



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 4, 2014
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, Selectman Bill Curran and Selectman Kurt Frantzen. Selectman Rosemary Coyle was present via teleconference.

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: BOF Chair Rob Tarlov, Registrar of Voters Dot Mrowka, Public Works Director Jim Paggioli, Town Planner Adam Turner, Economic Development Chair Jim Ford, Tricia Dean, Clerk, and other citizens.

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 21, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting**
K. Frantzen moved to approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2014 Board of Selectmen regular meeting, seconded by D Mizla . Unanimously approved, two abstentions made by B Curran and R Coyle. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Citizen's Comments – K Kehogreen** stated her concerns on the proposed CTIP program for the Colchester Sports Arena Complex in regards to parking, traffic safety, open space, and impact on businesses in Town.
5. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
S Soby informed the selectmen that Dr. Tandon has expressed her desire to resign from the Chatham Health Board. The position will be posted as available once Dr. Tandon's resignation letter has been received.
6. **Budget Transfers - none**
7. **Tax Refunds & Rebates**
R Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$400.96 to Marlene Edwards, \$318.24 to Richard Gordon, 10.42 to Gail Esty, \$35.81 to Kim Useforge, \$18.21 to Kevin Kelly, \$159.42 to Robert or Margaret Kelly, \$59.62 to Norman Albert, \$42.89 to Emmett Delgaizo, \$21.56 to Carl Conrad, \$10.61 to Kelly or Paul Gagosz, \$33.51 to William Swanson, \$8.28 to Jeffrey or Kathy Brainard, \$99.96 to Henry & Beth Alves, \$216.96 to Mark Reardon, \$26.87 to Keith Post, \$102.72 to Ann Copeland, \$7.65 to Ketankumar Thaker, \$70.93 to James Langdon, \$155.91 to Matthew & Jennifer Galante, \$50.63 to Randi Gallagher, \$29.56 to Robert Rumbel, \$2578.58 to Jason & Desirae Violette, \$119.67 to Thomas Burke, State Marshall, \$101.19 to Alfred or Olive Marotta, \$7.40 to Cecilia Peterson, \$91.71 to Howard Snyder, \$372.93 to Peterson DL Trust, \$7.34 to Charles Larkins or D. Colburn-Larkins, \$280.17 to Colchester Veterinary Hospital, \$202.85 to Catherine Kurek Swanson, \$13.33 to Lisa Samek, \$105.77 to Joanne Balch, \$12.35 to George or Pamela Carone, \$15.99 to Peter Sposato, \$18.04 to Mark or Lorraine Tierney, and \$79.45 to Elizabeth Ciccone, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Services substance abuse counseling services**
K Frantzen posed the question regarding the contract agreement in regards to managing the services with the limited budget. K Frantzen suggested that there needs to be a maximum amount defined within the agreement. B Curran posed the question as to how success of the program will be measured. S Soby stated that the therapeutic relationship would define success as is typically the case in therapy.
S Soby will work with V Geato, Director of Youth & Social Services, to define and finalize numbers for the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

No action taken.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Tax Incentive Program Application

D Mizla questioned the tax incentive program and change of ownership. A Turner answered that the tax abatement is specific to the applicant. A Turner, Town Planner, explained the taxable value and what is included. Jim Ford, Economic Development Commission Chair, expressed his view on the benefit on the tax program.

B Curran moved the Colchester Tax Incentive Program application for Colchester Sports Arena to Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 7pm, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Clean Energy Communities Pledge

S Soby discussed the program with J Paggioli, Director of Public Works. Still waiting on answers from CL&P regarding cost components so that there can be a comparison to the Honeywell project savings

No Action

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission on Aging Ordinance and By-Laws

Gary Siddell, Commission on Aging member, started working on the ordinance a year ago to try and get it more in line with the commission and the Town Charter. R Coyle has been working with the commission as the BOS liaison and has made some recommendations. K Frantzen asked for an explanation as to why the Ordinance broke out membership as it did. S Soby commented that he was not involved in the original process but eliminating the requirements would offer a broader net to possible volunteer applicants. R Coyle noted this had been an issue with Open Space. Commission will meet on Monday 9/8 and will vote to move the by-laws and ordinance forward together.

No Action

12. Citizens Comments

D Mrowka suggested Colchester Fire Dept follow Salem FD in offering safety vests to firemen in the department.

13. First Selectman's Report

Economic Development has seen some activity at Key Stone Shoppes; Proposed renovation of a building and new construction on Linwood Ave; Looking at next STEAP grant application to make the center of town more walkable either on Cragin Court (the rear of Merchants' Row) and/or to extend to Northwoods and Highland; School Building committee discussed conceptually with the architect. The committee will be at all school Open Houses to communicate; Senior Center engineering report is in process and working on revising the current lease; KX Dispatch, 3rd version of assessments spreadsheet for capital and operational piece; Chatham Health District Board meeting was held at the end of August regarding budget questions. Reserves have been tapped into for operations. S Soby will continue to keep BOS apprised of progress regarding per capita; BOF Chair, Rob Tarlov and S Soby have drafted an expenditure policy. It will go forward after review of the Charter to ensure it is consistent with its language; Police dept not moving yet on refilling Sgt position. Police officers did internal survey and came up with 7 possibilities on how to utilize the Sgt position funds to enhance services. Email to follow shortly regarding survey results; Charter Review Commission meeting on 9/8.

14. Liaison Report

K Frantzen reported on the POCD, the commission urges all to review the tax abatement application.

D Mizla – no report

B Curran – Planning & Zoning meeting was 9/3. Gold Dust Group was discussed regarding Linwood Ave facility to expand and move other properties. A re-understanding of plan for Northwoods was discussed recommending the site to be changed to six useable sights at Northwoods.

Tri-board sub-committee on budget charts was 9/2. Discussed a survey approach to see what the voter's intent is. 9/10 is next meeting.

Economic Development meeting was cancelled due to no quorum.

R Coyle attended the Tri-board sub-committee on budget communications. The group discussed a three tiered approach with time specific dates.

15. Adjourn

B Curran moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk