



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 5, 2015
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm**

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MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, and Selectman Kurt Frantzen via teleconference

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director J. Paggioli, Registrar of Voters D. Mrowka, T. Dean Clerk, and other citizens

1. Call to Order

First Selectman S. Soby called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

S. Soby asked that the following items be added to the agenda; Item #2.a. Recess to view the Board of Education presentation and resume meeting agenda upon completion of the BOE budget presentation, Item #5.b. Police Commission-Resignation of Frank Jackter, Item #14 Discussion and Possible Action on CGS §8-24 Review of WJMS/Senior Center Project, remaining items to be renumbered accordingly.

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

a. Recess to view the Board of Education presentation – recessed at 7:02 pm
Resume meeting at 8:00 pm

3. Approve Minutes of the February 19, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

D Mizla moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting minutes of February 19, 2015, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments –

Mrs. Alderman regarding outdoor wood furnaces (attached)

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

a. Fair Rent Commission – Resignation of Kimberley Russo

D Mizla moved to accept, with regret, the resignation of Kimberley Russo as member of the Fair Rent Commission, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

b. Police Commission - Resignation of Frank Jackter

R Coyle move to accept, with regret, the resignation of Frank Jackter as a member of the Police Commission, seconded by D Mizla. S Soby thanked Frank for his years of being an active and engaged member.

6. Budget Transfers - none

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates

R Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$4248.62 to Sheila Graham, \$104.37 to Daniel Henderson, \$10 to James Sr. & Carol Jacewicz, \$3008.09 to Single Source Property Solutions, \$107.69 to Amy Dipietro & Austin Roksan Dipietro, \$2442.55 to Katie Coleman, \$194.52 to Rhonda York, \$444.59 to Daniel & Rachel Mastronunzio, \$43.41 to David Cordova Jr., \$15.36 Rossi Law Offices LTD., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Outdoor Wood Furnaces

S Soby stated that the board has done quite a bit of research and they understand the issue. The board is empathetic to the concerns but as they read through the Energy and Environmental Protection language, as well as DEEP, their standards, experience, requirement, and enforcement process would be hard for the town to replicate. There are

currently 13 furnaces in town that do not have a complaint listed with Planning & Zoning. The board agreed in unison that the town does not have the expertise or enforcement available to monitor. The board thanked the Alderman's for bringing the topic to their attention and bringing awareness.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center Exercise and Sittercize Instructor Contract**
R Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the attached contract with Anne Beauregard, Exercise and Sittercize Instructor beginning 3/6/15 and ending 6/30/15, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center Zumba Gold Instructor Contract**
K Frantzen moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the attached contract with Donna Chalmers, Zumba Gold Instructor, beginning 3/6/2015 and ending 6/30/2015, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center Yoga Instructor Contract**
K Frantzen moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the attached contract with Susan McCaffrey, Yoga Instructor, beginning 3/6/2015 and ending 6/30/2015, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
12. **Discussion and Possible Action on Historic Preservation Grant**
R Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to designate Gayle Furman, Town Clerk as the agent for making the application for the Targeted Grant FY 2016 for the Historic Documents Preservation Program, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously Approved. MOTION CARRIED.
13. **Discussion and Possible Action on First Selectman Mailing**
D Mizla moved to approve the lease of a new Pitney Bowes mailing machine for the period May 1, 2015 through May 1, 2020 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously Approved. MOTION CARRIED.
14. **Discussion and Possible Action on CGS §8-24 Review of WJMS/Senior Center Project**
R Coyle moved to resolve that the Board of Selectmen refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Colchester the following project for a recommendation pursuant to the provisions of Section 8-24 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended: The William J. Johnston Middle School Project at the site of the existing William J. Johnston Middle School at 360 Norwich Avenue, including renovations and additions to the middle school, renovations to the Office of Pupil Services, and renovations to the existing gymnasiums, substantially as described in the "WJJ Middle School Study" dated February 5, 2015. The building committee established for the project shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project and to reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so modified or reduced. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, testing and permitting costs, relocation costs, demolition and installation costs, equipment, furnishings and fixtures, materials, land and easement acquisition, site improvements, utilities, engineering fees, management costs and fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing, seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously Approved. MOTION CARRIED.
15. **Discussion and Possible Action on 2015-2016**
S Soby reported that the presentation went well. Funds have been put away to maintain effort on capital improvements and roads so that we don't slide behind. Department heads did a good job along the way by presenting ahead to the Board of Finance. The higher level presentation was a good review. K Frantzen mentioned that a graph showing over the last 15-20 years on the number of personnel that are employed by the town might benefit the public understanding. Starting on the 9th of March there will be a public hearing and Board of Finance workshops. If there are adjustments to be made to the proposed budget it will be ready by the 18th at the next Board of Finance meeting.
16. **Citizen Comments**
D Mrowka, registrar, mentioned that both registrars will be going to the hearing for GAE, looking for Town Clerks and Selectmen to send a letter opposing the one appointed registrar in a proposed bill. S Soby has submitted the letter. R Coyle commented that this is a radical changed based on one specific issue and location.

