

Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Commission Chairmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 20, 2017, 7PM
Colchester Town Hall - Meeting Room 1**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Selectman John Jones

1. Call to Order

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

2. Commission Updates – Commission Chairs

Nick Norton reported on **Open Space** – Continue to look at properties of potential value. Currently looking at property by Comstock Bridget Rd. It is a former mill site. Not sure if there are environmental issues.

WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING (attached):

Jean Stawicki regarding **Commission on Aging**
Laurie Robinson regarding **Zoning Board of Appeals**
Jean Walsh regarding **Economic Development**

3. Adjourn

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:01 p.m., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

D Mizla moved to reopen the Commission Chairmen meeting at 7:27 p.m., seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

Merja Lehtinen reported on **Cable Advisory** – Comcast cable joined the statewide provider. No longer limited to franchise which will create more market competition. Hughs, a nationwide provider, will be offering services in Colchester. A Shilosky stated that Eversource will be replacing 300 poles throughout Colchester.

Don Philips reported on Charter Revision – at the last meeting they finished drafting the 6 questions. May hold another public forum if there is time.

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments (3)

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean
Clerk

Commission on Aging Quarterly Report
Date: July 20, 2017
Submitted by Jean M. Stawicki, Chairman

With the resignation of member, Rob Gustafson, in June of this year, the Commission now has a member position and both of its two alternate positions vacant. We request that when notices of vacancies are placed in the paper that the vacancies on the Commission on Aging be included. The Senior Center is also running a notice of the Commission on Aging vacancies starting with the July Issue of its newsletter.

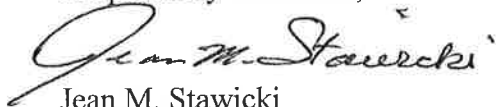
The Senior Resource Guide has now gone to print and approximately 275 issues of the Guide have been put in the Senior Center for distribution. An on-line printable version of the Guide is ~~or will be~~ available ~~shortly~~ on both the Commission's and Senior Center's websites. An electronic version has been given to the Selectmen's office to be added to the website.

The Commission on Aging will be hosting a showing of the Public Broadcasting's production of "Harvesting Stones" which gives a history of Colchester, Columbia and Lebanon's early farming endeavors primarily funded through the Jewish Agricultural Aid Society's mortgage program. This is expected to be held at the Senior Center sometime this October. The Commission also intends to help celebrate the Senior Center's 40th anniversary next year in 2018. The Commission is exploring other topics for presentations to sponsor which would be a benefit to seniors in Colchester.

The Commission is keeping tabs on the new Senior Center build-out process and intends to help in any way in which it can to make the new Senior Center a reality.

Concerning funding of Colchester's Meals on Wheels program through TVCCA, Patty Watts, the director of Colchester's Senior Services, reports that, currently, no cuts to the Colchester program have been scheduled. The Commission on Aging is watching this issue closely.

Respectfully submitted,



Jean M. Stawicki
Chairman, Commission on Aging

Tricia Dean

From: H & L Robinson <robinson@snet.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Tricia Dean; Art Shilosky
Cc: Stan Soby; Patrick Reading; Laurie Robinson; Daphne Schaub
Subject: ZBA Report for the 7/20/17 Commission Chairmen Meeting

Hello Art and Tricia,

I cannot attend tonight's meeting. Please accept this summary of the Zoning Board of Appeal's activities for this evening's Commission Chairmen Meeting.

- May 16 regular meeting cancelled due to lack of applications
- June 20 regular meeting cancelled due to lack of applications
- July 18 regular meeting cancelled due to lack of applications
- The Board has 5 members, but no alternates

Respectfully Submitted,
Laurie R. Robinson
Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals

MEMORANDUM

TO: Art Shilosky, First Selectman

July 18, 2017

FROM: Jean Walsh, Chair of Economic Development Commission

RE: Quarterly Report

CC: Board of Selectmen

The Economic Development has been busy.

- 1) With the approval of the Board of Selectmen a map of local eateries has been posted at the end of the airline trail , Lebanon Avenue. A letter is being drafted to the State of CT entities that control the other trail spurs, in an effort to obtain their approval to post a similar map.
- 2) The EDC participated in the CBA tag sale on the green in May. Our presence was well received and we had the participation of a SECTER representative. The feedback was good, and brought forward to the commission at their meeting in June for possible future action.
- 3) The web site is still being reviewed but I hope to have a draft by the next quarterly report
- 4) The "Welcome to Colchester" sign is nearly ready to be erected. The first site has been determined to be at the off ramp on Linwood Ave near the Advance Auto plaza. It is expected to have lighting.
- 5) In response to a local business the shrubbery around the Lebanon Ave airline line spur has been cut, to address perceived safety issues, in conjunction with Eversource work being conducted in the area. I have reached out to the town Eversource representative to discuss the possibility of further enhancements.
- 6) Other projects are in the discussion stages, nothing further concrete to report. Detail will be brought up at a later date when available.

Thank you.

Sincerely Submitted by : Jean Walsh