



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 16, 2017
Colchester Town Hall @7pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: PW Director J Paggioli, Registrar D Mrowka, and Clerk T Dean

1. Call to Order

First Selectman A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda

A Shilosky asked to remove #1 Approve Minutes from the consent agenda and move to #5 on the regular agenda. Remove #4 Emergency Management Grant from the consent agenda and move to #9 on the regular agenda, renumber remaining items accordingly.

D Mizla moved to approve changes as presented, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Citizen's Comments - none

4. Consent Agenda

1. TVCCA – Eleanor Phillips reappointment to the TVCCA for a one-year term to expire on 3/2/2018

2. Tax Refunds & Rebates

\$71.28 to Gregory Miller, \$29.18 to Jeffrey Woods, \$31.00 to Joseph Sullivan, \$3.69/\$28.06/\$35.11 to Rossi Law Offices, \$26.39 to Honda Lease Trust, \$28.47 to Robert Rispoli, and \$76.87 to James and Kelly Martinez

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

5. Approve Minutes of the February 16, 2017 Board of Selectmen Meeting

S Soby moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2017 Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved with one abstention by R Coyle. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Budget Transfer - none

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

a. Police Commission – Debra Marvin to be interviewed – was interviewed

8. Presentation by Kevin Payne regarding Eagle Scout Project

K Payne presented his plan for the Park & Rec Field dug out. The Board thanked him for his work on this project.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Emergency Management Program Grant Application for FY 2016

S Soby moved to approve the application to the 2016 EMPG Grant and be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate; and further resolved, that Art Shilosky, as First Selectman is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

10. Citizen's Comments – D Mrowka notified the Board that they are invited to her grandson's Eagle Scout recognition.

Received for records at Colchester, Conn.
on 3/7/17 at 8:40 a.m.
Attest, Gayle Firman, Town Clerk

11. First Selectman's Report

Two more tentative union contract agreements in the works. Lebanon Ave purchase, just waiting on one more signature from the seller. K9 Josie made a drug bust from a vehicle stop. CFO is working on the WJJMS building project bonding.

12. Liaison Reports

S Soby reported on Planning & Zoning – discussion on regulation changes, will go through the process on cleaning up. Close to agreement on Loomis Rd project. Small subdivision came in and made changes, therefore the commission could not act.

Health – some adjustments made to budget items to keep numbers where they need to be. Staff taking on fiscal responsibility. Hiring an administrative assistant towards the end of the year, as well as a part-time sanitarian. Push on regionalization based on Council of Regional Government. Hearings taking place at the capital, Tuesday at 10am

D Mizla reported on Youth Services – next Community Conversation will be 4/4 on "high in plain sight". This is a bedroom set up and will show what to be aware of looking for in your child's bedroom. Table Talk 100 attendees. Charter Revision – redline review is fairly complete. Had discussions with the CFO. Ordinances on open space preservation fund question discussed (memo attached)

13. Executive Session to Discuss Police AFSCME Council 4 Contract Negotiations

D Mizla moved to enter into executive session to discuss Police AFSCME Council 4 Contract Negotiations, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:27 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 7:37 p.m.

14. Discussion and Possible Action on Police Contract for July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020

R Coyle moved to approve Police Contract for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2020 as amended and authorize the First Selectman to sign agreement, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

13. Adjourn

J Jones moved to adjourn at 7:41 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments: Charter Revision Timelines

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

MEMORANDUM

TO: Gregg LePage, Colchester Charter Revision Commission

FROM: Lisa Denise Gladke, Shipman & Goodwin LLP

DATE: February 7, 2017

RE: Charter Revision Timelines

You have asked me to prepare a timeline related to the Charter revision process. These timelines are found in Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Statutory Provisions in Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes

The Charter Revision Commission (the “Commission”) shall hold a public hearing on the proposed charter amendments, after the draft report to the Board of Selectmen has been completed, but not submitted, after which hearings the Commission may amend such report. The Commission may hold such other public hearings as it deems necessary.

The Commission submits its draft report, including the proposed charter amendments, to the Town Clerk, who transmits such report to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen shall hold at least one public hearing on the draft report and shall hold its last hearing not later than **forty-five (45)** days after the submission of the draft report to the Town Clerk.

The Board of Selectmen must make any recommendations to the Commission for such changes in the draft report as the Board of Selectmen deems desirable not later than **fifteen (15)** days after the Board of Selectmen’s last hearing.

If the Board of Selectmen makes no recommendations for changes in the draft report to the Commission within such fifteen (15) days, the report of the Commission shall be final and the Board of Selectmen shall act on such report.

If the Board of Selectmen makes recommendations for changes in the draft report to the Commission, the Commission shall confer with the Board of Selectmen concerning any such recommendations and may amend any provisions of the proposed charter amendments, in accordance with such recommendations, or the Commission may reject such recommendations. In either case the Commission shall make its final report to the Board of Selectmen not later than **thirty (30)** days after receiving such recommendations.

The Board of Selectmen must act, by a majority vote of its entire membership, to approve the

proposed charter amendments or reject the same or separate provisions thereof not later than **fifteen (15)** days after receiving the final report.

Not later than **forty-five (45)** days after a vote of the Board of Selectmen to reject the Charter amendments or separate provisions thereof, a petition for a referendum thereon, signed by not less than ten per cent of the electors of the Town, as determined by the last-completed registry list thereof, and filed and certified in accordance with the provisions of Section 7-188 of the Connecticut General Statutes, may be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

Not later than **thirty (30)** days after approval by the Board of Selectmen or the certification of such a petition (1) the proposed charter shall be published in full at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town, or (2) the portion of the charter being amended shall be published at least once in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town with a notice that a complete copy of the charter and amendment is available in the Town Clerk's office and that a copy shall be mailed to any person who requests a copy. The Town Clerk shall mail or otherwise provide such copy to any person who requests a copy.

(Note that since the 45-day petition period and 30-day publication period run concurrently, there may be a situation when, after the Town has published the proposed Charter, a petition may be filed.)

The Board of Selectmen shall, by a majority vote of its entire membership, determine whether the proposed charter amendments shall be submitted to the electors for approval or rejection at a regular election or at a special election warned and held for that purpose, which shall be held not later than fifteen (15) months after either the approval by the Board of Selectmen or the certification of a petition for a referendum.

The proposed charter amendments shall be prepared for the ballot by the Board of Selectmen and may be submitted in the form of one or several questions; and, if approved by a majority of the electors of the Town voting thereon at a regular election or if approved by a majority which number equals at least fifteen per cent of the electors of the Town as determined by the last-completed active registry list of the Town at a special election, such proposed charter or charter amendments shall become effective thirty days after such approval unless an effective date or dates are specified therein, in which event the date or dates specified shall prevail.

Ballot Questions

If the Town would like to have the Charter amendments voted on at the next regular election, November 7, 2017, pursuant to Section 9-370 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the last day for the Board of Selectmen The Charter Revision Commission (the "Commission") to approve a question to appear on the ballot is September 7, 2017.