



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Commission Chairmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 19, 2017, 7PM
Colchester Town Hall - Meeting Room 1**

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JOHN R. COYLE
TOWN CLERK

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman R. 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 7:08 p.m.

2. Commission Updates – Commission Chairs

Chris Bourque reported on **Agriculture Commission** – continue to work on livestock ordinance for suburban areas with the P&Z dept. Farm to school had a booth at the 57 Fest and Farmers Market.

Merja Lehtinen reported on **Cable Advisory** – cable prices coming down. Comcast is going statewide. No longer need 2 year contracts. Verizon is coming into the market.

Trevor Falconi reported on **Economic Development Commission** – report attached

Dan Henderson reported on **Ethics Commission** – down to two chair members. Looking for additional members. Board only meets every other month and the meetings are under an hour.

John Novak reported on **Planning & Zoning Commission** – quiet summer, not many applications. Going through current regulations and working on bugs. One vacancy open on commission.

Rob Parlee reported on **Police Commission** – working on a 5 year equipment plan. Working on a parking ordinance to propose to Board of Selectmen. Sue Dubb reported on details of proposed ordinance for ticketing for parking violations.

Stephen Coyle reported on **Sewer & Commission** – website up for joint facilities with East Hampton. Slight drought conditions. Cut back on selling water to water haulers. Utilizing well 4.

Laurie Robinson reported on **Zoning Board of Appeals** – quiet quarter. Expect an appeal next month. Will discuss at the next meeting the conference that she attended with the Zoning Enforcement officer regarding land use court cases.

WRITTEN REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING (attached):

Falk von Plachecki regarding **Conservation Commission**
Nick Norton regarding **Open Space Advisory Committee**
Rob Suchecki regarding **Youth Services Advisory Board**

3. Adjourn

D Mizla moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m., seconded by J Jones. Unanimously approved.
MOTION CARRIED.

Attachments (4)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Dean', written in a cursive style.

Tricia Dean
Clerk

Chairman's Report-October 19, 2017

Colchester Open Space Advisory


Committee

Activity since last Chairman's Meeting 7/20/17

- Completed the work associated with a resolution which began as an Open Space Encroachment
- Have continued to monitor and strategize the Town's Open Space Accounts
- Have continued Open Space Grant/ Property Acquisition Strategy Discussions
- Working on funding strategies to create Shrub Land and Young Forest Habitat

Respectfully Submitted:

Jay Gigliotti for Chairman Nick Norton


10/19/17

MEMORANDUM

TO: Art Shilosky, First Selectman

October 17, 2017

FROM: Jean Walsh, Chair of Economic Development Commission

RE: Quarterly Report

CC: Board of Selectmen

The Economic Development has been busy.

- 1) The web site is still being worked on. The EDC has a professional IT person on the board, who is assisting with the site. It has been found to be extremely difficult on many levels. Economic Development is a key factor in the growth of the town. The EDC does NOT have it's own web site for prospective businesses to contact – it is hidden / included under the Planning Dept. We are in the process of researching solutions to this dilemma to facilitate the growth of our community.
- 2) The first of six (6) "Welcome to Colchester" signs has been erected thanks to the cooperative efforts of the EDC, Bacon Academy staff, Boy Scout troop 13, Gano's Power Equipment, Carefree Sheds, and of course Keystone / Galaxy for the land to erect it on.
- 3) We continue to send out "cold call" letters to prospective businesses and developers extending invitations to visit our town and reach out to either the Planning department or the EDC to answer questions regarding any of the information we sent with the letter.
- 4) We are beginning to research the possibility of getting a muralist, or an artist from Bacon Academy, to help us enhance wide expanses on buildings that would qualify for such, without being violation of any ordinance or statute. More information will come at a later date.
- 5) The EDC approved the revised CTIP application form, and will be using it as a template to assess all applications. It is concise, comprehensive, and we believe it will be an excellent tool to entice business growth in town.
- 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, Chairperson Economic Development Commission

Chairman's Report-October 19, 2017

Colchester Conservation Commission

Activity since last Chairman's Meeting 7/20/17

- Commission has issued Three (3) permits for regulated activities and has denied one (1)
- The commission held one (1) Public Hearing
- Several commission members scheduled to attend CT Inland Wetland Commissioner Annual Training workshop
- One member has been re-appointed for another term

Respectfully Submitted:

Jay Gigliotti for Chairman Falk von Plachecki

JRG
10/19/17

Tricia Dean

From: Rob Suchecki <rsuchecki@colchesterct.org>
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Tricia Dean
Subject: Re: Commission Chair meeting agenda 10/19

Tricia,...

I can't make the meeting on 10/19

Amber will be dropping off flyers

Youth Services

YAC and Youth Force Group up and running.

Junk in the Trunk tag sale fund raiser very successful overv \$600.00 raised

Heroine/ Opiate Community Conversation very well attended.

Mask You Live In event coming up for boys over 12 and there male role models.

On Oct 13, 2017 15:00, "Tricia Dean" <tdean@colchesterct.gov> wrote:

The next Commission Chairmen meeting will be Thursday, October 19th at 7pm. If you are unable to make this meeting please try and send someone from your commission in your place.

Regards,

Tricia Dean

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