R Coyle moved that Colchester Board of Selectmen oppose the one appointed registrar in the proposed bill, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously Approved. MOTION CARRIED.
17. **First Selectman's Report**
Crews continue to do amazing work with the snow; Department heads did a great job on the budget process, particularly Maggie Cosgrove and Tricia Dean for putting together the budget book; Food Hub and United Way have grant funding

for a feasibility study. Advisors have done forty food hubs across the country since 2009. School café facility can do distribution on a decentralized basis. Real potential and see what they come up with in terms of feasibility; Generosity of people is amazing, Freezin for a Reason collected \$10,600. That was the highest collection since they started. Raised \$42,000 in six years.

18. Liaison Reports

D Mizla reported on Park & Recreation – no egg hunt for dogs in April, will incorporate it in the Pet Expo on May 3rd. Discussion came up regarding dogs at the park and rec field R8, since there are only six football games it would make it difficult to post and enforce. Summer concerts on the green have been scheduled for every Thursday, July 2nd through the 30th; Youth Services Advisory Board – Community Conversation will take place 3/25 to discuss opiates for parents and grade 6-12th students at Bacon. Summer Palooza will be June 13th.

R Coyle reported on Commission on Aging – Special meeting to discuss strategies to get their message out. No quorum. Will have a series of letters in the Rivereast; Building Committee – Planning an outreach program to get the message out, will finalize at the next meeting. Tours at WJJMS to be conducted for the public, a virtual tour will be available as well online.

19. Discussion and Possible Action on Tentative Agreement

R Coyle moved to approve the tentative agreement for Local 1303-254 of Council 34, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

24. Adjourn

D Mizla moved to adjourn at 9:07 p.m., seconded by K Frantzen. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

March 4, 2015

Mr. Soby and the Board of Selectman,

Some points regarding our request to ban Outdoor Wood Burning Furnaces:

We are asking only to ban new furnaces not close down existing furnaces.

The minutes from the last meeting state that we are asking to ban OWF because of the effect they have had on our health. This is certainly true but they are bad for everyone's health and harmful to the environment. There are emails constantly to Environmental and Human Health in New Haven about the hazards of living in range of these burning appliances.

Lastly there seems to be questions regarding this issue. Is there anyway we can help by providing or finding answers.

Thank you,

Neal and Dorothy Alderman
106 West Rd.

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Town of Haddam, CT
Middlesex County

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6 results for: Wood burning furnaces

Chapter 270: ZONING

Code	Relevance
<p>270-7{75} OUTDOOR WOOD-BURNING FURNACE</p> <p>... or other means, through the burning of wood or solid waste, for heating ... water. "Outdoor wood-burning furnace" does not include a fire pit, ... uses: Outdoor wood-burning furnaces are prohibited in all zones ...</p> <p>ZONING > Definitions and Word Usage > Definitions.</p>	<p>burning 1</p> <p>furnace 2</p> <p>furnaces 1</p> <p>wood 1</p>

Banned since 12-1-2007