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**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Colchester Town Hall – 7:00 PM
Meeting Room 1**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Kurt Frantzen

OTHERS PRESENT: Dot Mrowka, Registrar, Tricia Dean Clerk, and other citizens

1. Call to Order

First Selectman S. Soby called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

S. Soby asked that the following item be added to the agenda as Item #5a.2 Open Space Commission, Theodore Fuini possible reappointment for a three year term to expire 3/31/2017; Remove Item #8, Discussion and possible action on dog policy during Park & Rec R8 events. Remaining agenda items to be renumbered accordingly.

D Mizla moved to approve the additions to the agenda as presented, seconded by B Curran. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approve Minutes of the November 6, 2014 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

D Mizla stated that Item #7F should read "seconded by B Curran" and strike D Mizla.

D Mizla moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of November 6, 2014 as amended, seconded by B Curran. Unanimously approved, abstention made by R Coyle. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments - None

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

a. Open Space Advisory Committee

1. William Hochholzer Possible Reappointment for a Three Year Term to expire 3/31/2017

R Coyle moved to reappoint William Hochholzer as a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee for a three year term to expire 3/31/2017, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. William Hochholzer was presented with a Town of Colchester pin, by S Soby, for his hard work and dedication to the Open Space Advisory Committee

2. Theodore Fuini Possible Reappointment for a Three Year Term to expire 3/31/2017

Theodore Fuini was not present

D Mizla moved to reappoint Theodore Fuini as a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee for a three year term to expire 3/31/2017, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Commission on Aging – Robert Gustafson Possible Reappointment for a Three Year Term to Expire 12/1/2017

R Coyle moved to reappoint Robert Gustafson as a member of the Commission on Aging for a three year term to expire 12/1/2017, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Robert Gustafson was presented with a Town of Colchester pin, by S Soby, for his hard work and dedication to the Commission on Aging.

c. Youth Services Advisory Board

1. Robert Suchecki Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2015 – not present

2. Elyse Gabel Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2017 – present
 3. Kathy Wonderly Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2017 – present
 4. Shirley Ellis Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2017 – not present
 5. Lorraine Marvin Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2016 – present
 6. Gina Ebbeling Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2016 – present
 7. Linda Bromley Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2015 – present
 8. Ginnie Streppa Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2016 – not present
 9. Josh Vinoski Possible Reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2016 – not present
- Recommendation letter by Valerie Geato, Director of Youth & Social Services, was read by D Mizla. (attached)

D Mizla moved to reappoint members number one through nine for terms listed, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
All members were presented with a Town of Colchester pin, by S Soby, for their hard work and dedication to the Youth Services Advisory Board.

10. Tricia Dean to be interviewed

Tricia Dean was interviewed

D Mizla moved to appoint Tricia Dean as a member to the Youth Services Advisory Board for a three year term to expire 12/1/2017, seconded by B Curran. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Budget Transfers

B Curran moved to approve the transfer for Fiscal year 2014/2015 Grounds Maintenance, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

B Curran moved to approve the transfer for Fiscal year 2014/2015 Facilities, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates

R Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$37.10 to Terry Wells, \$27.00 to Pamela Roberts, \$174.44 to Michelle Millington, \$87.34 to Toyota Financial Services, \$275.90 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, seconded by B Curran. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and Possible Action on East River Energy

D Mizla moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract with East River Energy for the purchase of unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel and heating oil for the contract period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on the Colchester Budget Priority Survey

Board of Selectmen members discussed parts of the survey and recommended changes. A unanimous agreement, of members present, was eliminating the section referring to AP classes at the high school. All members felt that it was an integral part of the academic curriculum. R Coyle suggested clarification on question #4, to add "mill rate" vs only "taxation rate". S Soby also expressed concern on the wording of question #7.

Discussion was tabled for the Tri-board committee to meet again and review recommended changes.
NO ACTION

10. Citizens Comments

D Mrowka, registrar, discussed election wrap up items. S Soby and D Mizla commended the registrars for their hard work and both joining together to get the job done.

11. First Selectman's Report

KX is still going forward. Lebanon will go to Willimantic and East Haddam looking at Valley Shore. Middlesex is still with us. Will continue working with delegation to get relief on debt and not be dependent on some towns. Also want to have a level playing field with state supports based on population and call volume; Health District met and discussed budget. The intent to hire a nurse is on hold until questioned budget items are addressed; Negotiating with Town Hall and Administrators Unions. Mediation with both by mutual agreement; First presentation was made to the BOF by the IT dept. head. BOF asked for each dept to give, in advance of budget crunch, anticipated future needs to possibly build into capital plan; J Paggioli did an energy conservation presentation at the BOF meeting. A copy of the energy savings will be distributed to the BOS; Attended the Community Foundation annual meeting. They are providing support to C3; Submitted the STEAP Grant for the Paper Mill Rd bridge; For project in vicinity of the Paper Mill project, the attorney that represents the property owner completed a grant application which the Town has submitted to the State for additional

funding support for that project.; 12/10 meeting agenda for Triboard will include Lockton @ 6, Tecton @ 7, then C3 budget presentation after the school building committee presentation.

12. Liaison Reports

D Mizla – Attended the BOE meeting, the farm to school initiative has started. In October all schools received Salem kale; Ken Jackson, Operations, was awarded a State of CT security grant, funds need to be used by mid-2015; Colchester was awarded the Education Communication Award. This included an honorable mention for the Town of Colchester. Colchester schools were awarded the District Budget award for Superintendents, and the website budget award. Strategic Plan is in progress, the focus groups met and the steering committee will collect the data. In April 2015 the BOE will be presented a draft of the plan.

B Curran – Economic Development met and revised the wording of the mission statement. J Ford will present a copy to the First Selectman when complete. A survey was conducted for business leads in the village area. An example of the banners going up on the streetscape was presented.

13. Adjourn

D Mizla moved to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., seconded by B Curran. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk



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November 20, 2014

Dear Selectmen,

I am pleased to recommend all of the people before you tonight as members of the Colchester Youth Services Advisory Board. It has been an honor to work with all of them, some for a few months and others throughout my entire 20 year career with the Town.

This group serves as the state mandated Advisory Board as well as the Local Prevention Council. They are charged with advising and making recommendations on overall policy and program direction for the Bureau as well as developing substance abuse prevention initiatives. They are committed to this very important cause and also provide an excellent example of community involvement and volunteerism to our youth.

Their commitment and dedication to Colchester youth and families should be commended and having each of them as part of our team makes us stronger and more effective as a whole.

Sincerely,

Valerie Geato

Director