



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 6, 2018
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: P&R Director T Quinn, Town Planner R Benson, Registrar D Mrowka, J Stone and clerk L Dean

1. Call to Order

A Shilosky called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

2. Additions to the Agenda

A Shilosky asked to add #9 Discussion and Possible Action on Zambelli Fireworks Contract for Celebrate Colchester – 57 Fest, and renumber remaining items.

R Coyle moved to add agenda item as presented, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Citizen's Comments – none

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Youth Services Advisory Board – Resignation of Kathy Wonderly
- b. Tax Abatements - none

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

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

- a. Open Space – Kris Barnard to be interviewed – was interviewed
- b. Police Commission – John Carroll to be interviewed – was interviewed
- c. Economic Development Commission – Heide Perham possible appointment from alternate member to regular member to expire 10/31/2021 – D Mizla moved to appoint Heide Perham from alternate member to regular member to the Economic Development Commission to expire 10/31/2021, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

6. Approve Minutes of the August 16, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

D Mizla moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen meeting, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved, with one abstention by R Coyle. MOTION CARRIED

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Colchester Farmers' Market Alcohol Sales on Town Green Request

Jessica Stone, owner of Cold Spring Farms and facilitator of the Farmers' Market was present with These Guys Brewery owner Rebecca Albert. J Stone discussed the background of the market and where the market stands today with over 70 vendors and approximately 2,000 visitors every Sunday. She explained the purpose of the market is to promote community and collaborate with local businesses. Her request is to bring the brewery to the market for them to sell 64 oz growlers (beer). This would be for sale only and would indicate with a sign that alcohol is not to be consumed on town property. J Stone also offered to hire a police officer to police the green, at her cost, during the Farmers Market. J Stone realizes that there is a town ordinance prohibiting alcohol on town property, but is asking for a special exception. The Board had questions/concerns on; town insurance, Identification of minors, applicable state regulations, how other towns that have Farmers Markets selling on town property have put a policy into place, how those towns enforce the policy and regulations. The Board would also like Sgt. Martinez feedback, and would other similar vendors be allowed if this one was allowed. S Soby stated that the Board would like to look at how the town could support the farming community, but not have a situation undermine what we are trying to do with town property. A list of other towns in similar situations was requested from J Stone. Once the First Selectman's Office receives this, they will request from CCM a list of their policies. R Benson will research any state statutes that may prohibit alcohol within a certain distance from schools and churches. A Shilosky will look into our town insurance to find out what their process and position on the matter will be. If the town

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insurance would require additional insurance, that would be a cost the Farmers' Market would be responsible for. NO ACTION

8. Discussion on Celebrate Colchester – 57 Fest

T Quinn went over expenses and revenue from last year's 57 Fest to this year. Sponsorship from businesses has been extremely low this year. At this point there is not enough funding from sponsorship dollars to have the fireworks. Discussion on vendors, sponsors, cutting the amount of fireworks, and charging admission. A Shilosky stated that a decision needed to be made to cancel the event or figure out how to make up for the difference without using taxpayer dollars. The Board agreed that it was too late at this point to cancel the event. The Board and T Quinn agreed that if P&R could not raise the amount needed for the fireworks by Monday, 9/10, the fireworks would be cancelled but the event would go on as planned.. NO ACTION

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Zambelli Firworks Contract for Celebrate Colchester – 57 Fest

R Coyle moved to postpone voting and hold a special meeting on Monday, to vote on the Zambelli fireworks contract, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

10. Discussion and Possible Action on PermitLink Service Contract for Planning & Zoning Dept.

R Benson stated the funding has already been allocated in this year's budget. The cap is \$11,000 for three years, and then can renegotiate the contract. The department has already been trained on the software.

R Coyle moved that the Town of Colchester approve to authorize the First Selectman to sign the contract for a three year agreement with PermitLink per the contract dated August 29, 2018, seconded by D Mizla. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Open Colchester Policy

S Soby stated that the subcommittee received feedback from the CFO and they have not been able to have a discussion as a group on it yet. After the subcommittee meets again to discuss, they will bring it back to the BOS with recommendation. NO ACTION

12. Citizen's Comments - none

13. First Selectman's Report

A Shilosky reported that the School Resource Officer Suchecki will be retiring next year. He will work with Sgt. Martinez on next steps for replacement. Sgt. Martinez may also be retiring sometime next year. The Halls Hill Project grant funding has been released, and has increased from \$564,000 to \$709,000. Next step is that SCOGG Executive Board will meet to vote on the project. On 9/12 there will be a meeting with the State DOT regarding the light at the center of town and they will be putting a controller in a location on the green. The Police Dept. has hired a new Assistant to the Dept. Head and will start on 9/17. Fiber Optics at Town Hall was installed today and is now working. Next step is to replace the switches.

14. Liaison Reports

R Coyle reported on Chatham Health – they are dealing with issues in hiring food service people. Directors will be evaluated at the next meeting.

Building Committee – prior to the opening of school, the Fire Dept. went with a drone to the school and did an arial view of the property. Finishing the second gym and pupil services area.

D Mizla reported on BOE – C3 celebrating 10 years on 9/17 at WJJMS commons area. Administration gave the report of first day of school.

Youth Services – Open house will be on 10/3. K Wonderly resigned. Brainstorming on getting new members. 9/21 will be an outdoor movie night.

15. Adjourn

R Coyle moved to adjourn at 8:46 p.m., seconded by J Ford . Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,



Tricia Dean, Clerk