



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 7, 2016
Colchester Town Hall @ 7PM**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Public Works Director J Paggioli, BOF R Tarlov, Assessor J Chaponis, Tax Collector M Wyatt, Town Clerk G Furman, S Schuster, Registrar D Mrowka, D Wasniewski, Clerk T. Dean, and other citizens

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R. COYLE
TOWN CLERK

1. Call to Order

First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

A Shilosky asked that the following to be added to the agenda #13 Discussion of Norton Mill Project, renumbering remaining items accordingly.

S Soby moved to approve the addition and reorder as presented, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. Approve Minutes of the December 17, 2015 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

R Coyle corrected #11, 4th sentence, change to Last year they went to each home and inspected each household to assess. Correction on #19, spelling of Ihorn to Einhorn.

J Jones moved to approve the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of December 17, 2015, as amended, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

4. Citizen's Comments - none

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

a. **Planning & Zoning Commission – Karen Godbout to be interviewed – was interviewed**

b. **TVCCA – Eleanor Phillips possible reappointment for a one year term to expire 1/7/2017**

R Coyle moved to reappoint Eleanor Phillips to the TVCCA for a one year term to expire 1/7/2017, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

c. **Charter Revision Commission**

1. **Sheila Tortorigi to be interviewed – was interviewed**

2. **Gregg LePage to be interviewed – was interviewed**

6. Budget Transfers - none

7. Tax Refunds & Rebates

S Soby moved to approve tax refunds in the amount of \$199.94 to Cathy Powers, \$29.00 to Eric Furphy, \$454.82 to CAB East LLC, \$537.38 to ACAR Leasing LTD, \$36.51 to Robert or Melissa Boucher, \$62.77 Janet Bellarosa, and \$941.90 to Hyundai Lease Tiltling Trust, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion on Charter Review Recommendations

G LePage went over the questions that were from ordinances the commission thought could be changed or eliminated. Chapter 67 – Food Service Establishments – S Soby recommends that a revision be done and include a reference to the Health District. Less laborious to revise an ordinance vs eliminate and potentially need to bring it back. Chapter 90 – Officers and Employees – References social security old age survivor fund. It's a verbatim of other ordinances and is redundant. Chapter 120-Solid Waste Article I – First part no longer applicable. Amend to reference current practice. Chapter 120-Solid Waste Article II Recycling– Amend to reference current practice Chapter 120-Sold Waste Article II Recycling Penalties – No change to penalties. S Soby suggested to look at revising penalties.

Chapter 136-Town Center Strategic Plan- POCD currently governs the village district in zoning regulations. Chapter 77 - Housing Partnership – 1988 approved to participate in Housing Partnership, however couldn't find any record going forward to correlate. S Soby suggested to touch base with Maggie Wasicki in Finance regarding this possibly falling under Small Cities Grants.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Tax Exemption for Real & Personal Property

Legal counsel memo stated that the town does not have the authority to enforce this exemption. NO ACTION

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Tecton Agreement

S Soby moved to approve the contract with Tecton and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 'Disposition of Building Applications upon Delinquent Taxes' Ordinance

S Soby moved to table the discussion until legal counsel review has been submitted, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Discussion and Senior Center Building – no update

13. Discussion on Norton Mill Project

J Paggioli reissued the RFP based on Phase 2 environmental plan. Sections to include; 1)Demolition, 2)20,000gallon underground tank leaking petro contaminated soil, 3)Spread material for cap, 4)soil price per cubic yard. It's an 'ala carte menu' of what is to be awarded. Final remediation above the current grant amount. Would need to go out and look for additional funding. 9 bids received. R Coyle asked if only 1 and 2 items were done, how does that leave the property? J Paggioli stated that the structure would be removed, foundation would be bare of anything above floor level, materials uncontaminated into small particles and stock piled for eventual cap, and floor level stabilized for a site that nature conservancy can have work in for dam and dredging. S Soby noted that Brownfields grant may be able to be revisited since now it's in the remediation stage and would qualify. J Wertham at Shipman, said the procedure going forward is to have a meeting with the owners to explain the process of due diligence period and that ends on Tuesday 1/12. The town's option to complete due diligence or not because of what was found. If the town chooses to continue it would go to the Board of Selectmen and then to Town meeting. This however does not obligate the town to the second step. Board still has another opportunity to discuss final purchase after moving ahead with this phase. All Board members were in agreement in proceeding.

14. Citizen's Comments – D Wasniewski stated that if the town needs more time, the Nature Conservatory did apply successfully for a grant. He cautioned on environmental remediation. S Soby stated that it was a good point and should be addressed with counsel.

15. First Selectman's Report

No applications for IT position; Five applications for Town planner, position closed on 1/8; Mobil Station on 16 torn down; Einhorn building in demolition, no plans proposed; Fuel and oil purchase for 2016-2017 large savings locked into; Northwood's 10 more new homes available (55+ community); terminated KX contract June 2016-contract with Quinebaug with substantial saving in process; Building Dept. processed more permits than several years between Dec-Jan1st; Fire Marshall received a grant for equipment; Youth Services received grant for \$2,200; Polish Club gave a \$1,900 donation to the Fuel Bank and donating food to the Food Bank; CBA donated around \$1,300 to the Fuel Bank

16. Liaison Reports

S Soby reported on Planning & Zoning Commission – Election of officers; Chair J Mathieu, VC J Novak, Secretary M Noniewicz. ZEO gave a report-zoning violations assessor found an accessory apartment with no permit. Potential projects in the pipeline that waited for the new zoning regulations to go into effect. Permit process is starting now.

D Mizla reported on Parks & Recreation Commission – Tri-board Field Sustainability to set up next meeting on 2/1 at 6pm. J Paggioli drafted a proposed recreation park improvement fund. RFP for ice cream concessions for the concerts on the Green and the Food Festival will go out soon. 53 programs held in 2015 vs 42 in 2014. Youth Advisory Board – 5K run on New Year's day netted \$2,300 with 217 runners. Community Conversations next session is 2/3 to discuss Heroin and prescription drugs. Received a grant for \$2,250 for a program at the middle school for 7th and 8th grade girls to discuss Healthy Relationships. Program Coordinator last day at the end of January, an offer for her replacement has been made. Goal for 2016 is fundraising for a new van.

17. Adjourn

S Soby moved to adjourn at 8:28 p.m., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk