



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 3, 2015  
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Denise Mizla, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman John Jones, and Selectman Stan Soby

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Public Works Director J Paggioli, Town Clerk G Furman, Registrar D Mrowka, Engineer S Tassone, BOF Rob Tarlov, CFO M Cosgrove, K Frantzen, C Bourque, D Wasniewski, Clerk T. Dean, and other citizens.

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda - none**

**3. Approve Minutes of the November 18, 2015 Tri-Board Meeting**

J Jones moved to approve the Tri-Board meeting minutes of November 18, 2015, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**4. Approve Minutes of the November 19, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**

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

**5. Citizen's Comments**

K Frantzen regarding candidate for Town Planner. Expressed that it's unfortunate that the process has been lengthy and he encourages the Board to actively explore another applicant in a timely fashion. D Wasniewski regarding Town Planner and encouraged the Board to look at a candidate that has more applicable rural and small town experience. O Duksa stated that farmers help balance taxes vs services, and to consider when selecting a planner the cost of services. C Bourque stated some of the concerns expressed is the process of openness in the community. S Soby explained the process of interviewing for a Dept. Head.

**6. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**

**a. Zoning Board of Appeals**

**1. Bob Setschinsky possible reappointment for a five year term to expire 12/31/2020**

S Soby moved to reappoint Bob Setschinsky to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire 12/31/2020, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**2. Jason Radachy possible reappointment for a five year term to expire 12/31/2020**

D Mizla moved to reappoint Jason Radachy to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire 12/31/2020, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**b. Commission on Aging**

**1. Rose Levine possible reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/31/2018**

R Coyle moved to reappoint Rose Levine to the Commission on Aging for a three year term to expire 12/1/2018, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**c. Agriculture Commission – Olivia Duksa possible reappointment for a three year term to expire 11/30/2018**

S Soby raised the concern of O Duksa's past attendance to commission meetings and the future status of attending meetings on a regular basis. O Duksa responded that she is not in a position that she can regularly attend meetings.

R Coyle moved to reappoint O Duksa to the Agriculture Commission for a three year term to expire 11/30/2018, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**d. Planning & Zoning Commission – John Novak possible reappointment for a three year term to expire 12/1/2018**

S Soby moved to reappoint J Novak to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three year term to expire 12/1/2018, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**e. Ethics Commission – Charles Logan possible reappointment for a three year term to expire 11/1/2018**

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J Jones moved to reappoint Charles Logan to the Ethics Commission for a three year term to expire 11/1/2018, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

- f. **Economic Development Commission – Stacey Brown to be interviewed** – was interviewed  
S Soby moved to appoint Stacey Brown to the Economic Development Commission for a five year term to expire 10/31/2020, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**7. Budget Transfers**

S Soby moved to approve the block of transfers for 2014-2015, excluding snow removal, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

S Soby moved to approve all transfers relating to snow for the 2014-2015 year, pending setting Town Meeting and approval at town meeting, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Tax Refunds & Rebates**

S Soby moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$133.79 to Shawn Hawkes, \$8.12 to Rosemary and Barbara Bosse, \$67.67 to Jeffrey Space, and \$43.00 to Ann Copleland, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**9. Interview of Janell Mullen for Town Planner – withdrew application**

**10. Discussion on Charter Review Recommendations**

Gregg LePage not present.

R Coyle moved to postpone discussion until Charter Review Chairperson G LePage is present, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Agreement with East Hampton Concerning Private Duty Police Assignments**

R Coyle asked if there is a fiscal impact to the town or is it being paid by a contractor. M Cosgrove and J Paggioli explained how the program works currently for Special Assignments and how this will also work the same. The Board identified some errors in the contract that need to be fixed regarding spelling and descriptions.

S Soby moved to approve the agreement between the Town of Colchester and Town of East Hampton concerning Private Duty Police Assignments, with the revisions suggested, and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**12. Discussion and Possible Action on Homeland Security Grant Program MOA**

D Mizla moved to approve the Homeland Security Grant Program Memorandum of Agreement FY 2015 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**13. Discussion and Possible Action on Setting Town Meeting for Snow Transfer FY 2014-2015**

R Coyle moved to schedule a Town Meeting for 2014-2015 snow transfers for December 17, 2015 at 7pm, prior to the Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by John Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**14. Discussion on Senior Center Building**

Meeting on 12/9 to review financial piece and have an executive session. The group was contacted by CCSU students as part of a project, which they chose Colchester to do a Senior Center building plan from start to finish. The students will attend a future meeting. S Tassone explained the program the students are doing as part of a Capstone project. S Soby indicated that this is a wonderful opportunity for the students as a learning tool, as well as the town to get information at no cost to the town.

**15. Citizen's Comments**

D Mrowka regarding the remains at the Airline trail. A Shilosky reiterated that the remains were found on the East Hampton side not Colchester.

D Wasniewski stated that he feels O Duksa will be a continuing asset to the Agriculture Commission, especially in regards to equestrian facilities.

**16. First Selectman's Report**

Norton Mill was found to have asbestos and pvc's, clean-up will be more than expected. Working on grants and with the family to keep moving the project forward. J Paggioli stated that costs need to be solidified, and phase two would be finalized today. The original bid was under the assumption that the site would have no issues. A new RFP will be reissued; The property owners at the previous Jack Chevy are in negotiations for purchase by Rite Aid; No right turn on

red at 16 & 85 is being reviewed by the DOT per the town request, to recommend installing a right turn on green arrow that will coincide with the left turn arrow on 85.

**17. Liaison Reports**

D Mizla reported on Youth Advisory Board – Two more Community Conversations program coming up in Feb and May. Inishmor fundraiser raised \$950 from food, \$100 in donations and Inishmor donated an extra \$400. Discussed a 5K run as a fundraiser. Raising funds to purchase a new van for Youth Services.

R Coyle reported on Triboard off season budget communications – Introductory letter going in paper next week on the budget process. Topics to include self-insurance, declining enrollment, fire department and maintenance budget. Will be using a large letter to the editor box from BOE and FS. Hard copies of information will be available at Town Offices. This group will not be dealing with budget numbers, only the topics.

J Jones reported on the Ethics Commission – Doing a wonderful job as a group. Discussion on policies for being fully compliant, hearing process and recreation of forms. Finalizing for the 12/19 meeting and will go to the BOS to present policies for approval. S Soby questioned if they were using the uniform procedures as outlined in State Statutes. J Jones stated that yes they were.

**18. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Issues**

R Coyle moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 8:12 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 8:38 p.m.

**19. Adjourn**

S Soby moved to adjourn at 8:38 p.m., seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk