



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 6, 2018  
Colchester Town Hall @ 3pm

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Selectman Jim Ford

**OTHERS PRESENT:** BOE M Bylone, Town Clerk G Furman, Tax Collector M Wyatt, Assessor J Chaponis, Registrar D Mrowka, two 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
3. **Citizen's Comments** – none
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Action on 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule
  - b. Reappointment of Michael Solis to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a five year term to expire 12/31/2023
  - c. Tax Abatements

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

5. **Board and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments**
  - a. **Conservation Commission – Michael Rogers to be interviewed** – was interviewed
6. **Approve Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
D Mizla moved to approve the Minutes of the November 13, 2018 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved, with one abstention by R Coyle. MOTION CARRIED
7. **Discussion and Possible Action on Contract with Dime Oil**  
R Coyle moved to authorize the First Selectman to sign the attached contract with Dime Oil for the purchase of unleaded gasoline, diesel fuel and heating oil for the contract period of November 21, 2018 through June 30, 2019, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED
8. **Discussion on Tax Incentive**  
Assessor J Chaponis explained that Eversource approached the town with Blume Energy, who would build the fuel cell, to propose bringing Natural gas to town. Eversource stated there would be no cost to the town. Blume Energy then approached the town to see if the town would pay 3.5 million for the project due to cost to build being higher than they expected. The town will not expend the funds for this but looked into what we could offer in the form of tax incentive rebates. J Chaponis discussed how Eversource, Blume Energy and Yankee Gas relate to each other. The town would not be able to offer Blume an incentive, but rather it would need to be worked out between Eversource and them. Nothing is going forward at this time, A Shilosky wanted to make the Board aware of what was going on.
9. **Discussion on Town Hall Hours for Town Clerk and Tax Office**  
G Furman stated this was in discussions a few years back but never went any further. Stated there is not much activity in the office during evening hours and that it is also hard to cover 42 ½ hours with 35 hour employees. G Furman and M Wyatt stated that certain times of the year they have to use per diem staff to cover the extra office hours. Also if the hours stay the same, would request that the Elected Officials in these offices and their assistants go up to 40 hours from 35 hours. R Coyle stated she would need to see how this would affect other offices by closing their offices. Also was confused as to what the issues were that are driving the change of office hours request. Would like itemized list from both

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Town Clerk and Tax Collector of what the issues are? Is it staff needed to cover the work load? Staffing the office hour times? S Soby stated he would like data provided to the Board that details the activity of the offices that stay open late.

**10. Citizen's Comments – none**

**11. First Selectman's Report**

A Shilosky reported that the Senior Center has replaced its boiler. Renegotiated the Library contract to four years, will present to the Board when it is ratified by the union. Recommends planning a tree on the Town Green in honor of former Town Clerk Pat LeGrega. R Coyle stated she would like to come back to the Board at a later date to propose something else. Police Commission chair not requesting to be reappointed, still have a quorum. Received new police, ambulance and senior center vehicles. Switches in Town Hall have all been replaced. Firewall switches should be done next week. Overtime for Resident Trooper was due to a number of reasons, detailed those reasons to the Board of Finance. New web platform expected to go live Feb 2019. Met with American Ambulance, along with Rob Tarlov yesterday. R Coyle suggested that a Joint Meeting be scheduled if more discussions on this to take place. New welcome to Colchester signs have been place on Lake Hayward Ave and by Rte 2, exit 16 location. FEMA awarded the State of CT funds for flooding disaster relief of \$80,000. Met with Opengov and CFO M Cosgrove and opengov has confirmed that they will not have access to any personal employee data. Due to the software being delayed in going live for 6 months, Opengov has assured the town that they will do something to make up for that lost time.

**12. Liaison Reports**

D Mizla reported on Youth & Social Services - \$580 was made at the Election Day Bake Sale, Freezin for a Reason will be the second weekend in February, Community Conversation on vaping has 100 kid attendees and 60 adult attendees, last night was Community Conversation on internet safety, and Resolution Run was discussed.

Park & Recreation – Field Use Fund has \$30,000, four more arches need to be sponsored on the Town Green.

Board of Education – WJ student area and gym should be complete at the beginning of the year, fields should be complete in the spring.

R Coyle reported that at the last Board of Finance meeting they discussed the budget calendar.

**13. Adjourn**

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk