



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 15, 2018
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: First Selectman Art Shilosky

OTHERS PRESENT: Registrar D Mrowka, CFO M Cosgrove, Resident Trooper Sgt. Martinez, J Campbell, Tax Collector M Wyatt, M Hayes, P Hancock, R Parlee, S Dubb, C Vaillancourt, D Marvin, C Cameron, Board of Finance R Tarlov, A Migliaccio and Clerk T Dean.

1. Call to Order

R Coyle called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Additions to the Agenda

R Coyle asked to add #9 Update and Discussion on Opengov and renumber remaining items accordingly.

S Soby moved to add item as presented, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Citizen's Comments

D Marvin asked to add an additional Citizen's Comment after #5.3 to discuss the removal of R Parlee. R Coyle denied the request as there was no request for a Public Hearing from R Parlee therefore no discussion will take place. There is also another opportunity for Citizen's Comment #10.

4. Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
2. Fair Rent Commission – Reappointment of Steven Schuster for a two-year term to expire 4/30/2020
3. Approval of Senior Services Submission of Title III Grant Renewal Application for the Making Memories Program FY 2018-2019
4. Tax Abatements

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

5. Boards and Commissions – Interviews and/or Possible Appointments

1. Commission on Aging – Nan Wasniewski possible appointment as an alternate member to expire 12/31/2019

S Soby moved to appoint Nan Wasniewski as an alternate member to the Commission on Aging for a term to expire on 12/31/2019, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

2. Parks & Recreation Commission – Brenda Kniska possible appointment to expire 11/1/2019

D Mizla moved to appoint Brenda Kniska to the Park & Recreation Commission for a term to expire 11/1/2019, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

3. Possible Removal Action of Robert Parlee from the Police Commission for Cause

R Coyle stated the Board received information from the Resident State Trooper with a letter attached from Officer Scheel. Sgt. Martinez was present for any questions. A notification letter with reasons for removal Pursuant to Article VII, Section C-706B of the Town Charter was sent to R Parlee and no notification was received by R Parlee for a request for a public hearing. S Soby stated a complete report was received and he had no questions on information provided. J Ford and D Mizla also agreed they had no additional questions.

S Soby stated that given there was no request for a hearing and information received from Sgt. Martinez was complete, he moved to remove Robert Parlee from the Police Commission for cause and in accordance with the Town Charter, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Discussion and Possible Action on Granting Access to Town Owned Property to UCONN Student for Research on Bobcat Population

The parcel K Beattie is looking to gain access to is indicated in the dotted area portion of the map. D Mizla stated the flyer submitted had great information. S Soby stated it is a great opportunity to be able to assist in the research.

S Soby moved to approve granting access for research on the bobcat project, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Recreation Specialist Job Description

Changes being made are department title, section under supervision received, and added four bullets at the end of Essential Duties.

S Soby moved to approve the revised Recreation Specialist job description as amended, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

8. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Flying of the Donate for Life Flag at Town Hall

S Soby stated that the POW flag is taken down and the Donate for Life flag goes in its place for the temporary time period, this has been reviewed with the Veterans group.

S Soby moved to approve the flying of the Donate for Life Flag at Town Hall from April 20th through May 4th 2018, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

9. Update and Discussion on Opengov

BOF R Tarlov followed up on question the Board had from the last meeting. Discussion ensued. J Ford would like to have a joint BOS/BOF performance criteria contract listing conditions in detail about what they want and how they expect it to work.

10. Citizen's Comments

C Cameron stated his disappointment in the removal of R Parlee

S Dubb asked for direction for the Police Commission going forward, also stated her disappointment in the removal of R Parlee.

P Hancock gave comments on the opengov software and advised the Board to make sure they consider looking at the company offering minimum service requirements in the contract before agreeing.

D Marvin asked if documentation regarding R Parlee removal would be available

11. First Selectman's Report – none

12. Liaison Reports

J Ford reported on the Conservation Commission – several applications received; Gillette lane approved, Prospect Hill Rd approved for stream crossing. Application received for 151 Evergreen Terrace. Commission asked the application for Ivy Court to move the garage further away from the wetlands. Moved to support legislation for the open space funding. The Wetlands agent advised that the lawsuit in the area around Goldilocks Storage was dropped

S Soby stated that he had the opportunity to see two former Resident Trooper's and they shared fond memories of working with the town.

R Coyle reported on Commission on Aging (attached)

Open Space – applying for a grant with the Audibon (\$1,684) and CT River Basin (\$144,410) for wetland distributaries. Funding would also be used for mitigation of lakes and dealing with invasive species at Cohen.

13. Adjourn

J Ford moved to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Attachment: Commission on Aging Report

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk

COA Meeting-March 12, 2018

Chestelm will cater the May 3rd CoA sponsored program on Senior Financial Scams.

I emailed an electronic copy of the Strategic Plan out to all CoA members. Any comments or questions?

Donna Paty, our Administrative Assistant's mom passed away recently. She has returned to work as of today after her bereavement leave.

Medicare Savings Program previous income thresholds were reinstated and will be in effect through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2018). We need to begin talking with legislators now to protect this vital program into FY 2019.

The budget forum which will deal with senior issues was rescheduled, due to inclement weather, to Wednesday, March 21st, 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Please attend, if you're able.

The Senior Center was utilized as a warming center and charging station on Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9th, after the Nor'Easter of last week.

I will be submitting the Title III grant for funding for the Making Memories Program by 3/22.

The Luck 'o the Irish Luncheon on March 20th is sold out with a waiting list.

Town offices will be closed on Friday, March 30th for Good Friday.

Invitations went out for our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Friday, April 27th.

Attendance & Meals Served:

- Meals served in January: meals served on site:109 MOW:322
- Monthly Transports in February: 692
- Monthly Attendance in February: 1401
- Active membership in February: 1112