



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 3, 2014  
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM  
Meeting Room 1

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Gregg Schuster, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, and Selectman Rosemary Coyle

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Selectman Mike Caplet

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jim Paggioli, Adam Turner, Dot Mrowka, Robert Parlee, Rob Tarlov, Brad Bernier, Tricia Dean and other citizens

1. **Call to Order**  
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda** - none
3. **Approve Minutes of the March 20, 2014 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
D. Mizla moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of March 20, 2014, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Citizen's Comments**- none
5. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
  - a. **Economic Development** – Beverly Carr Possible Appointment for a Five Year Term to expire 10/31/2015  
R. Coyle moved to appoint B. Carr as a member of the Economic Development Commission for a Five Year Term to expire 10/31/2015, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
  - b. **Commission on Aging** – Susan Choma Alternate Appointment for a Three Year Term to expire 12/31/2016  
R. Coyle moved to appoint S. Choma as Alternate Appointment for a Three Year Term to expire 12/31/2016, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
6. **Budget Transfers** - none
7. **Tax Refunds & Rebates** - none
8. **Discussion and Possible Action to pass a resolution to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding a DEEP Grant for improvements to the Airline Trail in the amount of \$20,000 and to authorize the First Selectman sign and execute all such documents that may be required by the local, state or federal governments in connection with said contracts and execute and amendments, rescissions and revisions thereto.**  
S. Soby moved to authorize to pass a resolution that is in the best interests of the Town of Colchester CT to enter into contracts with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection regarding a DEEP Grant for improvements to the Airline Trail in the amount of \$20,000. In furtherance of this resolution Gregg Schuster the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the Town of Colchester. Gregg Schuster currently holds the position of First Selectman and has held that office since November 2009. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such information and execute such documents that may be required by the local, state or federal governments in connection with said contracts and execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action to apply for a STEAP grant in the amount of \$350,000 to make bridge improvement to the Paper Mill Bridge and make other actions to demolish and rehabilitate the mill site as a town park and authorize the First Selectman to enter into and sign said application to the State on behalf of the Town of Colchester.**  
Adam Turner, Town Planning Director, showed the Board pictures of the bridge. Several fires have damaged the building over the years. A. Turner stated the building is a shell and dangerous. He is working with the family that owns the property

to address the issues. The DEEP and Nature Conservancy have their own interest to restore the river  
G. Schuster thanked Adam, the family and the nature conservancy for getting the grant. He is glad to see in the foreseeable future the dam and park revamped.

R. Coyle motioned that the Board of Selectman pass a resolution that is in the best interests of the Town of Colchester CT to apply for a STEAP grant in the amount of \$350,000 to make bridge improvement to the Paper Mill Bridge and make other actions to demolish and rehabilitate the mill site as a town park. In furtherance of this resolution Gregg Schuster the First Selectman is duly authorized to enter into and sign said application to the State on behalf of the Town of Colchester. Gregg Schuster currently holds the position of First Selectman and has held that office since November 2009. The First Selectman is further authorized to provide such information and execute such documents that may be required by State governments in connection with said application, seconded by S. Soby . Unanimously approved.  
MOTION CARRIED.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the submission of Title III Grant Renewal Application to secure grant funding for the Making Memories Program, FY 2014-15 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents.**

S. Soby moved to approve the submission of Title III Grant Renewal Application to secure grant funding for the Making Memories Program, FY 2014-15 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with Donna Chalmers, Zumba Gold Instructor for the Senior Center, beginning 4/9/2014 and ending 6/25/2014**

D. Mizla moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with Donna Chalmers, Zumba Gold Instructor for the Senior Center, beginning 4/9/2014 and ending 6/25/2014, seconded by R. Coyle . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on 2015-2015 Budget**

S. Soby motioned to set the annual town meeting for Wednesday April 23, 2014 at 7pm at the Town Hall, seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**13. Citizen's Comments - none**

**14. First Selectman's Report**

Senior Center Negotiation Committee met on 4/2. It was an organizational meeting. Next step is the engineers report. Committee next meeting date set for May 15, 2014.

**15. Liaison Report**

D. Mizla gave a report on Youth and Social Services 4/2 meeting. QPR (Suicide Prevention Program) is on track. April Vacation Day trips have been planned, April 5<sup>th</sup> Community Cleanup day, and 6/14 Tie Dye Fest. Sergeant Suchecki spoke at the meeting about local businesses and selling drug paraphernalia. Other towns have tried to pass an ordinance against selling paraphernalia at stores unsuccessfully.

S. Soby gave a report on the Police Commission meeting. They are committed to working with the Board of Finance and providing any information necessary around the issue of 24/7 staffing and a plan to get there in a way that makes sense for the town and meets the safety needs of those in town.

Officer first class program - officers creating a facebook page to push out useful information to the community. Policy was approved by the police committee last meeting.

**16. Executive Session to Discuss Colchester Police Employee**

R. Coyle moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Colchester Police Employee and invited all members of the Police Commission and Chairmen of the Board of Finance, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Selectmen along with R. Tarlov, R. Parlee, E. Fusco, S. Caron, and F. Jackter entered into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

The Board exited from executive session at 8:07 p.m.

**17. Adjourn**

S. Soby moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., seconded by D. Mizla . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk