



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 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 Rosemary Coyle

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman Kurt Frantzen

OTHERS PRESENT: M Cosgrove CFO, R Tarlov BOF, J Paggioli PW Director, Dot Mrowka Registrar, 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

S. Soby asked that the following item be added to the agenda as Item #11 Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Finance Survey, remaining agenda items to be renumbered accordingly.

S. Soby asked that Amendments be made to the following; 5b1, 2 and 5c to replace Chair and vice chair to members.

R Coyle moved to approve the addition to the agenda and amendments as presented, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approve Minutes of the November 20, 2014 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

D Mizla moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of November 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. Planning and Zoning Commission

1. Mark Noniewicz Possible Reappointment for a Three Year Term to expire 12/31/2017

D Mizla moved to reappoint Mark Noniewicz as a member on the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three year term to expire 12/31/2017, seconded by B Curran. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Mark Noniewicz was presented with a Town of Colchester pin, by S Soby, for his hard work and dedication to the commission.

2. Jason Tinelle Possible Reappointment for a Three Year Term to expire 12/31/2017

R Coyle moved to reappoint Jason Tinelle as an alternate member on the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three year term to expire 12/31/2017, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Agriculture Commission

1. Christopher Bourque Possible Reappointment for a Three Year Term to Expire 11/30/2017

R Coyle moved to reappoint Christopher Bourque as a member on the Agriculture Commission for a three year term to expire 11/30/2017, seconded by B Curran. 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

2. Allen Zimmerman Possible Reappointment for a Three Year Term to Expire 11/30/2017

R Coyle moved to reappoint Allen Zimmerman as a member on the Agriculture Commission for a three year term to expire 11/30/2017, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Allen Zimmerman was presented with a Town of Colchester pin, by S. Soby, for his hard work and dedication to the commission.

c. Housing Authority – Janet Labella Possible Reappointment for a Five Year Term to Expire 11/30/2019

R Coyle moved to reappoint Janet Labella as a member on the Housing Authority for a five year term to expire 11/30/2019, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Janet Labella was presented with a Town of Colchester pin, by S. Soby, for his hard work and dedication to the Commission.

d. Fair Rent Commission – Jack Faski resignation

R Coyle moved to accept Jack Faski's resignation from the Fair Rent Commission with regret, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

e. Possible Removal of Commission Members for Cause

S Soby advised the board that there are two members on two separate commissions that have attendance issues. Letters will be going out regarding removal so that the positions can be filled with an active participant.

6. Budget Transfers

S Soby noted the snow transfer would be removed from the block of transfers and voted on separately.

R Coyle moved to approve the block of budget transfers, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

R Coyle moved to approve the Snow Removal transfer for \$177,981 coming from unassigned fund balance, contingency, and various dept. budget line items contingent on approval from Town Meeting, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates

R Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$35.15 to Bruce Nickerson, \$12.27 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, seconded by B Curran. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Commission on Aging Bylaws

Bylaws need to be revised again and will be presented when suggestions and corrections have been made. The commission does have a minority representation issue but are still available to meet. Searching for regular and alternate positions to be filled. D Mizla recommended the possibility of the commission meeting in the evening vs morning to attract more members.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Setting Town Meeting for Snow Transfer FY 2013-2014

R Coyle moved to set the Town Meeting for the Snow Transfer FY 2013-2014 on December 18th at 7pm prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Joining a Municipal RFQ for Development of Gigabit Broadband Service

S Soby discussed that New Haven has taken the lead with the RFQ. The vendor will do fiber optic in place of wire. Internet speed would be at a higher rate and would benefit business users and consumers.

It is only to put together information and then receive cost, features and benefit analysis. There is no cost to the town to participate in the RFQ.

R Coyle moved to join the Municipal RFQ for Development of Gigabit Broadband Service, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

11. Board of Finance Survey

Discussion followed with reasoning behind tax increase question and if people can do the survey more than one time. BOF explained that they value the open ended comments. Final survey will be emailed once all three Boards weigh in. Planned go live date for the survey is slated for Jan 12th, with results tallied on Feb 2nd.

12. Citizens Comments - none

13. First Selectman's Report

Sat 12/6 Holiday Homecoming at 4:30pm, the museum will be open and the Colchester Orchestra will be performing at the Federated Church at 6:30pm; The CFO, Superintendent of Schools and the First Selectman met with Lockton for Health Insurance and prescription plan. Services are going well and some things than can be improved. Looking at getting the Health & Safety committee more involved; New business in town, Physician One Urgent Care. The town

and BOE employees and dependents will be able to use this facility as part of the insurance plan. S Soby will tour the facility on Monday 12/8; Colchester Sports Arena is moving forward, however at a different location than originally anticipated; P&Z closed the hearing on regulation changes and will start deliberations at their next meeting. Also, there is a new open space project coming to town.; Developers have requested to submit proposals to develop a new senior center. Computers have been purchased from the funds raised from the Golf Fundraiser last summer. Scout project for building room dividers has been completed. An anonymous donation has been made to the senior center to purchase an electronic bingo board.

14. Liaison Reports

D Mizla reported on the Youth Services Advisory Board – The group met on 12/3, the kitchen remodel has been Completed, Girls on Track is holding a toy drive for the Colchester Secret Santa initiative, Youth Action Council helped make baskets for the Food Bank.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Employee 457 plan

R. Coyle moved to enter into executive session to discuss employee 457 plan, seconded by D. Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

Entered into executive session at 7:53 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 7:56 p.m.

16. Adjourn

Rosemary Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., seconded by William Curran . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk