



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

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Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 17, 2016  
Colchester Town Hall @7pm

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Selectman John Jones

**OTHERS PRESENT:** PW Director J Paggioli, Registrar D Mrowka, TC M Wyatt, TC G Furman, R Wah, R Brigandi and Clerk T. Dean

**1. Call to Order**

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

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

**3. Citizen's Comments - none**

**4. Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approve Minutes of the November 3, 2016 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**
- 2. Commission on Aging – Eleanor Phillips possible reappointment for a three-year term to expire on 12/31/2019**

S Soby moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**5. Approve Minutes of the November 1, Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**

S Soby moved to approve the Special Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of November 1, 2016, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**6. Discussion and Possible Appointment of Dean Hunniford as Tree Warden for a one-year term to expire on 11/17/2017**

S Soby moved to appoint Dean Hunniford as Tree Warden for a one-year term to expire on 11/17/2017, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**7. Budget Transfers - none**

**8. Presentation on CHVFC Tax Exemption by David Barnes and David Martin**

D Martin presented information on active members and the impact on potential qualified tax abatement members. Stats included current life members and years of service, along with call response rate and training requirements. Outlined a capsulized look at the financial impact of potential abatements. S Soby stated the impact of future financials is far less than any paid staffing. Discussion on projection on an outside number if all inactive, 25 plus year members and what that figure would look like and potential obligation would be down the road. D Martin stated that this new addition to the abatement would not be grandfathered in to past life members and also would not be retro-active. A Shilosky stated this will go on the next agenda for possible action.

**9. Discussion and Possible Action on Assistant Tax Collector Certified & Non-Certified Job Description**

M Wyatt stated there is an opening for an Assistant Tax Collector due to a recent vacancy. Added areas to the job description that were not part of the previous job descriptions, due to needing two people for some functions for security purposes. Union approved the changes, with one recommendation to eliminate the every Thursday night hours to allow flexibility, they would like it back to the original schedule. R Coyle suggested the wording to change from "may" to "shall be responsible for covering late office hours.

S Soby moved to accept the recommended changes to the non-certified and certified Assistant Tax Collector job descriptions, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**10. Update on Fire House Mold Remediation**

PW Director J Paggioli gave the Board an update on the condition of the Fire House. There was more mold than was anticipated. Board of Finance has authorized the expenditure to complete the project. Not completing the additional work required would be problematic.

S Soby moved in accordance with section 4.1 of the Budget Transfer Procedures Use of Capital Reserve Fund, that the Board of Selectmen, has authorized expenditure of \$75,000 of the Building and Grounds Reserve Fund for use to complete the mold remediation and restoration work at the Fire Department Company One Building and incorporated that amount along with the existing Capital Funds to complete all work required; The Board of Selectmen authorize the First Selectman to enter into a contract with American Integrity Restoration, LLC for the work outlined in RFP 2016-15, as amended, for the amount of \$190,062 and to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

**11. Discussion and Possible Action on Re-Sending Blight Ordinance to Town Meeting**

A Shilosky stated that there needs to be a Public Hearing before a Town Hall Meeting is scheduled.

R Coyle moved to rescind the motion to send the Blight Ordinance to Town Meeting made at 11/3/2016 BOS meeting, and send the Blight Ordinance, per Charter, to a Public Hearing, then to the Board of Selectmen for action for sending Blight Ordinance to Town Meeting, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**12. Citizens Comments - none**

**13. First Selectman's Report**

A Shilosky stated that the Fire Dept. received a donation from the Colchester Hayward Fire Company for \$8475 to be used towards a Chest Compression Unit. The Fire Dept. has been raising funds to purchase one, and have collected \$6,083. The new unit costs \$15,018, therefore A Shilosky has authorized an expenditure of \$460 from Capital Reserve to complete the purchase of the Chest Compression Unit. The Colchester Garden Club has received a grant to be used towards improvements of existing projects. Building Dept. October revenue in permits are \$32,270, which is 75% of the budgeted revenue. Most of the increase is due to single home construction.

**14. Liaison Reports**

R Coyle reported on Chatham Health – focusing on health insurance to lower costs significantly, starting for the next budget. State funding in grants being cut, no lead program grant being received.

S Soby reported on the Health District – Fiscal Accountability Report shows a 1.3 billion deficit, most coming from agency budget reduction options, proposal is on their website. Personnel count is down between attrition, layoffs, and retirements. There will be potential impact in our budget process. Health District and Health District consolidation in discussions to look at direction and alternatives. S Soby stated that every time they regionalize, the regions don't fall in line. R Coyle spoke in favor of the new Health District Director.

D Mizla reported on Charter Revision – reviewed town departments and the current list is not up to date. Looking at the section that speaks to consolidation of former borough, that could be eliminated. Discussed items in the charter that can be taken out and made into an ordinance, one being the Sewer and Water Commission. Would need to pass the charter first with the removal and then ordinance.

Board of Education – Contois family asked that the re-naming of CES be withdrawn. The Board voted unanimously to leave the name CES as is. Spring 2018 NEAC will visit schools for accreditation. Ten students from Norwich are currently registered at Bacon Academy. Plan for distribution of Norwich students revenue from tuition being discussed.

**15. Adjourn**

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk