentence "We anticipate that the CLIENT Data will include, at a minimum, the names and addresses of your companies covered, and employees and dependents of companies covered, as well as transactions associated with companies and employees" under 1.2 and the clause "or its companies covered, employees and dependents of companies covered, and program participants excluding the CLIENT Data that you provide to us" under 1.4, and giving authorization to First Selectman Schuster to sign all necessary documents, seconded by M. Caplet. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Paving of Pathway on the Lebanon Avenue Row

First Selectman Schuster stated they came in under budget on the streetscape project and therefore the town wished to explore putting in a paved sidewalk on this portion of the green which at times is impassable. J. Paggioli gave an overview of the material they would like to use to complete this portion of the sidewalk that would meet ADA requirements. R. Coyle suggested the Historical Society be made aware of this.

14. **Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Center Maintenance**
Discussion was had regarding the deficiencies of the Youth Center building, the fire code violations and cost of the work that will be required to get the building to code. First Selectman Schuster stated there are funds available in capital reserve for addressing this.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action on Selectman's Operating Committee**
First Selectman stated there is a \$16,000 deficit that the Trustees have caused by Old Bacon, the Senior Center and Day Hall and the question proposed is how and who will pay for this deficit. Discussion was had. S. Soby moved to put a place holder in the budget forwarded to the Board of Finance in the amount of \$16,000 for payment to Bacon Academy, Board of trustees for the use of the Senior Center, seconded by M. Caplet. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
16. **Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center or Senior/Community Center Options**
First Selectman Schuster stated after reading the surveys and feedback he has received from citizens there are numerous options for a location for the Senior Center. Discussion was had and the consensus of the board members was to get the building committee launched first and then continue to have discussions regarding the Senior/Community Center options.
17. **Discussion and Possible Action on 2014 -2015 Budget**
None
18. **Citizen's Comments**
None
19. **First Selectman's Report**
First Selectman gave the board members an overview of the town's involvement with MIRMA. Discussion was had and the consensus was the town should end all involvement with MIRMA if possible.
20. **Liaison Report**
R. Coyle reported she attended the swearing in ceremony at the Fire Department, S. Soby reported he attended the Agricultural Commission where a presentation was made by the student members of the Board of Education regarding the possibility of free meal options in the cafeteria and commission members commented around the PODC process, M. Caplet attended the end of the Sewer & Water Commission meeting who are losing another member and will be down to 4 active members and the Board of Education meeting elected the same officers, a technology grant was awarded, performance reports on testing were received and WJMS did fantastic work and overall in the district there is no achievement gap, fluctuation in transportation and there are a number of retirements.

Board of Selectman members recessed at 9:46 p.m.
Board of Selectman members exited recess at 9:52
21. **Executive Session to Discuss Successor Agreement with Public Works Union**
M. Caplet moved to go into Executive Session to discuss successor agreement with Public Works Union and invite Public Works Director Jim Paggioli, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 9:53 p.m.
Board of Selectman members exited from executive session at 10:27 p.m.
22. **Discussion and Possible Action on Successor Agreement with Public Works Union**
The board took no action.
23. **Discussion and Possible Action on Public Works Job Descriptions**
The board took no action.
24. **Adjourn**
M. Caplet moved to adjourn at 10:28 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Santos, Clerk