



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Commission Chairmen Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2016

Immediately following the Town Hall Meeting at 7 PM
Colchester Town Hall - Meeting Room 1

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Call to Order

First Selectman A. Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Commission Updates – Commission Chairs

Rob Tarlov reported on the **Board of Finance** – Board is working on the next budget season. Working on prioritizing what to communicate to residents. Assessor will be doing informational sessions to the community regarding reevaluation.

Stan Soby reported on the **Blight Task Force** – Completed fourth draft. The group is close to finalizing language for the draft to send to the Board of Selectmen for review. The group did quite a bit of research with other towns.

James Ford reported on the **Economic Development Commission** – In the process of working on CTIP application. Have a Farm Brewery proposed, as well as a potential Bed & Breakfast. Working on a management plan for social media and internet marketing to increase visibility. Developing a regional EDC fair. Need additional members.

Joe Mathieu reported on the **Planning & Zoning Commission**– Board approved the WJJMS presentation. Minor regulation changes for signage. Uptick in residential permits and commercial development permits.

Robert Parlee reported on the **Police Commission** – Reviewing town website for revisions and additions to the Police Dept. page. Looking into securing funding to put Narcan in all police vehicles. Drug Box collected over 1,063 lbs. K9 Josie graduated on July 8th. Presenting bullet vest and badge to Josie at BOS meeting on 8/18. Officers utilizing Stat Check for traffic speed information and collecting the data for roads to pinpoint. Submitted charter language recommendations to the Charter Revision Commission. Working with State Troopers on body cameras.

Stephen Coyle reported on the **Sewer & Water Commission** - report attached

WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING (attached):

Jay Gigliotti regarding **Conservation Commission**
Jay Gigliotti regarding **Open Space Advisory Commission**
Stephen Coyle regarding **Sewer & Water**

NO REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING:

Christopher Bourque **Agriculture Commission**
Ron Goldstein **Board of Education**

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Thomas Tyler **Building Committee**
Merja Lehetinen **Cable Advisory**
Gregg LePage **Charter Revision Commission**
Jean Stawicki **Commission on Aging**
Mary Ellen Mahoney **Cragin Board of Trustees**
Dan Henderson **Ethics Commission**
Christina Maher **Fair Rent Commission**
Ellen Sharon **Historic District Commission**
Jan LaBella **Housing Authority**
Chris Ferrante **Parks & Recreation Commission**
Brenden Healy **Police Retirement Board**
Rob Suhecki **Youth Services Advisory Board**
Laurie Robinson **Zoning Board of Appeals**
Denise Turner **Board of Assessment Appeals**

3. Adjourn

R Coyle moved to adjourn the Commission Chair Meeting at 7:23 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments (3)

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean
Clerk

Colchester Conservation Commission

Activity since last Chairman's Meeting 4/21/16

- Nine (9) Wetland Agent Approvals for work within the URA
- Eight (8) Commission Issued Permits for work within regulated areas
- Involved with Five (5) Enforcements

Colchester Open Space Advisory

Committee

Activity since last Chairman's Meeting 4/21/16

- Working on Review of 2006 Open Space Plan for potential Revision
- Development of Priority Parcel Acquisition List- A prioritized listing of current parcels of land located within towns greenways and are unprotected from development
- Review and Monitor Open Space Account Balances

Sewer and Water Commission – Chairman Report

July 21, 2016

1. The June meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.
2. At the July 2016 Joint Facilities meeting, it was reported that the Rotary Drum Thickener is up and running. However, two major problems remain.
3. Two Joint Facilities capital projects are scheduled for 2016-2017 – an automated screening process and an automated waste disposal process. Colchester's share is \$117,500.

Stephen Coyle, Chairman