



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, February 7, 2013  
Colchester Town Hall

Meeting Room – 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, Walter Cox, Dot Mrowka, Rob Tarlov, Rob Esteve, Sal Tassone, Art Shilosky, Nancy Bray, Marc Tate, Tom Tyler, Ryan Blessing, Melissa Roberto, 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**

J. Ford moved to add to the agenda item #13, "Discussion and Possible Action on Matters Involving Adjustments that were made by the First Selectman to Benefits that are Afforded to Full Time Elected Officials, and renumber accordingly," seconded by R. Coyle. Discussion on purpose of addition and on wording of motion by Selectman Soby at previous meeting. J. Ford and R. Coyle voted in favor of the motion. All other voted against. MOTION DEFEATED.

3. **Approve Minutes of the January 17, 2013 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting**

Discussion on wording of motions and revision of minutes. No action taken.

4. **Approve Minutes of the February 6, 2013 Special Tri-Board meeting**

Discussion on revision of minutes. No action taken.

5. **Citizen's Comments**

C. Bourque commented on concerns with the process of development of the zoning regulation revisions and the Plan of Conservation and Development.

D. Mrowka commented on the Registrar of Voters planning for emergencies during elections and referenda and the need for future action by the Board of Selectmen to implement emergency policies.

D. Wasniewski commented on the revision process of the Plan of Conservation and Development and the desire for a committee to tackle the update.

R. Coyle questioned not having a town committee assist in developing the Plan of Conservation and Development instead of town hall staff.

J. Ford commented on desire to have Plan of Conservation and Development revision process on an upcoming Board of Selectmen agenda.

S. Soby commented on the revision, review, and revision process of the Plan of Conservation and Development and the inclusivity of the community throughout the current process.

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

- a. **Commission on Aging. Member appointment for a three-year term to expire 01/01/2016. Gary Siddell to be interviewed.**  
Gary Siddell was interviewed.

7. **Budget Transfers**  
None.
8. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**  
R. Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$3,255.84 to Erin Rowllins, \$16.70 to Caitlin Parla, \$38.30 to Vincent Savalle, \$1,848.96 to Dorothea Tredor, \$90.00 to George and Dorothy Sellman, \$46.27 to Brendan & Bianca Moon, \$52.13 to Eric Bowers, \$57.28 to Jean & Marie Gilbert, \$58.68 to Robert R. Fradette, and \$42.74 to Maxie Robinson; seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on EMPG Grant**  
S. Soby moved to approve the application to the 2013 EMPG Grant and be it resolved that, that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and further resolved, that Gregg Schuster, as First Selectman is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents; seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Maintenance Bond Release**  
S. Soby moved that the Town of Colchester release the road maintenance bond for Carvalho Drive in the amount of \$46,150.00 plus accrued interest, as recommended by the Town Engineer, seconded by G. Cordova. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Traffic Sign Inventory Contract**  
J. Ford recused himself from discussion and action on this item.  
R. Coyle moved to approve the 2012 Colchester Traffic Sign Inventory Agreement for \$8,800 with Robert Green Associates L.L.C. and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by G. Cordova. All others approved. MOTION CARRIED.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on EMS Staffing**  
G. Schuster commended the Colchester-Hayward Volunteer Fire Company and Department for all their service to the Town and described the current hardship the company is having in volunteer recruitment and staffing. Fire Chief Walter Cox presented to the Board. Discussion on process of adopting the supplemental appropriation request, need for the task force, possible increase of ambulance billing fee, and incentive programs for volunteers. No action taken.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action on Employee Time Tracking**  
J. Ford commented on need to adopt employee policies before taking further action. Discussion on time frame for employee feedback on revised personnel policies. No action taken.
14. **Citizen's Comments**  
None.
15. **First Selectman's Report**  
First Selectman G. Schuster reported the Town of Colchester and State of Connecticut are currently under a blizzard warning. The Fire Department is fully staffed for the weekend. Schools have been closed. He encouraged residents to stay off the roads during the storm. He further urged residents, in general, to drive slowly and safely, as there has been an increase in motor vehicle accidents lately. He also reported that the proposed budget by Governor Malloy, overall, holds municipal aid at same level as last year, however moves various funding around with some aid packages being increased and others being decreased or eliminated. The biggest concern is the elimination of the motor vehicle tax on a large portion of the grand list. If eliminated, it would take away almost \$3.7 million in tax revenue to the Town.

16. **Liaison Report**

S. Soby reported that the Police Commission interviewed two possible candidates to fill a vacancy on the Commission, is analyzing the department's requested budget and equipment needs, and is pushing the need for 3<sup>rd</sup> shift coverage.

S. Soby also stated that the "Freezin' for a Reason" campaign just about met their goal of raising \$7,000 for the Colchester Fuel Bank and thanked the generosity of residents and businesses that donated for the cause.

17. **Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m., seconded by J. Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Derrick M. Kennedy  
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman