



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 4, 2017
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: PW Director J Paggioli, BOF R Tarlov, Town Clerk G Furman, CFO M Cosgrove and Clerk T Coe

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1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Additions to the Agenda** – A Shilosky asked to add #11 Discussion and Possible Action on Stop Loss Provider, and renumber remaining items.

R Coyle moved to add the item to the agenda as presented, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. **Citizen's Comments** – none

4. **Consent Agenda**

1. **Open Space**

a. **Reappointment of Theodore Fuini for a three-year term to expire on 3/31/2020**

b. **Reappointment of William Hochholzer for a three-year term to expire on 3/31/2020**

2. **Tax Refunds and Rebates**

\$197.72 to Rossi Law Offices, \$102.00 to Honda Lease Trust, \$81.60 to Anthony Paquette and \$10.00 to Rossi Law Offices

3. **Action on the Competitive School Readiness Grant Application including Quality Enhancement Funds**

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

5. **Approve Minutes of the April 20, 2017 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting**

R Coyle moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting of April 20, 2017, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved with one abstention by A Shilosky. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Approve Minutes of the April 20, 2017 Commission Chairmen Meeting**

J Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Commission Chairmen Meeting of April 20, 2017, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved with two abstentions by A Shilosky and S Soby. MOTION CARRIED.

7. **Budget Transfer**

D Mizla moved to approve the transfer of \$20,000 from Regular Payroll to Professional Services, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Town Clerk Notary Fee Revenue**

Town Clerk G Furman stated that the office currently does not charge a fee for notary services and that this could be a potential revenue source. The proposal is \$2/a signature for a resident (verified by driver's license address) and \$5/a signature for non-residents. Approximately 50% of other towns charge a fee for this service. The selectmen had mixed feelings on this, especially the in town residents piece. S Soby stated as other sources of revenue gets changed, the town needs to find other ways of generating revenue. He stated however, that at some point you lose a sense of community when you implement user fees. The Board felt that it was comfortable charging non-residents first and see how it goes.

D Mizla moved that a Town Clerk notary fee of \$5 per signature be charged to non-residents, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Langan Engineering Contract – Norton Mill Phase 2 Testing

S Soby moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the proposal for Brownfields Engineering Services-Former Norton Mill, Langan Project No 140126802 from Langan Engineering and all necessary documents, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Revision to Charter 18, Article III of the Code of Ordinance Park & Recreation Commission

A Shilosky stated that this was drafted to address the sports fees and it works out the conflict with the Charter and what needs to be done to apply the amount to a specific account.

S Soby moved to approve the revision to Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-10 and 18-11 of the code regarding Parks and Recreation Commission, seconded by D Mizla.

A Shilosky stated that the next step will be to set up an ordinance public hearing prior to the first BOS meeting in June.

R Coyle moved to have a Public Hearing for the revised ordinance Chapter 18, Article III, Section 18-10 and 18-11 on June 1, 2017, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Stop Loss Provider

CFO M Cosgrove stated Lockton marketed stop loss coverage as part of next year renewals. Four providers were considered, with Lockton recommending Symetra. Symetra would save the town approximately \$72,000. The town will not move the stop loss coverage amount. BOE is also on board with making the switch. Needs a sign off on the quote so the process can start.

R Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign off on documents related to switching from Anthem to Symetra, seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Citizen's Comments – none

13. First Selectman's Report

Household waste collection on 6/3. Blight citation hearing officer has been researched and no information on any statute on requirements. Other towns were benchmarked and they use resident lawyers as volunteers. A Shilosky will send a letter to area attorneys requesting interest as serving as a volunteer. Snow Hearing officer also needed for citation issued for non-compliance of sidewalks being shoveled. PW Director J Paggioli explained the process of the ordinance enforcement. First Selectman's office will do a press release on both hearing officers. Building Committee has asked if the BOS would have any issues with Ken Jackson signing off on emergency requisitions, along with A Shilosky and Aracdia. This is requested as a backup person for immediate needs to be addressed when T Tyler is unreachable. S Soby stated that this should be an agenda item at the next meeting. R Coyle also recommends that they appoint a vice-chair. Bacon Academy Board of Trustees, A Liverant and J Rudker, asked if members of the BOS/BOF/BOE would meet to discuss the town supporting financially with their renovations of Old Bacon Academy.

14. Liaison Reports

R Coyle reported on Building Committee - \$631,632 has been paid toward bills. Interior demolition has been accelerated. Purchased all alternates. Safety orientation completed.

Chatham Health – Radon tests done, 100% of kits are out and have been returned. If anyone has a problem with permits let Don know, as they are short staffed. Emergency preparedness faces big challenges from the state on funding to districts. Plans for regionalization, Colchester would be region 4.

Senior Center – volunteer appreciation lunch recognized many volunteers, approximately 150, who help things run smoothly at the Senior Center.

Charter Revision – went through about ½ of the atty. feedback so far. Forum was well received.

D Mizla reported on Youth Services – Tag Sale on the Green on 6/11. Summer day trip registration began. Discussed fundraising activities for next year.

15. Executive Session to Discuss Municipal Employees Union Local 506 Collective Bargaining Agreement

R Coyle moved to enter into executive session to discuss Municipal Employees Union Local 506 Collective Bargaining Agreement, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Entered into executive session at 7:56 p.m.

Exited from executive session at 7:59 p.m.

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Municipal Employee Union Local 506 Collective Bargaining Agreement

S Soby moved to approve Municipal Employees Union Local 506 Collective Bargaining Agreement for July 1, 2016

through June 30, 2020 and authorize the First Selectman to sign agreement, seconded by J Jonesy. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

17. Adjourn

J Jones moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tricia Dean', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tricia Dean, Clerk