



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 17, 2019
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Clerk G Furman, Registrar D Mrowka, Library Director K Byroade, Recreation Director T Quinn, BOE R Besaw and M Bylone, and clerk T Dean

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions to the Agenda

A Shilosky asked to add #8 Discussion and Possible Action on appointing two members to OpenColchester committee, add #6.b. Commission on Aging-Nan Wasnewski possible appointment from alternate member to regular member for a term to expire 12/31/2021, renumber remaining items accordingly.

R Coyle moved to approve the added agenda items as presented, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Citizen's Comments – Steve Langelo regarding the airline trail spur parking lot off of Lebanon Ave. Light requested was not implemented and parking lot is in disrepair.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Tax Abatements
- b. Approve Minutes of the January 3, 2019 Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
- c. Reappointment of Linda Grzeika to the Open Space Commission for a three year term to expire 3/31/2022
- d. Reappointment of Eleanor Phillips to the TVCCA Board of Trustees for a one year term to expire 3/2/2020
- e. Resignation of Eleanor Philips from the Commission of Aging

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action on the Town Web Page Community Calendar Policy

K Byroade presented the revised draft of the policy and what changes/additions were made. R Coyle asked if we can have one general community calendar so that residents don't have to go between the town and BOE calendar. T Quinn stated that some BOE events are not open to the public and therefore they need their own calendar. However, the BOE can add any of their events open to the public to the town community calendar. S Soby stated that we have a framework, may need to tweak it along the way if needed. K Byroade stated that the goal of the committee is to have one central location for community events, which will also be helpful for organizations to plan their events not to conflict with others. R Coyle asked where the fee to promote the events will go. T Quinn stated it will go in the Program Fund. J Ford asked if the EDC will be able to promote their events on the calendar. K Byroade stated yes, all commission will be able to include their events open to the public on the calendar for no fee. However, no businesses will be allowed to promote.

R Coyle moved to approve the Colchester Community Calendar Policy for the town website as presented, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

6. Board and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments

a. Youth Services Advisory Board– Elizabeth Allard to be interviewed – was interviewed

D Mizla moved to appoint Elizabeth Allard as a member of the Youth Services Advisory Board for a term to expire 12/1/2020, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Commission on Aging – Nan Wasnewski possible appointment from alternate member to regular member for a term to expire 12/31/2021

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R Coyle moved to appoint Nan Wasnewski as a regular member to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire 12/31/2021, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

7. Presentation by Sustainable CT

Jessica LeClair from Sustainable CT presented an overview of the program. A Shilosky stated that two other towns he talked to participating in the program, New London and Windham, spoke highly of the program. D Mizla asked if there were resources to help achieve the targeted lists and if CCM is involved. J LeClair stated Sustainable CT matches up the community with the appropriate agency to help and that CCM is a partner. Discussion on the Board of who would lead up the Sustainability team if the town participated in the program. No person appointed as of yet. Discussion on what the 'Equity Took Kit' was. J LeClair confirmed that the town would get credit for past actions that are on the list. More discussion needed before a decision is made.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Appointing Two Members to OpenColchester Committee

R Coyle offered to be on the committee since she has been involved in the process already. A Shilosky will follow up with S Soby (disconnected from the call at this agenda item) to see if he will also be on the committee.

9. Citizen's Comments – none

10. First Selectman's Report

A Shilosky reported that he is currently researching an ACO program that East Hampton is participating in. Town Clerk office has a program system for land records that is about to expire in May. She will be looking into other companies and will come back to the February meeting with recommendations Met with the Farmers Market and came up with a resolution. Finance Director is retiring, CFO and A Shilosky are working on the position and may change it to Assistant to the CFO position. Social Services Coordinator resigning. Looking at employment structure and working on potential changes. Fire Marshall will fill in temporarily on a position that will be vacant for up to 15 weeks in the Fire Dept on an as needed basis.

11. Liaison Reports

J Ford reported on Conservation Commission – two applications accepted, will act on it at next month's meeting. At the Jan meeting North Pond and Subdivision will be explained. Enforcement action on Red School House Road for a violation on wetlands. Stated he would like a discussion on North Pond to have unified coordination with all commission and the building dept. Grant application in progress has been a victim of the shutdown.

R Coyle reported on Commission on Aging – report attached.

Open Space – North Pond Subdivision discussed. Scott Hill and Reservoir Rd subdivision discussed.

Building Committee – approved invoices. Paving and sports field will be done in the spring. Project is under budget in all three areas, building, pupil services and contingency.

Fire Dept – met with BOF R Lepore regarding paramedic program. 2/6 a joint BOS/BOF meeting is planned, following the budget forum.

D Mizla reported on Park & Rec commission – need three new members. Rec Director is working on a 5 year plan with Public Works to replace the playground, still in the early stages. Concession stand contract is up, going out for bid again or may do in house. Reviewing new software companies and updating refund policy. Discussed fields at WJ and irrigation. R Coyle believes they may do the irrigation. 2/25 there will be a fundraiser at Inishmor to benefit the camp scholarship fund, followed by trivia.

Board of Education – Principal Peel informed that Bacon has a growing relationship with a manufacturing firm. Program will connect graduating seniors with jobs.

17. Adjourn

J Ford moved to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

ATTACHMENT: Commission on Aging Report

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

COA Meeting-January 11, 2018

I wanted to thank Ellie Phillips for her many contributions during her time serving on the CoA. I know she will continue to stay involved and have a voice during an important time in our history as we strive toward a new, modern facility for our senior center in the coming years.

Thank you to Joyce Sypher for her Administrative support while we had a vacancy on staff. Thank you to all my staff who helped out in many ways. Since June, I have either been personally filling a staff vacancy, hiring or training new staff. It's been an intense 6 months for me and I am grateful to be fully staffed, once again.

Maria Panagiotakakos (Panos) began as our new Program Coordinator on January 7th. We had a well-attended Welcome Party for her on January 11th. Her priorities will be getting to know our members and becoming familiar with all of our programs, instructors and community partners.

I want to thank Jack Jackter Intermediate School for their participation in the Annual Holiday Box Program. 25 seniors in the community were recipients of gift boxes for the holidays.

We had a terrific and busy holiday season with a lot of fun, seasonal activities including our annual Hanukkah Party with Rabbi Alter, our Holiday Homecoming Luncheon with entertainment by our Senior Moments Choral Group, a Tree Trim Party, New Year's Brunch 'n Bash with Patrick Tobin and our Bingo Holiday Luncheon.

Our Food Service License has been renewed for 2019 through Chatham Health District.

We have recently seen an increase in the meals we are serving at lunchtime. We sold out in November and December for our special events.

I will be compiling end of year statistics and begin preparations for budget FY 2020.

There is an Eagle Scout Project in town that is looking to create a list of seniors/disabled individuals in town to assist with snow removal from sidewalks, porches and walkways. He is not offering snow removal from driveways. If you know of anyone who needs assistance due to physical or economical needs, please send them to me.

Schedule changes: CSC will be closed on Monday, January 21st, in observance of MLK, Jr. Day

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals served in November: on site: 171 MOW: 377
- Monthly Transports in November: 717
- Monthly Attendance in November: 1930
- Monthly Attendance in December: 1760
- Total Membership: 1217