



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 16, 2014
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Denise Mizla and Selectman Mike Caplet
OTHERS PRESENT: Maggie Cosgrove, Jim Paggioli, Jim Ford, Dot Mrowka and other citizens

1. Call to Order

First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

None

3. Approve Minutes of the December 19, 2013 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

S. Soby moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of December 19, 2013 as presented, seconded by M. Caplet. All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Approve Minutes of the January 13, 2014 Special Board of Selectman Meeting

M. Caplet moved to approve the Special Board of Selectman Meeting minutes of January 13, 2014 as presented, seconded by S. Soby. All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Citizen's Comments

Carl Swanback stated he has information regarding a tax break if registering property with the Audubon Society and he will forward information to the First Selectman's office.

Dot Mrowka stated there is an electronic checklist available for purchase that could be used to check votes electronically, be complete by 8:02pm and accessible to town chairs. The board members were very interested and asked for more information to be gathered.

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

a. Blight Task Force – Carl E. Swanback to be Interviewed

Carl E. Swanback was interviewed.

b. Economic Development Commission –

1. William Curran to be Appointed for a Five Year Term to Expire 10/31/2014

S. Soby moved to appoint William Curran as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a five year term to expire 10/31/2014, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

2. James W. Ford to be Interviewed for a Five Year Term to Expire 10/31/2016

James W. Ford was interviewed. S. Soby moved to appoint James W. Ford as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a five year term to expire 10/31/2016, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

c. Ethics Commission – John A. Dilorio to be Appointed for a Three Year Term to Expire 10/13/2016

D. Mizla moved to appoint John A. Dilorio as a member of the Ethics Commission for a three year term to expire 10/13/2016, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

d. Police Retirement Board -

1. Greg Cordova to be Appointed for a Three Year Term to Expire on 1/31/2015

M. Caplet moved to appoint Greg Cordova as a member of the Police Retirement Board for a three year term to expire 1/31/2015, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

2. Dan Eberle to be Re-Appointed for a Three Year Term to Expire 1/31/2017

S. Soby moved to re-appoint Dan Eberle as a member of the Police Retirement Board for a three year term to expire 1/31/2017, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

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e. Sewer and Water Commission –

1. Thomas Hochdorfer to be Interviewed

Thomas Hochdorfer was interviewed

2. Resignation of Regular Member Robert Jones

R. Coyle moved to accept the resignation of regular member Robert Jones, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

7. Budget Transfers

S. Soby moved to approve the budget transfer of \$5,367 from "Town Clerk-Regular Salaries (11501-40101)," to \$4,661 "Assessor-Regular Salaries (11304-40101)," and \$706 "Assessor-FICA & Retirement (11304-41230), seconded by M. Caplet. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Tax Refunds & Rebates

R. Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$314.00 to ARI Fleet LT, \$129.00 to Regina or Daniel Anselmo, \$196.12 to Sherwood & Claudia Strickland, \$659.37 to CAB East LLC, , seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposal for Ricoh Copier for Senior Center

R. Coyle moved to approve the motion to proceed with a Lease Agreement for a Ricoh MPC 2251 color copier at the Colchester Senior Center and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Local Prevention Council Grant

S. Soby moved to approve the application for the Local Prevention Council Grant and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by D. Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Security Upgrades

First Selectman Schuster gave an overview of previous discussions had regarding implementing security measures at both town and school facilities. J. Paggioli gave examples of what this would include. First Selectman Schuster stated the part that is not included is the upgrade to Bacon Academy PA system. First Selectman Schuster also stated the funds would come from an off budget account and the bids came in very favorably. First Selectman Schuster also stated in addition to this also are external cameras to be placed at the library that he strongly recommends. Board members decided to wait to take action until it can be brought to the Board of Finance.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on 2014 – 2015 Budget

First Selectman Schuster stated they are in the middle of putting together the physical documents, munis has been open for entry by department heads for budget requests and the budget calendar has been sent out to the Chairman of the Board of Education and Board of Finance for their approval.

13. Discussion and Possible on Lease Financing for Heavy Rescue Fire Apparatus

R. Coyle moved to approve the "Resolution and Declaration of Official Intent" included in the First Niagara lease documents, and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents related to the execution of the lease financing with First Niagara Leasing, Inc. for the acquisition of a Heavy Rescue Fire Apparatus from Marion Body Works, Inc., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

14. Citizen's Comments

Don Phillips, former member of the Police Commission, stated he did a quick search of the Charter and there is no reference to a Police Retirement Board. Both R. Coyle and D. Mizla stated they noticed it is called the Colchester Retirement Board. S. Soby motioned to clarify its intent on item 6d 1 and 2 that the Police Retirement Board is equivalent to the Colchester Retirement Board, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

K. Frantzen stated in considering questions related to financing and trying to elicit feedback from the voters there are several techniques including software packages that can be used during finance season that could elicit choices to people and allow visual tools.

15. First Selectman's Report

First Selectman Schuster reported last week a community round table discussion regarding drugs in our community was held and he thanked everyone who attended. First Selectman Schuster stated it was a good step to addressing drugs in the community and would like future community dialogue and discussions with the members of the Board of Selectman. First Selectman Schuster also reported the kickoff meeting for the Blight Ordinance Task Force took place.

16. Liaison Report

D. Mizla reported the Conservation Commission is revising the town's wetland and water course regulations, the Park & Recreation committee are meeting with Jeff Mathieu to discuss scheduling of the facilities and having discussions regarding non-resident fee for programs and tickets for the Colchester Community Theater production of "Les Miserables" are now available on line at colchestercommunitytheater.com. R. Coyle reported on the Commission on Aging who are still working on their resource guide, discussions continue regarding a new senior center, they have had an increase in attendance and special programs have been sold out. R. Coyle also reported that Open Space Advisory Committee have recommended to the conservation committee that they look at acquiring the Stanley Moroch property. M. Caplet reported Fred Brown completed his annual dictionary donation. S. Soby attended the Board of Education meeting and the student board members did an extensive presentation to the Agriculture Commission regarding the GMO Free Cafeteria options, last night there was a meeting well attended by land use boards and others with discussion on beginning to frame issues for the Plan of Conservation & Development and the "Freezing for a Reason" will take place again on February 7, 2014 thru February 9, 2014 on the Colchester Town Green.

17. Executive Session to Discuss Negotiations with Clerical Union

S. Soby moved to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations with clerical union, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 9:06 p.m.

Board of Selectman members exited from executive session at 9:37 p.m.

18. Adjourn

S. Soby moved to adjourn at 9:38 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Santos, Clerk