



# Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**Board of Selectmen Minutes  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, June 7, 2018  
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Selectman Denise Mizla

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Registrar D Mrowka, Town Clerk G Furman, Recreation Director T Quinn, BOF R Tarlov, B Wagner, T Rudko 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 #6 Discussion and Possible Action on Copier Leases for Finance and Planning & Zoning Administration, renumber remaining items.

S Soby moved to add the agenda items as presented, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Citizen's Comments – Taras Rudko spoke in opposition of #5.1. Stated he does not feel a former felon should be appointed to a town commission.**

**4. Consent Agenda**

1. Tax Abatements
2. Approve Minutes of the May 17, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
3. Approve Unemployment Tax Management Corporation Service Agreement
4. Possible Action on Senior Center Yoga Instructor Contract
5. Possible Action on Senior Center Exercise Instructor Contract
6. Possible Action on Senior Center Sittercize Instructor Contract
7. Possible Action on Senior Center Tai Ji Quan Instructor Contract

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**

**1. Planning & Zoning Commission – Bruce Hayn possible appointment as a member to expire 12/31/2019**

S Soby moved to appoint Bruce Hayn to the Planning & Zoning Commission as a member to expire 12/31/2019, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

J Ford and S Soby stated they have both known Bruce for a long time, and that he has served in a number of capacities for the town during this time and his commitment was notable. S Soby stated that justice was served. Justice is not just lock em' up. It is the cost of response with punishment, parole, and probation. Part of justice is rehabilitation. Mr. Hayn has his voting privilege restored and is an elector of the town, which is the qualification of an applicant. Stated he is a believer in rehabilitation. S Soby stated the quote "let he who is without sin case the first stone."

**2. Youth Services Advisory Board – Christos Stravoravdis possible appointment as a member to expire 12/1/2019**

R Coyle moved to appoint Christos Stravoravdis to the Youth Services Advisory Board as a member to expire 12/1/2019, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**3. Wayne Mohrlein possible appointment as a sub-registrar to expire 11/18/2019**

R Coyle moved to appoint Wayne Mohrlein as a sub-registrar to expire 11/18/2019, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

**4. Ethics Commission – Betty Wagner to be interviewed – was interviewed**

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5. **Conservation Commission – Seth Travis to be interviewed – was interviewed**
6. **Discussion and Possible Action on Copier Leases for Finance and Planning & Zoning Administration**  
R Coyle moved to approve the lease of new copiers with Ricoh USA, Inc. for the period July 1, 2018 through July 1, 2023 and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved.  
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7. **Discussion and Possible Action on Virtual Town Hall Service Agreement**  
A Shilosky stated this would be an upgrade to our current website. Discussion on #4, the current server will be retained for one year so that we may have access to information until fully transferred to the new platform. #12, the town will pay full cost up front, not taking the option to pay over three years.  
  
S Soby moved to approve the agreement with Virtual Town Hall service agreement and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
8. **Discussion and Possible Action on Summer Concert Food Concessions Contract**  
J Ford moved to approve the award contracts for Scotties Frozen Custard and The Classic Scoop and authorize the First Selectman to sign all necessary documents, seconded by R Coyle. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.
9. **Review and Discussion on Town Ordinance Potential Revisions**  
R Coyle stated that ordinance #77 and #136 are the only two from the highlighted list to delete, that she would like more research on before deleting. The Board agreed the rest of the ordinances listed can be put on the next meeting consent agenda. Then the list would go to a public hearing and town meeting.
10. **Citizen's Comments – Betty Wagner made a statement regarding #9, that the charter revision commission read the ordinances carefully and discussed, then made the recommendations in the list.**
11. **First Selectman's Report**  
A Shilosky stated he is working on the price for internet to switch equipment. The AC unit has been instated in the server room. There will be a transfer out of equipment reserve for fire house computers (7 units under \$10,000 total). They are in the process of being installed. Working on a lease for the Bacon Academy Trustees for the lease of the portion of the green that is under the Trustees. Noise Ordinance – have several complaints from residents on various noise issues. Would like to research putting an ordinance in place. The ZEO will research other towns and current ordinances in place. A Shilosky stated his office received a letter from a resident commending two police officers for their professionalism and hard work at an accident.
12. **Liaison Reports**  
R Coyle reported on Chatham Health – the state water sustainability plan is being drafted. Current discussion on public trust and utilization of water. Water bills in town have gone up due to the state. Started sampling water for summer bathing season. Environmental committee is working on lawn regulations because of health concerns.  
  
S Soby reported on Opengov subcommittee – Met twice. Framing policy for use of opengov. Defining things in terms of type of info, ensuring protection for federal law and state statutes, and role based security. Initial framework being created.  
Planning & Zoning – applicant looking for zoning change to develop different way that would add to our tax base. It is consistent with adjacent properties. Working on regulation that would restrict the sale of firearms within distances from schools, education and religious places of worship. With guidance from the Agriculture Commission working on regulations for livestock in suburban zones and how to quantify how many types of what animal can be kept.
13. **Adjourn**  
J Ford moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk