



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 21, 2014
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1**

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, and Selectman Kurt Frantzen

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Rosemary Coyle and Selectman Bill Curran

OTHERS PRESENT: BOF Chair Rob Tarlov, Chief Walter Cox, Deputy Chief Don Lee, Economic Development Chair Jim Ford, Captain Dan Rowland, Matthew Cross, Bruce Fox, Tricia Dean Clerk and other citizens.

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1. **Call to Order**
First Selectman S. Soby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda - None**
3. **Approve Minutes of the August 7, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting**
D. Mizla moved to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2014 Board of Selectmen regular meeting, seconded by Kurt Frantzen . Unanimously approved MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Citizen's Comments - Neighbor of the New Britain Gun Club on Davidson Road complaint on noise level of gunfire from club. S. Soby will follow up with Town Planner, Adam Turner, for a regulation stand point and State Resident Trooper Sgt. Mercer for an enforcement standpoint and how to best respond.**
5. **Commendation: Fire Captain Dan Rowland**
S. Soby presented Dan Rowland with a commendation letter (attached).
Dan Rowland made reference to the patient's mother and her son who were doing CPR when he arrived at the scene. He advised those in attendance of the importance of more laymen knowing CPR.
6. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Sewer and Water Commission – Matthew Cross Possible Appointment for a Three Year Term to expire on 6/30/2017**
K Frantzen moved to appoint Matthew Cross as a member of the Sewer and Water Commission for a three year term to expire 6/30/2017, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
7. **Budget Transfers - None**
8. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**
D Mizla moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$51.29 to Michelle Bouffard, \$209.10 to Jeannette Langdon, \$21.92 to Kendall Tarlov, \$304.83 to Elizabeth Manafort, \$70.00 to Adam Griffin or Morgan Willard, \$198.10 to US Bank, \$884.15 to Honda Lease Trust, \$8.93 to Eugene McGrath, \$217.44 to Motorlease Corp, and \$497.41 to Wheels LT, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Tax Incentive Program Application**
Thomas Harper, President of Colchester Sports Arena, made a brief presentation. Presented were components of services the building will offer; approximate cost for the building and land; and benefits to the town regarding services, jobs and revenue. Discussion followed regarding cost savings for the residents of Colchester and the town, as well as safety, security and traffic of the location. S Soby would like to give the full board an opportunity to digest all the information and move to the next BOS meeting for full Board decision.

No action taken.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Police Department Equipment Purchase Request

Purchase request has been approved by the Board of Finance contingent on the Board of Selectmen approval. Discussion followed regarding what was included in the purchase aside from the weapons; on board trauma kits, plates for vests, scopes and lights. S. Soby made note that these purchases would be in line with and an added way to be prepared with the current security upgrades at the schools, Town Hall, Senior Center and Library. R Tarlov, BOF Chair commented that after discussion at the BOF meeting on 8/20 that it was hard to find fault in the proposal.

D Mizla moved to approve the appropriation of \$20,486 for the purchase of new equipment as requested by the Police Department from the equipment reserve account and \$5,000 for drug awareness and prevention program for schools, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Clean Energy Communities Pledge

Discussion was held regarding if this would complement our current Honeywell program. More information to be gathered on cost savings of the program.

No Action

12. Citizen's Comments – Charlie Csere had questions as to the impact on police and fire in regards to the Colchester Sports Arena proposal. Thomas Harper, President of the Arena responded.

13. First Selectman's Report

S Soby reported on the Community Open house sponsored by the Historical Society on 8/20 which also included the Fire Museum, Old Bacon Academy, School for colored children, and in conjunction with the car show on the green. The Police department has been awarded the High Risk Rural Roads Enforcement grant for \$17,900. The funding will be used for two new radar units, and reimbursement for additional paroling for speed enforcement. KX consolidation continues to move along, Working on managing allocating costs, rate structure and operational increases. Contract negotiations continues for clerical union and following will be contract negotiations for the administrative union. Building security is in progress. Activity will begin on road paving in a week or so. Line painting is currently in progress.

14. Liaison Reports - none

15. Adjourn

K Frantzen moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by D Mizla . Unanimously approved MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk