



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Special Meeting
Friday, February 15, 2013
Colchester Town Hall**

Meeting Room 1 – 8:30 a.m.

(originally posted as meeting in Suite 201, moved due to number of attendees and proper notice was posted)

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Greg Cordova, and Selectman James Ford (via phone)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Rosemary Coyle

OTHERS PRESENT: State Senator Art Linares, State Representative Linda Orange, State Representative Melissa Ziobron, Derrik Kennedy, John Chaponis, Adam Turner, Dot Mrowka, Nancy Bray, James Paggioli, Jeff Mathieu, Ron Goldstein, Rob Tarlov, Donald Kennedy, and Mary Tomasi.

1. **Call to Order**

G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. **Discussion with Colchester Legislative Delegation on Town Issues**

Discussion on motor vehicle tax. Rep. Orange commented on the state budget process, changing of motor vehicle tax, and other options for municipalities. Rep. Ziobron commented on increase in State spending and borrowing. S. Soby commented on where other revenues comes from and budget process of towns compared to State and uncertainty of municipal revenues. R. Goldstein commented on red tape review and removal task force and how municipalities are seeking relief from state mandates if certain benchmarks are reached per the task force. Rep. Ziobron commented that she would like updates from appointed and elected officials in order to stay involved with municipal issues. D. Kennedy commented on school security task force and that any mandates from the task force need money along with them. Sen. Linares stated that the task force does not want unfunded mandates without accompanying state funding or making the mandates voluntary. D. Kennedy commented on reimbursement rates for future construction versus existing infrastructure improvements. J. Mathieu commented on school funding and qualifying criteria for additional funding. G. Schuster commented on need for guidance from delegation on what to budget from State Aid. Reps. Orange and Ziobron commented on State revenues and projections going forward. R. Tarlov commented on revenues to the Town and needed tax reform. J. Chaponis commented on CAAO estimates with regards to motor vehicle tax and its effect on Colchester. G. Schuster commented on loss of PILOT and need for sidewalk fee-in-lieu legislation.

Senator Art Linares left at 9:13 a.m.

Discussion on possibility of bonding for future school/community center development and increase in reimbursement rate for renovation. D. Mrowka commented on early voting law high cost to Town and administrative burden to staff. A. Turner commented on Salmon River and desire for designation of river as "Wild and Scenic." J. Paggioli commented on STEAP grant.

3. **Adjourn**

G. Cordova moved to adjourn at 9:20 a.m., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Derrik M. Kennedy
Executive Assistant to the First Selectman