



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Agenda  
Regular Meeting @ 7 PM  
Thursday, September 3, 2015  
Colchester Town Hall  
Meeting Room 1**

2015 SEP -9 AM 11:53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** First Selectman Soby, Rosemary Coyle, Denise Mizla, Kurt Frantzen, John Reever

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Board of Finance Members: Rob Tarlov, Art Shilosky; Registrar of Voters Dot Mrowka, Citizens: Eleanor Phillips, John Jones, Gary Sidell, RoseMarie Bagioni, Matthew Trant, David Wasniewski, and additional citizens

1. **Call to Order**  
First Selectman Soby called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Additions to the Agenda:** K. Frantzen motioned to amend agenda adding Discussion and Possible Action on Ricoh USA Lease as agenda item 10 and Discussion and Possible Action on Recognition for a Former Town Official as agenda item 14. amending agenda accordingly, seconded by D. Mizla. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Approve Minutes of the August 17, 2015 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
D. Mizla moved to approve the Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of August 17, 2015, seconded by R. Coyle. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED**
4. **Approve Minutes of the August 20, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
K. Frantzen moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of August 20, 2015, seconded by R. Coyle. J. Reever said his name was spelt incorrectly in item 20. K. Frantzen amended his motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2015 Regular Meeting reflecting the change, seconded by R. Coyle. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED**
5. **Approve Minutes of the August 28, 2015 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
D. Mizla moved to approve the Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of August 28, 2015, seconded by R. Coyle. Vote was unanimous with J. Reever and K. Frantzen abstaining. **MOTION CARRIED**
6. **Citizen's Comments:** Eleanor Phillips shared TVCCA pamphlets with members. A citizen's suggested high school be done through the internet the way some colleges do resulting in the need for less buildings.
7. **Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments and Resignations**
  - a. **Blight Ordinance Task Force:**
    1. **RoseMarie Bagioni to be interviewed:** Interview was held.

**2. Matthew Trant to be interviewed:** Interview was held.

**b. Commission on Aging**

- 1. Possible appointment for a three year term to expire 12/31/2016:** R. Coyle motioned to appoint Eleanor Phillips to the Commission on Aging to fill the remainder of a three year term to expire 12/31/2016, seconded by D. Mizla. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 2. Possible appointment as an alternate for a three year term to expire 12/31/2016:** K. Frantzen motioned to appoint Marjorie Mlodzinski to the Commission on Agendas an alternate to fill the remainder of a three year term to expire 12/31/2016, seconded by R. Coyle. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. Budget Transfers:** None

- 9. Tax Refunds & Rebates:** R Coyle moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$10.63 to Rossi Law Offices, \$54.90 to Mark or Gail Baxter, \$162.02 to Mary Federico, \$126.60 to Dennis Hertzog, \$21.19 to Country Services, \$6.30 to Christian Life Chapel, \$13.23 to Richard Haesche, \$77.58 to Lisa Piktelis, \$11.96 to Daniel Foley, \$579.63 to Honda Lease Trust, \$52.47 to Megan or Larry Floyd, \$267.80 to Kyle Long, \$2045.54 to Semkow Farms, \$108.21 to Jean or William Quinlan, \$177.18 to Dale Kaye, \$15.35 to Diane Young, \$36.94 to Patricia Smith, \$20.70 to Mark or Margret Pilluck, \$8.40 to Peter or Waneta Lenk, \$50.91 to Warren 3rd or Linda Bristol, \$12.43 to Rolf Larsen, \$18.00 to Scott Lesinski or SDL Productions, \$5.50 to Daryl or Cheryl Rockwell, \$60.42 to Jason Perra, \$2339.30 to Henry & Beth Alves, \$135.41 to James or Holly Fischer, \$85.11 to Floyd Otka, \$56.66 to Rossi Law Offices, \$122.59 to Doreen Stanulonis, \$30.48 to Bartlett Enterprises, \$185.54 to Oscar or Lucia Ferland, \$18.24 to Donald or Winifred Standish, \$1003.19 to Priya Tandon, \$225.61 to Michael Morrell, and \$14.31 to Rossi Law Offices, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. **MOTION CARRIED**
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action on Ricoh USA Lease:** K. Frantzen motioned to approve the lease agreement with Ricoh USA and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents related to the agreement, seconded by D. Mizla. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 11. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Communication Sub-Committees:** Members will remain on the subcommittee they were previously on. There was agreement that the survey should only need some minor changes, if any.
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action on Blight Ordinance Task Force Charge:** Members receive a draft of the Blight Ordinance draft to review. R. Coyle said an appeal process should be added. First Selectman Soby will be working on the wording for this.
- 13. Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center Building Project Sub-Committee:** R. Coyle drafted a statement of support for the Senior Center building project. Members reviewed the draft and made minor changes. K. Frantzen motioned to accept the statement as amended and establish a Senior Center Building Project subcommittee,, seconded by R. Coyle and First Selectman Soby requested they be part of the Senior Center subcommittee. (Statement attached as amended)
- 14. Discussion and Possible Action on Recognition for a Former Town Official:**  
First Selectman Soby said he was approached about recognizing Jenny Contois, an elected official that served as First Selectman for 15 years and served the town in various other capacities for years prior to that. He feels it would be appropriate to show appreciation to Ms. Contois by naming the meeting rooms at Town Hall after her. Members discussed the many ways in which she served the town and its citizens. R. Coyle motioned to officially name the rooms in honor of Ms. Contios, seconded by D. Mizla. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** A dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- 15. Citizen's Comments:** A citizen asked for clarification on the terms for the Commission on Aging members appointed previously in the meeting. He also commented on building groups of homes with

