

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER**  
**Special Town Meeting – August 15, 2013**  
**MINUTES**

Present: Gregg Schuster, 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman, Rosemary Coyle, Selectman, Gregory Cordova, Selectman, Stan Soby, Selectman, James Ford, Selectman, Nancy Bray, Town Clerk, 35 citizens and 2 reporters.

Gregg Schuster called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Motion that Stan Soby be Moderator made by Rosemary Coyle, seconded by Gregory Cordova.

Motion to close nominations made by Dorothy Mrowka, seconded by G. Cordova.

Motion that Stan Soby be Moderator; SO VOTED AND CARRIED.

Moderator called for Town Clerk, Nancy Bray, to read the warning.

Discussion on a Blight Ordinance as requested by a Petition filed in the Town Clerk's Office on May 29, 2013:

G. Schuster read a Resolution passed at the August 1, 2013 Board of Selectmen's Meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Most of the people spoke in favor of an ordinance, asked questions concerning or gave an opinion; speakers are listed below:

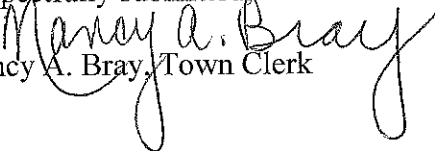
Dave Anderson, Steve Schuster, Dave Pudlo, Mary Mack, Pat Blaauboer, Gail & Franklin Zito, Anne Curran, Margaret Binkley, Barbara Baldauf and Mike Caplet.

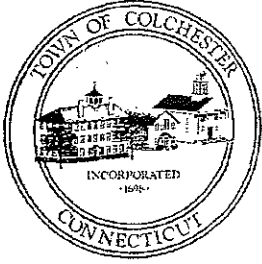
Steve Schuster made a motion to add discussing a Blight Ordinance and forming a Task Force to tonight's Board of Selectmen agenda; seconded by G. Cordova.

Moderator called for a vote on the above motion; SO VOTED AND CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn by Steve Schuster, seconded by Greg Cordova at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nancy A. Bray, Town Clerk

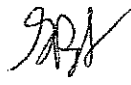


# *Town of Colchester, Connecticut*

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

Gregg Schuster, First Selectman

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Board of Selectmen  
**Cc:**  
**From :** Gregg Schuster, First Selectman   
**Date:** 7/30/13  
**Re:** Town Meeting For Blight Ordinance

As discussed, town counsel has advised us that the board must call a Town Meeting in response to the petition submitted.

**Recommended Motion – “Move that in response to the petition filed with the Town Clerk and pursuant to section C-1001 (C) of the Town Charter, a Town Meeting is hereby called at 7:00 PM on August 15, 2013 to discuss a blight ordinance.”**

The board also expressed a desire to convey their concerns to the Town Meeting over the process for creating a blight ordinance.

### **Recommended Resolution –**

**“Be it resolved that the Board of Selectmen recognizes that blighted properties have become an issue in Colchester that requires careful review. We agree with the petitioner that the time has come to have a community discussion on this subject and, if necessary, enact ordinances to address the impact blighted properties have on neighboring properties.**

**Be it further resolved that the Board of Selectmen expresses concern over adopting any ordinance at the Town Meeting without the necessary review, thoughtful contemplation, and legal oversight normally given to proposed ordinances. In order to properly address the issue of blight, the Board of Selectmen intends to form a task force to develop an ordinance that fits the needs of the community.”**