



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Immediately following Commission Chairmen Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 2016
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director J Paggioli, BOF R Esteve, Engineer S Tassone, R Benson, Registrar D Mrowka, D Wasniewski, K Nielson, C Borque, D Henderson, Clerk T. Dean, and other citizens.

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TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order

First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

A Shilosky asked that the following be deleted on the agenda #9 Discussion and Possible Action on the Recreation Park Improvement Fund and add #9 Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Finance Facebook page. S Soby asked that the following be added to the agenda #6.e. Discussion and Possible Action on appointment of Karen Godbout to Planning & Zoning Commission.

S Soby moved to approve the deletion and additions as presented, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. Approve Minutes of the January 7, 2016 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

D Mizla moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 7, 2016, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments

D Wasniewski announced that the coordinator of Farm to School program will conduct a community input event for the project. Also asked about public questions being posed to Town Planner position applicants.

5. Town Planner Interviews

1. Kerry Nielson was interviewed
2. Randall Benson was interviewed

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

a. Cable Advisory Board – Merja Lehtinen possible reappointment for a five-year term to expire 1/21/2021

D Mizla moved to reappoint Merja Lehtinen to the Cable Advisory Board for a five-year term to expire 1/21/2021, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Planning & Zoning Commission – Beverly Seeley to be interviewed – was interviewed

c. Open Space Commission – Linda Grzeika to be interviewed – was interviewed

d. Charter Revision Commission

1. Betty Wagner to be interviewed – was interviewed
2. Daniel Henderson to be interviewed – was interviewed
3. Don Phillips to be interviewed – was interviewed

e. Discussion and Possible Action on appointment of Karen Godbout to Planning & Zoning Commission

S Soby moved to appoint Karen Godbout as an alternate member to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a three-year term to expire 12/31/2017, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Budget Transfers - none

8. Tax Refunds & Rebates

S Soby moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$66.88 to Jacob Kniska, \$630.27 to ARI Fleet LT, \$4257.19 to John Bochain & Veronica Ballass, and \$960.18 to Core Plus Federal Credit Union, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Finance Facebook Page

BOF R Esteve explained that the Budget Season Subcommittee discussed how to communicate the budget and let residents get engaged into the process. Looking for a main venue on social media to consolidate budget information and questions. R Coyle asked who will administer the page? R Esteve said a member of the Board of Finance and they will follow the Town Social Media Policy. Most of the information disseminated will link back to the town website. S Soby stated the policy states one member from the BOE, BOF and the Selectman will be administrators of the page.

R Coyle moved to approve the creation of a Board of Finance Facebook page, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Senior Center

R Coyle stated that the CCSU students were on break and didn't come to the meeting. Next meeting moved to Feb 3rd and they will look at the other property that abuts Town Hall.

11. Citizen's Comments – B Seeley asked if the information on the BOF FB page will be the same info as on the town website. S Soby stated that the info in terms of budget documents, mill rate, and budget dates will have a link back to the town website.

12. First Selectman's Report

Last year's Police contract is at counsel for review; Construction Manager contract for WJMS project is at counsel for review; Developer looking at land across from Goldilocks is being discussed; Family Pizza, Gannos, and Reliable Oil donated \$4,000 to the Food Bank and Fuel Bank; Largest fee collection this past December since many years ago; Construction will be busy this year; Board of Finance had the Fire Dept. do a presentation at their last meeting. Also discussed taking any snow budget surplus and putting it in reserve.

13. Liaison Reports

J Jones reported on Friends of Cragin – moved future meetings to 5:30pm to accommodate J Jones. Conservation – Final report on Tony's Junkyard, tires cleaned up. Discussed putting a new drainage pipe in a farming part of a business.

R Coyle reported on Open Space - \$35,000 from Park Place sub division. Applying for Open Space grant. Goal is to connect the Greenways. Commission on Aging – report attached.

S Soby reported on Zoning Board of Appeals – last meeting they had a good, thorough discussion of all issues with chickens and acreage limitations. Planning & Zoning – anticipating a significant amount of activity in the pipeline. ZEO activities – some changes in court, not getting as much assistance. Trying to move process along to get assistance.

14. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Issue

S Soby moved to enter into executive session to discuss a Personnel Issue, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 9:52 p.m.
Exited from executive session at 10:12 p.m.

17. Adjourn

S Soby moved to adjourn at 10:13 p.m., seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment: Commission on Aging Report

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

COA Meeting-January 11, 2016

Total for fundraising efforts for 2015=\$13,871.90 *(More than double from previous year)*

Inclement Weather Policy reviewed

"Training Wheels are off.." MSC only data tracking. No more paper copies of attendance.
Cost savings

Schedule: will be close 1/18 in observance of MLK Jr. Day

Great reviews for Rob Zappulla for New Year's Brunch & Bash (Sinatra Music)

New CSC Intern, Rachel Girouard will be starting tomorrow, working approximately 16 hours per week for a total of 180 hour internship for Goodwin College

Energy Assistance Programs continue-Donna now working with clients who heat with electricity

Working on FY 2017 budget *(Req. esting part-time Transportation Coordinator)
20 hrs/wk + back-up driver*

Programs:

- 1/6-Understanding Your Tablet
- 1/7-Make 'em Laugh Luncheon
- 1/11-Explore Plant-Based Eating in the New Year
- 1/13-Preparing Your Estate Plan with rep from Edward Jones
- 1/15-SHARE Bereavement Group (Support, Healing, Acceptance, Resources & Energy) *(1x/mo)*
- 1/15-AARP Smart Driver Course
- 1/21-"Colchester Comedy Club" with David Shikes
- 1/22-Protect Yourself from Invisible Dangers in Your Home (radon/CO) Chatham Health
- 2/3-Sex after 75
- 2/8-Chinese New Year Celebration

Upcoming Trips:

- Maple Sugar Madness 3/22
- One Slight Hitch at Newport Playhouse 4/11
- Will & Anthony from Broadway to Italy at the Aquaturf 5/24
- Ogunquit, ME overnight trip 6/1-3
- No-Fly Cruise to Bermuda 5/29-6/5
- Treasures of Northern California 9/5-13
- Tropical Costa Rica 11/5-11/13

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Monthly Transports in December: 1006
- Monthly Attendance in December: 1051 in 22 days
- Meals served in December: Bistro & Special Meals: 143 Community Café: 127 MOW: 624
- Active membership- 894