common space areas, taxing people for services they receive as a way to deal with "squatting" , and modernizing education.

16. **First Selectman's Report:** Environmental testing has begun on the Mill project. The search for a Town Planner continues. The Animal Control Officer is on limited duty and is receiving help from Hebron. A dog that had been in the shelter for quite some time was recently adopted. He met with Eversource regarding a grant that would allow lighting fixtures at the Senior Center to be replaced. There is a light bulb swap that Eversource will do at an event in Colchester, perhaps the Farmer's Market. Pedestrian safety near the Youth Center is being worked on. There have been developers that are interested in being involved with a build/lease option for the Senior Center. All options are being considered. No agreement has been reached in collective bargaining with KX. Interviews for a Blight Task Force are still being held but meanwhile issues are still being addressed. Police are working on speed enforcement. There is interest in some commercial property and housing development in town. There is a grant through SCOG that could be used for reconstruction of Halls Hill Road.
  
17. **Liaison Reports:** K. Frantzen reported that Ethics Commission met and needs to work on getting paperwork in on time. D. Mizla reported that Youth Services had their meeting Wednesday night. Their Summer Kickoff raised \$500. They will do it again at the end of this school year. They will be holding 3 community conversations and a mock car crash. On November 5th Inishmore will hold a fundraiser with 25% of the profit going to Youth Services. They have also volunteered to help in sprucing up the outside of the Youth Center. First Selectman Soby reported that there will be a fundraiser at Sweet Frog to benefit the Senior Center on Thursday, September 10th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
  
18. **Adjourn:** R. Coyle motioned to adjourn, seconded by D. Mizla. Vote was unanimous. **MOTION CARRIED.** First Selectman Soby adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Submitted by,

Dawn LePage, Clerk

The Board of Selectman recognizes that we have a growing senior population in Colchester. With a change in demographics come additional requirements to meet the needs of seniors as well as the population of our community as a whole.

To do what is in the best interest of seniors as well as the Town of Colchester in the future, the Board of Selectman is committed to the following:

- Establishing a subcommittee consisting of two members each of the Board of Selectman, Board of Finance, and the Commission on Aging to define a suitable location for a new Senior Center as well as program specifications. The Director of Senior Services will staff the subcommittee.
- Developing a new Senior Center facility
- Keeping the public and respective boards apprised of developments and progress through this process

Members:

Board of Selectmen: Rosemary Coyle, Stan Soby

Board of Finance: Tom Kane, Art Shilosky

Commission on Aging: TBD

Director of Senior Services: Patty Watts

Approved BOS: 9/3/15