



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

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

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman James Ford, Selectman Rosemary Coyle and Selectman Greg Cordova.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Maggie Cosgrove, Jim Paggioli, Rob Tarlov, Denise Mizla, Ed Fusco, Mike Caplet, Joe Mathieu, Kurt Frantzen, Jay Gigliotti, Gail Therian, 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 –

G. Schuster asked that a motion be made to add a new Item #5, "Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2013 Commission Chairman Meeting" and to delete "Item A under Item 18 – Negotiations with Library Union Local 1303-448 Connecticut Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO" and to delete "Item #19 Discussion and Possible Action on Successor Contract with Library Union Local 1303-448 Connecticut Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO" and to renumber the agenda accordingly.

So moved by R. Coyle, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2013 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

R. Coyle moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of October 17, 2013 as presented, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approve Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Tri-Board Meeting

R. Coyle said that on Page 2, under "Item 5 Adjourn" the last sentence should read: "R. Coyle moved to adjourn the Board of Selectmen at 8:37 p.m. seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

R. Coyle moved to approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Tri Board Meeting with the correction to the adjournment motion, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

5. Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2013 Commission Chair Regular Meeting

Motion by S. Soby to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2013 Commission Chairman Regular Meeting, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

6. Citizen's Comments-

Gary Slidell congratulated the candidates who were elected and thanked all those who were not successful in the election for their time and dedication to the Town of Colchester.

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

a. Veterans Affairs Service Contact Person

1. Daniel Henderson was interviewed at the previous meeting.
2. Beverly Popowich was interviewed at the previous meeting.
3. Erin Rowllins was interviewed at the previous meeting.

R. Coyle suggested that a Committee be established consisting of people who want to work with the Veterans Affairs Service Contact person.

Discussion followed and it was decided by the Board to continue the discussion at the next meeting regarding setting up a Committee in the future.

G. Cordova moved to appoint Daniel Henderson as Veterans Affairs Service Contact Person, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

b. Blight Task Force.

1. Maria Colacicco was interviewed.
2. William Belch was interviewed.

c. Historic District Commission – Nancy Anderson re-appointment for a five-year term to expire 11/01/2018.
J. Ford moved to reappoint Nancy Anderson as a member of the Historic District Commission for a five-year term to expire 11/01/2018, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

Historic District Commission alternate member Janice Adams said that she was also here for her reappointment as an alternate.

S. Soby moved to add to the agenda the reappointment of J. Adams as an alternate member of the Historic District Commission for a five-year term to expire 11/01/2018' as Item 7h, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

d. Planning and Zoning Commission – Joseph Mathieu, Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 11/01/2016.

S. Soby moved to reappoint Joseph Mathieu as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a three-year term to expire 11/01/2016, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

e. Police Commission – Edward Fusco, Member re-appointment for a three-year term to expire 11/1/2016

R. Coyle moved to reappoint Edward Fusco as a member of the Police Commission for a three-year term to expire 11/01/2016, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

f. Agricultural Commission – Olivia Duksa, Member re-appointment for a two-year term to expire 11/1/2015

R. Coyle moved to reappoint Olivia Duksa as a member of the Agricultural Commission for a two-year term to expire 11/01/2015, seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

g. Discussion on Ordinance Interpretation regarding Genea Bell serving another term on the Ethics Commission

Discussion took place regarding the Memo from G. Schuster to the Board of Selectman regarding the Ethics Commission Ordinance interpretation. No action was taken. G. Schuster will speak with Town Counsel regarding this Ordinance Interpretation.

h. Historic District Commission – Janice Adams reappointment as an alternate member for a five year term to expire 11/1/2018.

J. Ford moved to reappoint Janice Adams as an alternate member to the Historic District Commission for a five-year term to expire 11/1/2018, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

8. Budget Transfers

G. Cordova moved to approve the Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$10,436 from Appropriation Fund Balance (18501-36250) to Engineering – Refunds (13301-44244) Seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

9. Tax Refunds & Rebates

G. Cordova moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$156.85 to James or Kathryn Alvarez, \$14.02 to Helen Cormier, \$57.23 to Herbert or Janet Soule, \$ 179.39 to Marisa Gallicchio & Joanne Gallicchio, \$127.79 to Honda Lease Trust, \$488.12 to Toyota Financial Services, \$156.24 to Ronald or Kathleen Paice, \$103.55 to Diana Fedus, \$11.87 to Kenneth Gaber, \$25.44 to Honda Lease Trust, \$66.91 to David Pudlo, \$5.15 to Jeanne Wickham and \$852.90 to Chase Auto Finance Corp., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Selectmen's Operating Committee Report

J. Ford said that the Selectman's Operating Committee consisted of membership from the Board of Finance, Bacon Academy Trustees and Selectmen J. Ford and S. Soby. The charge of this subcommittee was to examine circumstances surrounding the Bacon Academy Trustees property including the financial conditions of the Trustees and their ongoing obligations and to develop a report recommending actions by the town. The subcommittee was authorized for a period of three (3) months. He reviewed the Purposes and Needs, and Findings.

