

# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 2, 2017  
Colchester Town Hall @7pm**

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TOWN CLERK

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** BOF R Tarlov, Assessor J Chaponis, BOE R Besaw and B Bernier, Registrar D Mrowka, S Schuster and Clerk T Dean

**1. Call to Order**

First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda**

R Coyle ask to remove agenda number 11, 12, 13 and add agenda item number 8 Discussion and Possible Action on Charter Revision Commission Questions, renumber remaining items.

R Coyle moved to remove and add agenda items as presented, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Citizen's Comments**

S Schuster stated his support of P Kupczak in regards to the Police Commission vacancy.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**1. Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Commission Chairmen Meeting**

**2. Approve Minutes of the January 19, 2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

**4. Tax Refunds & Rebates**

\$1421.86 to Bacon Academy Trustees, \$76.90 to Christopher Cuff, \$3.69, \$48.14, \$90.74, \$314.96, \$66.39, \$51.27 to Rossi Law Offices LTD, \$13.94 to Robert Beckman, \$8.84 to Glen Campbell, \$25.60 to Michael Austin, \$14.96 to Harry Riley, \$253.81 to Subaru Motors Finance, \$517.12 to Mazda Capital Service, and \$165.53 to Honda Lease Trust.

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

**5. Budget Transfer - none**

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

a. **Police Commission – Peter Kupczak to be interviewed – was interviewed**

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on Old Bacon Academy Taxes**

Assessor J Chaponis stated that in the state of CT property can be qualified as exempt under certain uses. Once the use changes the exemption can change. He was not aware that the Bacon Academy Board of Trustees was leasing out the building to a daycare. That portion of the lease had to be added and taxed. Bacon Academy leases out a building for rent which makes it taxable. Town entered into to the lease and made an agreement to pay the taxes. \$2,234 is the Town portion. Bacon Academy already paid the taxes for a full year and the town needs to reimburse a third of it. A Shilosky stated that it has to go to the Board of Finance for approval.

S Soby moved to transfer \$2,234 from contingency to First Selectmen budget specific for this, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**8. Discussion and Possible Action on Charter Revision Commission Questions**

R Coyle stated the Charter Revision needed some clarification. The descriptions of some departments in the current charter are not reflected of how it is now. A Shilosky recommended that the list of departments be put in without descriptions. S Soby stated it should be less specific. Charter should read something to the effect that the town would

organize department procedures on meeting the needs of residents. Most basic language identifying departments and functions that are defined within an ordinance. Would establish an ordinance now and it would become active upon charter change approval, then modify the ordinance.

**9. Citizens Comments - none**

**10. First Selectman's Report**

A Shilosky reported that the Grand List is down 1.1% (memo attached). Residential is down approximately 3% - 5% on average. Commercial on average went up. This is predominantly what the market is showing. Would have been a good grand list if it wasn't a revaluation year. A Shilosky also reported that S&S Worldwide made a large donation to the Food/Fuel Bank.

**11. Liaison Reports**

R Coyle reported on the Building Committee – Solar energy was presented. Approved invoices.

S Soby reported on Agriculture Commission – Continue to work on farm to school initiative. R Benson working with them on regulations for large livestock in suburban zones. Requested that applications for the 2017 Farmers Market be on the town website.

Health District – continue to work on the budget. Fee schedule was adopted. Continue discussion around larger health districts.

**15. Adjourn**

J Jones moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m., seconded by R. Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.


Attachment: Assessor Memo

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

## Memorandum

To: Arthur Shilosky, First Selectman  
From: John Chaponis, Assessor   
CC: Maggie Cosgrove, CFO  
Robert Tarlov, Chairman Board of Finance  
Date: January 31, 2017  
Re: 2016 Grand List Totals

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The following is the totals for the October 1, 2016 Grand List. The total reflects a 1.1% decrease from the 2015 Grand List.

	<u>2015 Grand List</u>	<u>2016 Grand List</u>
Real Property:	1,054,287,900	1,029,163,100
Motor Vehicle:	119,785,600	125,079,100
Personal Property:	<u>41,925,300</u>	<u>45,283,900</u>
Net Grand List:	1,215,998,800	1,199,526,100
Prorates:	1,900,000	3,500,000
Motor Vehicle Supplement:	<u>15,100,000</u>	<u>16,600,000</u>
TOTAL:	1,232,998,800	1,219,626,100
Corrections & BAA	<u>- 2,500,000</u>	<u>- 2,500,000</u>
NET GRAND TOTAL:	1,230,498,800	1,217,126,100