



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 18, 2018
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Rosemary Coyle, Selectman Stan Soby, Selectman Denise Mizla, and Selectman Jim Ford

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Wetlands Enforcement Officer J Gigliotti, PW Director J Paggioli, Town Clerk G Furman, Fire Chief Cox, BOF A Migliaccio, 3 residents, 2 students and clerk T Dean

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to the Agenda - none

A Shilosky asked to delete #12 Discussion on Parks and Recreation Commission Ordinance Revisions, and delete #13 Discussion on Police Commission Ordinance Revisions. S Soby asked to add #12 Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Right to Farm Community Sign Initiative, renumber remaining items accordingly.

R Coyle moved to accept the agenda deletions and additions as presented, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. Citizen's Comments – none

4. Consent Agenda

- Approve Minutes of the October 4, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
- Tax Abatements - none

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

5. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments - none

6. Discussion and Possible Action on CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program Grant Application

J Gigliotti stated he is requesting the Board to authorize and endorse submitting the grant. This would be phase 2 of a previous grant awarded in 2015. Presented specifics of the grant which would link two trails.

S Soby moved to endorse and authorize the Planning & Zoning Department's submission of a trail grant application to the CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program, seconded by D Mizla. Discussion that the DOT will be a participant in the final design. There will also be a public informational session that will take place before final approvals. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on 12-Town Airline Trail Master Plan Grant Application

J Gigliotti stated this is an effort to increase usage and awareness of the 12 town airline trails. Presented the components of the branding initiative. R Coyle asked if other trails are paved, J Gigliotti answered no. There will be no town dollars expended on this initiative.

R Coyle moved to endorse and authorize Colchester's role in the 12-Town Airline Trail Master Plan grant application to the CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program by CT Resource Conservation & Development, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Open Colchester Policy

S Soby moved to approve the Open Colchester Policy as presented, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED. R Coyle thank S Soby for all his hard work on this policy.

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9. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposal to Rename Pine Meadows Park Pond

J Gigliotti stated the resident purchased the 120 acre parcel, which includes the lake and dam. The owner is dealing with trespassers and feels it is due to the fact it is called 'Pine Park', indicating that it's a public park. There are several signs around the perimeter indicating it is private property and not to trespass. The name change would apply to the waterway and dam, and will out date maps, GIS, and state data, which may cause confusion. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names is looking for the towns governing body to generate feedback. S Soby stated he is not sure what the name change does in addressing the issue, as signage is currently posted.

S Soby moved that the Board of Selectmen's position on this request, as capsulated in response to U.S. Board on Geographic Names, is that they should render a decision without the Boards recommendation, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

10. Discussion on Possible Noise Ordinance

A Shilosky stated that the Police Dept. can deal with issues through citations and tickets vs implementing a noise ordinance. The PD will do what they need to do in accordance with C.G.S 7-148. The PD has in the past given out citations in regards to this issue. The Board agreed that due to the complication of developing an ordinance and the man power needed that using current resources would be preferable.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Deputy Emergency Management Director

S Shilosky stated Sean Shoemaker is willing to do this as no cost to the town. He was previously EMD in Hebron, but not any longer. Position has been vacant for a few years.

S Soby moved to appoint Sean Shoemaker as Deputy Emergency Management Director, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Right to Farm Community Sign Initiative

S Soby stated the initiative is a collaboration between the Colchester Land Trust and the Colchester Agriculture Commission. Private properties are currently posting the signs. The initiative is to have the signs posted on exiting state signs upon entering town. Working with the DOT to ensure the signs meet regulations and gets approved by the state to post. Signs are not a cost to the town.

S Soby moved that the Board of Selectmen endorse Colchester's Right to Farm sign initiative as proposed by the Colchester Land Trust and Colchester Agriculture Commission, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

13. Discussion and Possible Action on Paramedic Program

A Shilosky gave the background on the paramedic service currently. Middlesex charges the town for the service. Chief Cox explained his request for the need for a paramedic program consultant, to help through the process of the application to start a paramedic program in town. S Soby clarified that the request is to hire a consultant, not an employee. The consultant position comes with no guarantee of future employment opportunity. In order to attain a consultant the process as outline in the Town Policy needs to be followed. J Ford stated that the scope of service needs to be put out to the public. A Shilosky stated that the requested funds would be an appropriation from fund balance.

S Soby move to approve on the conceptual basis the use of a consultant to help design the program, understanding that the cost is not to exceed \$30,000, with final approval based on the scope of work to be done and all available options considered to fund, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

14. Citizen's Comments – John Hoban commented on the proposed trail and his concerns for safety in certain areas.

15. First Selectman's Report

A Shilosky reported the process of the ambulance lease. Put out an RFP and bids were submitted and opened last week. However to save the cost in interest of \$32k, proposing using the \$92k earmarked for the ambulance and pay the remaining \$163 out of fund balance. (attachment) Consensus from the Board to go forward with the proposed fund balance option. Windham Ave has a 37 house subdivision with clubhouse being built. Received feedback from the COA that they are looking to have authority to sign documents. The Board agreed that the FS doesn't have authority to delegate signing.

16. Liaison Reports

D Mizla reported on BOE – update on WJ, demo almost complete and CES has their playground back. Reviewed open gov, superintendent had concern making sure accounts with students do not get identified. Dr. Hewes gave an update on student performance on standardized assessments.

S Soby gave kudos to the Young Republicans, Young Democrats and the Bacon Academy Debate Club for an excellent debate event.

Agriculture – recruitment discussion.

ZBA – parcel of land subdivision with a number of variances. Staff did a great job of researching. No hardship exists, according to state law, therefore denied.

Board of Health – Liz Davidson completed her masters of public health. Report to the state has been submitted and formally accepted. Hebron Fair revenue covered the cost of extra health department work. Working on sanitation hiring process and salary ranges. Food service regulations needed to be rewritten. Public Session to get the information out, along with social media campaign will happen. Establishments have been notified.

Planning & Zoning – Trails application endorsed. Right to Farm sign endorsed.

J Ford reported on Conservation – one application received to develop an addition to the Stop & Shop plaza and a freestanding building. DEEP trails project endorsed.

17. Adjourn

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

ATTACHMENT: Ambulance Lease

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

Ambulance Lease

Funds deposited into Debt Service Fund

FY 17/18	46,720.00
FY 18/19	<u>45,260.00</u>

Total on hand 91,980.00

Total cost - Ambulance 255,000.00

Balance of funding to purchase 163,020.00

Proposed lease

Principal	255,000.00
Interest	<u>32,893.20</u>

Total proposed lease payments 287,893.20

Approximate annual funding per year 39,200.00 5 years