

MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER
HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2017

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A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Colchester, Connecticut, was held at Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue, in Colchester, Connecticut, on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Art Shilosky, First Selectman; Stan Soby, Denise Mizla, Rosemary Coyle, John Jones, Donald Kennedy, Mary Tomasi, Brad Bernier, Rob Tarlov, Andreas Bisbikos, Dorothy Mrowka, Randy Benson, Patty Watts, John Chaponis, Michelle Wyatt, Trisha Dean, John Malsbenden, Gayle Furman, and other citizens.

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman, Art Shilosky at 7:00 p.m.

A motion for John Malsbenden as moderator of the meeting was made by Rosemary Coyle and seconded by Stan Soby. MOTION CARRIED.

A motion to close nominations for moderator was made by Stan Soby and seconded by John Jones. MOTION CARRIED

A Motion was made by Stephen Schuster and seconded by Rosemary Coyle to move Item 1; to discuss and vote upon the purchase of the property located on Map #22, Lot 49, Lebanon Avenue, Colchester, CT and to appropriate \$90,000 for costs related to the transaction and finance such appropriation by using \$90,000 of the monies available in the Unassigned Fund Balance of the Town's General Fund.

Discussion:

- A citizen stated that he thought the land in question was already donated to the town. A. Shilosky explained that the land was in a trust and was never donated to the town. He also stated that the town would be purchasing the property from that Trust. Jean Stawicki stated that the land could not have been donated without the town's knowledge.
- A citizen commented that he thought the process to purchase this property was well thought out and a new Senior Center was promised to the seniors.
- A citizen asked what the cost would be to build a new Senior Center and what would happen to the current Senior Center. R. Coyle explained the process the Senior Center Committee went through to get to this point and why they chose this particular property. She also explained why the town bought the current Senior Center and that they will be setting up a committee to decide what to do with the existing Senior Center after a new one is built as it is not the current committees charge.
- A citizen asked for understanding on what the Unassigned Fund Balance is. S. Soby explained why it was created and what it is used for. S. Soby and R. Tarlov explained what debt service is.
- A citizen stated that he noticed there was another piece of land near Town Hall for sale. John Faski stated that he is in the process of purchasing that piece of land.

Moderator called for a voice vote on Item #1, SO VOTED AND CARRIED

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:21pm by John Jones and seconded by Stan Soby.
MOTION CARRIED

Gayle Furman, Town Clerk