



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 17, 2014
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Paggioli, Dot Mrowka, Ryan Blessing, Cindy Praisner, Ron Goldstein, Jim Ford, Sam Tassone, Donald Phillips, Maggie Wasicki, Dani Swenson, Tricia Dean and other citizens

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MAYOR A. BRAY
TOWN CLERK

1. **Call to Order**
First Selectman G. Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:21 PM
2. **Additions to the Agenda - none**
3. **Approve Minutes of the April 3, 2014 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**
R. Coyle moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of April 3, 2014, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved with one abstention by M. Caplet MOTION CARRIED.
4. **Citizen's Comments-** East Hampton citizen commented on airplane air vapors
5. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
 - a. **Commission on Aging – Dani Swenson was interviewed**
6. **Budget Transfers - none**
7. **Tax Refunds & Rebates - none**
8. **Discussion and Possible Action to authorize the First Selectman to sign the Discovery Grant/Early Literacy Grant and the School Readiness Grant submission for the Collaborative for Colchester's**
C. Praisner shared that the funding will be used towards professional development , family development, and assistant to coordinator position funding. R. Coyle commented that the Kindergarten reading achievement presented was phenomenal.
R. Coyle moved to approve the Discovery/Early Literacy Grant and authorize First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S. Soby . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Praisner shared that funding will be used for preschool slot tuitions, monitoring visits, professional development , and child social skills as well as emotional skills.
R. Coyle moved to approve the School Readiness Grant submission and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by D. Mizla.. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
9. **Discussion and Possible Action to authorize the First Selectman to sign the grant award letter and all necessary documents for the Right Response CT Network Grant.**
R. Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the grant award letter and all necessary documents for the Right Response CT Network Grant, seconded by S. Soby . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action to award the Linwood Avenue Streetscape Improvements Project to Bid**
S. Soby moved to award the Linwood Avenue Streetscape Improvements project to Colonna Concrete & Asphalt Paving LLC, based on the modified scope of work as recommended by the Town Engineer and town staff, seconded by M. Caplet . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the John W. Sawchuk Catering and Concessions to operate the concession stand until 12/31/2016

M. Caplet moved to approve the John W. Sawchuk Catering and Concessions to operate the concession stand until December 31, 2016, seconded by D. Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the flying of the Donate for Life Flag from April 14-25

S. Soby moved to approve the flying of the Donate for Life Flag from April 14-25, 2014, seconded by R. Coyle . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

13. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the EMPG Grant and Region 4 MOA

D. Mizla asked if this contract renews every year, J. Paggioli said that it does.

S. Soby moved to resolve that the Town of Colchester Board of Selectmen enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; specifically the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Use of Federal Fiscal Year 2013 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and Custodial Ownership of Regional Assets in DEMHS Region 4, and authorize the First Selectman to sign all and any documents necessary to do so, seconded by R. Coyle, Unanimously approved with one abstention by M. Caplet. MOTION CARRIED.

R. Coyle moved to resolve that the Town of Colchester Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to sign the completed FY 2013 EMPG application package DESPP/DEMHS and to submit said package to the State of Connecticut DESPP/DEMHS offices, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved with one abstention by M. Caplet. MOTION CARRIED.

14. Discussion and Possible Action to approve the Small Cities Modification Agreement

M. Caplet moved to give the First Selectman, Gregg Schuster permission to sign the Modification Agreement as presented, seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

15. Discussion of Successor First Selectman

G. Schuster will be resigning but no letter or date has been given to the BOS yet. G. Schuster outlined the wording of the Town Charter regarding First Selectman Successor. R. Coyle discussed that she did not feel it was appropriate to discuss the appointment as there has not been a letter of intent by the First Selectman. G. Schuster stated that would like to what is in the best interest of The Town, and feels there is an obligation to let The Town know what will happen going forward. S. Soby indicated his interest and is willing to serve as Successor First Selectman.

16. Citizen's Comments

D. Mrowka stated that the "I Voted" stickers have arrived.
East Hampton resident reiterated her discussion on airplane vapors.

17. First Selectman's Report

Ethics Commission discussed the Ethics Code and has a request for an Advisory opinion.
Dollar General Store is in rapid construction.
Residence structure fire on O'Connell Road. An employee Firefighter/EMT was injured. G. Schuster hopes he makes a speedy recovery.

18. Liaison Report

D. Mizla – P&R - opening for an alternate member. Commission voted on Donate for life flag, and Rec Plex Concession stand. Field scheduling problems were discussed.
Conservation commission - Jordan Alley subdivision expired and owner will submit new application. Nova Electronics erosion of catch basins being addressed, Oakwood Drive washout and Cabin Rd lack of erosion and sediment controls.

R. Coyle – Commission on Aging – 31 new senior center members, many events and the seniors are happy.

S. Soby – Planning & Zoning – Preliminary application acceptance for new business and expanding business in town. Preliminary paper presentation on development of new project at four corners in Westchester.

19. Interviews for Acting Tax Collector

G, Schuster stated the Board of Selectmen met as a Personnel Search Committee. Applications have been reviewed and they have selected one individual, Don Phillips, to be interviewed. Donald Phillips was interviewed.

20. Executive Session to Discuss Acting Tax Collector Appointment

D. Mizla moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Acting Tax Collector Appointment, Seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

The Board of Selectmen entered into executive session at 8:31 pm
The Board exited from executive session at 8:32 pm

21. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Acting Tax Collector

M. Caplet moved to appoint Donald Phillips of 167 Halls Hill Road of Colchester as Acting Tax Collector, effective May 12, 2014 seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

22. Adjourn

R. Coyle moved to adjourn at 8:34 p.m., seconded by S. Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk