



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Board of Selectmen Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2018
Colchester Town Hall @ 7pm

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Registrar D Mrowka, Public Works Director J Paggioli, CFO M Cosgrove, Board of Finance R Lepore, A Migliaccio, T Kane, A Bisbikos and via teleconference R Tarlov, J McNair, D & K Gesiak 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

J McNair spoke in favor of opengov

4. Consent Agenda

1. Approve Minutes of the February 15, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting
2. Tax Abatements

R Coyle moved to approve the consent agenda after removing item #1 due to being absent from February 15th meeting, seconded by S Soby. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED

5. Approve Minutes of the February 15, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting

D Mizla moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2018 Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting, seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved with one abstention by R Coyle. MOTION CARRIED

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

1. Commission on Aging – Nan Wasniewski to be interviewed – was interviewed
2. Parks & Recreation Commission – Brenda Kniska to be interviewed – was interviewed

7. Presentation by Opengov

Charles Garrison presented the financial software opengov and addressed questions from the Board and department heads.

8. Citizen's Comments

R Lepore, speaking as a citizen, thanked the Board for listening to the presentation of opengov. Stated she feels it would be a powerful tool to take the data the town has and show it in an easy format to read. Also felt it would lead to consistent reporting of data.

J McNair stated he feels public is excited to see the opengov put into place. Stated he feels it has the potential to allow residents to get better information than they get now. He hopes the Board will support the Board of Finance decision to implement.

A Bisbikos, speaking as a citizen, stated he strongly supports opengov. Stated conversations he has had with business owners and residents and their support of the transparency software.

T Kane, speaking as a citizen, states the Board of Finance struggles to obtain information and getting the information in an understandable format. Stated the Board needs adequate data in an adequate format.

9. First Selectman's Report – no update

10. Liaison Reports

S Soby reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission – approved, with considerations, the development proposal on route 16. The request from the middle school for a message board sign was not approved.

Agriculture Commission – sustainability for farm to school program was discussed. Desire to identify right to farm signage in town also discussed.



Chatham Health – Pubic budget hearing conducted. Audit review was approved. Per capita cost to towns reduced from what was originally proposed. Fund balance now at a reasonable balance for emergencies.
Extended his condolences to the staff members who have recently lost family members.

11. Adjourn

S Soby moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m., seconded by J Ford. Unanimously approved. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Dean, Clerk

**Commission on Aging
Colchester, Connecticut
Annual Report
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017**

MISSION

The Colchester Commission on Aging shall assist and support the needs of Colchester residents 55 years of age and older in the areas of nutrition, employment, economic and physical well-being, social services housing and any other areas of concern: develop and implement programs; advocate for the population and collaborate with the Colchester Senior Center and the community.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

-Member participation on Senior Center Subcommittee resulting in the purchase of property on Lebanon Avenue. The Commission is committed to working with the Town and staff of the Senior Center to see the project through to completion.

- Second edition of "*Senior Resource Guide*" completed. Five hundred copies printed and continue to be distributed to the community.

- Member participation in the quarterly Commission on Aging Regional Round Table meetings.

- In July TVCCA's Meals on Wheels fundraising (plastic piggy banks) were distributed to Commission members resulting in substantial monetary contribution to this TVCCA program.

- Active member participation in Colchester's Senior Center Strategic Plan.

- Partnered with Cragin Memorial Library, Colchester Senior Center and Colchester Historical Society in October to present "Harvesting Stones". This is a documentary of early immigrants from Eastern Europe to Southeast Connecticut. Collected and donated over fifty pounds of dry and canned goods to the Colchester Food Bank. This film will be presented to the Colchester community in January 2018.

-Attended "Senior Safe" in November. This was a program presented by CorePlus Credit Union which provided advice on how to protect your money and financial accounts from scams, exploitation and identity theft. This program will be presented to the Colchester community at the Senior Center in the Spring, 2018.

-Partnering with Senior Center to coordinate and support a 40th Anniversary Gala to be held in September, 2018 at "A Villa Louisa".

-Supported the Colchester Senior Center's Holiday Fair through contributions and volunteers.

GOALS FOR 2018:

Continue our efforts to assist, support, advocate and educate Colchester seniors; serve as an active voice promoting programs and services on behalf of the elderly; and, to work tirelessly to move the Senior Center project forward to completion.

ATTACHMENTS:

Addendum #1 which details the age demographics of Colchester residents based on 2015 Census information which was then extended out to the year 2025 as Census Projections for 2020 and 2015. Based on these projections and keeping in mind that they are only projections it appears that the growth of Colchester's senior population while consistent may not reach 40% of the total population until 2025. This information was found on the following website:
<http://web2/uconn.ctsdc/projections.html>.

Addendum 1

Age	2015 Census Data			2020 Census Projection			2025 census Projection		
	male	female	total	male	female	total	male	female	total
55-59	778	756	1534	784	778	1562	700	753	1453
60-64	483	524	1007	749	754	1503	754	776	1530
65-69	395	427	822	464	519	983	715	741	1456
70-74	273	281	554	370	413	783	433	498	931
75-79	150	181	331	240	263	503	322	381	703
80-84	101	142	243	122	155	277	190	223	413
85-89	60	109	169	68	116	184	83	124	207
90 and over	37	101	138	42	103	145	46	109	155
Total	2277	2521	4798	2839	3101	5940	3243	3605	6848

2017 estimated population based on averaging of 2015 +2020 data

dividing by 5 (#of years between '15 & '20) multiplied by two.

Age	total
55-59	1546
60-64	1205
65-69	886
70-74	646
75-79	353
80-84	267
85-89	179
90 and over	140
Total population	5222 estimate

Data source: <http://web2.uconn.edu/ctsd/c/projections.html>