S. Soby reviewed the Recommendations including the Immediate Actions, Intermediate Actions, and Long Term Actions.

Diana Giles, a member of the subcommittee, said that the subcommittee was very productive. She went out to explain some of the maintenance and financial problems facing the Bacon Academy Trustees. Discussion followed regarding the current problems and recommendations.

G. Schuster will invite R. Goldstein, Chairman of the Board of Education to the next meeting to discuss this item. No action was taken on this item. This item will be on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Reallocation of \$450.00 in Application Fees from Withdrawn Conservation Commission Permit #W2013-2957, to the Resubmission of the Corrected Application**
R. Coyle moved to approve the Reallocation of \$450 in application fees from withdrawn Conservation Commission Permit #W2013-2957, to the resubmission of the corrected application, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Results and Recommendation for Award to Furnish and Install Overhead Bay Door Openers for Fire Department**
R. Coyle moved to award a contract for the Furnishing and Installation of Overhead Bay Door Openers located at the Fire Department, Company 1, 52 Old Hartford Road to Advanced Overhead Door, LLC of Norwich, CT for the bid price of \$8000.00, and to authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the First Selectman to Sign Anthem Agreements**
S. Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Administrative Services Agreement and Stop Loss Policy for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
14. **Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize the First Selectman to Sign Business Agreement with McGladrey LLP for Auditing Services for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2013**
Citizen's Comments
S. Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Business Associate Agreement with McGladrey LLP related to auditing services provided for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action on non-union employee salary increase**
S. Soby moved to approve the First Selectman's recommendation on non-union employee salary increases, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

The Board decided to add to the agenda of next regularly scheduled meeting the discussion of salary increases for elected official.

At this time First Selectman Schuster stated that he will not be requesting nor would he accept a salary increase for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

16. **Citizens Comments – None**
17. **First Selectman's Report**
G. Schuster said that a Recount of votes will take place on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. for the remaining seat on the Board of Selectmen. A police cruiser was involved in the accidental hitting of a deer. The officer was not injured, but there was some cosmetic damage to the cruiser. He advised that the Town Hall will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2013 in observance of Veterans Day. A ceremony will be held on Veterans Green at 11:00 a.m. on that day. The KX dispatch, the Fire and Ambulance Dispatch, has been looking to consolidate to put them on a better financial operation footing. Through their RFP process, they have asked the towns of East Lyme and Montville to join them. It has not yet been determined what the end state will be from a legal prospective but it is easier for them to come to KX. The physical location of KX would likely move to either East Lyme or Montville.

G. Schuster congratulated G. Cordova on his election to the position of Town Treasurer. He thanked G. Cordova for his years of service on the Parks and Recreation Commission and his eight (8) years of service on the Board of Selectmen. He thanked J. Ford for his time and dedication to the Town on the Planning and Zoning Commission as both a member and the Chairman and for his four (4) years of service on the Board of Selectmen.
18. **Liaison Report**
S. Soby said that J. Paggioli has been working with the Police Commission and piggy backing with Willimantic to purchase another Police Interceptor Utility vehicle. The Police Commission is still working on crosswalk safety in the area of the Youth Services building. He said they plan to use visible items such as barrels and lights and also plan on training staff in safety measures. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, November 6th and

approved a site development modification for a business in town to correct work that has already been done. The Dollar General Store application is awaiting the preliminary State DOT approval for the access/egress drive on Old Hartford Road.

19. Executive Session to Discuss

a. Negotiations with Clerical Union Local 1303-254 Connecticut Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO

b. Town Employee Hardship Withdrawal Request

S. Soby moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Negotiations with Clerical Union Local 1303-254 Connecticut Council 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO and Town Employee Hardship Withdrawal Request and to invite Selectmen-elect Caplet and Mizla, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

Entered into executive session at 8:28 p.m.
Exited from executive session at 8:48 p.m.

20. Adjourn

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 8:49 p.m., seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Therian, Clerk