



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

127 Norwich Avenue, Colchester, Connecticut 06415

**TOWN OF COLCHESTER
SPECIAL JOINT BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING
TOWN HALL
127 NORWICH AVENUE**

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Monday, March 19th, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

BOS MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectman G. Schuster, S. Soby, R. Coyle, G. Cordova

BOS MEMBERS ABSENT: J. Ford

BOF MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman R. Tarlov, R. Esteve, C. Pompei, T. Kane. and A. Shilosky

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Cosgrove, D. Kennedy, B. Berier, R. Goldstein, J. Contois, A. Turner. J. Paggioli, D. Mrowka, R. Blessing, W. Cox, D. Lee, C. Martin (Webster Bank), K. Manginelli (Webster Bank), C. Barnes (clerk), and other citizens.

1. Call To Order

First Selectman Schuster called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order at 7:00pm
Chairman Tarlov called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Potential Bond Items

M. Cosgrove introduced the potential bond items.

A. Turner discussed potential land acquisition and responded to questions.

J. Paggioli answered questions pertaining to potential road improvement bond.

W. Cox answered questions pertaining to potential fire apparatus bond.

3. Citizen Comments:

J. Contois is not in favor of the maintenance aspect of the road improvement bond, J. Contois also commented on Capital needs of BOE, lastly J. Contois spoke in favor of potential land acquisition.

D. Kennedy commented on future school/community/senior center project and using inaccurate cost estimates.

L. Curtis commented on behalf of the Agricultural Commission in favor of potential land acquisition.

C. Port commented in favor of potential land acquisition.

L. Higaman of the Colchester Land Trust commented in favor of potential land acquisition.

D. Wasnewski commented in favor of potential land acquisition.

D. Morrison of Hebron commented in favor of potential land acquisition.

- C. Praisner commented in favor of potential land acquisition.
- C. Tull commented in favor of potential land acquisition.
- C. Caisik of Young Farmers commented in favor of potential land acquisition.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Appropriation and Bond Authorization for Road Improvement Program.

For the Board of Selectmen S. Soby moved the following resolution. Seconded by G. Cordova. All members of the BOS present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen hereby approves the document presented to this meeting entitled "Town of Colchester, CT, Fiscal Year 2013 Ten-Year Road Improvement Program, as Approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 19, 2012," and directs that a copy of the document be placed on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Colchester appropriate \$3,275,000 and authorize borrowing in the same amount for costs related to improvements to various Town roads including road reconstruction, pavement enhancement, surface treatment, and related work and improvements, substantially as described in the document entitled "Town of Colchester, CT, Fiscal Year 2013 Ten-Year Road Improvement Program, as Approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 19, 2012," and improvements to such other roads as may be determined time-to-time by the Board of Selectmen. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, land and easement acquisition, landscaping, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the project be referred to the Zoning and Planning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, if not yet completed.

For the Board of Finance C. Pompei moved the following resolution. Seconded by T. Kane. All members of the Board of Finance present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Colchester appropriate \$3,275,000 and authorize borrowing in the same amount for costs related to improvements to various Town roads including road reconstruction, pavement enhancement, surface treatment, and related work and improvements, substantially as described in the document entitled "Town of Colchester, CT, Fiscal Year 2013 Ten-Year Road Improvement Program, as Approved by the Board of Selectmen on March 19, 2012," a copy of which document has been presented to this meeting, and improvements to such other roads as may be determined time-to-time by the Board of Selectmen. The appropriation may be spent for design and construction costs, equipment, materials, land and easement acquisition, landscaping, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Appropriation and Bond Authorization for Fire Apparatus

For the Board of Selectmen R. Coyle moved the following resolution. Seconded by S. Soby. All members of the Board of Selectmen present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED

RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Colchester appropriate \$1,200,000 and authorize borrowing in the same amount for costs related to the refurbishment of a heavy rescue vehicle owned by the Town, and the acquisition of a fire suppression engine tank (1,000 gallon water capacity, with single stage 2,000 gallon per minute pump). The appropriation may be spent for acquisition and delivery costs, related equipment, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing .

For the Board of Finance A. Shilosky moved the following resolution. Seconded by R. Esteve. All members of the Board of Finance present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. Discussion and Possible Action on Appropriation and Bond Authorization for Land Acquisition

For the Board of Selectmen G. Cordova moved the following resolution. Seconded by R. Coyle. All members of the Board of Selectmen present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Selectmen recommends that the Town of Colchester appropriate \$615,000 and authorize borrowing in the same amount for costs related to the acquisition by the Town, for the purpose of supporting farmland preservation and for other municipal purposes, of a parcel of land known as 110 Prospect Hill Road in Colchester, now or formerly owned by Klaus Horst Slembek and Kathleen Goggin, and consisting of an approximately 75.59 acres, and the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto. The parcel contains a residential structure, various agricultural buildings and two active farm fields. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, surveys, testing, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town anticipates that: (1) it may receive grants to defray in part the appropriation for the project under the State of Connecticut's Community Farms Preservation Program or other programs, (2) it may dispose of a portion of the property including the residential building thereon, and (3) it may enter into a lease or other arrangement providing for the use of all or portions of the property in commercial farming operations. To the extent not defrayed from project grants or land sale proceeds, the appropriation will be funded, as to be determined by the Board of Finance, from available unencumbered general fund balance or the proceeds of borrowings.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the project be referred to the Zoning and Planning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, if not yet completed.

For the Board of Finance T. Kane moved the following resolution. Seconded by C. Pompei. All members of the Board of Finance present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Finance recommends that the Town of Colchester appropriate \$615,000 and authorize borrowing in the same amount for costs related to the acquisition by the Town, for the purpose of supporting farmland preservation and for other municipal purposes, of a parcel of land known as 110 Prospect Hill Road in Colchester, now or formerly owned by Klaus Horst Slembek and Kathleen Goggin, and consisting of an approximately 75.59 acres, and the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto. The parcel contains a residential structure, various agricultural buildings and two active farm fields. The appropriation may be spent for acquisition costs, surveys, testing, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project or its financing. The Town anticipates that: (1) it may receive grants to defray in part the appropriation for the project under the State of Connecticut's Community Farms Preservation Program or other programs, (2) it may dispose of a portion of the property including the residential building thereon, and (3) it may enter into a lease or other arrangement providing for the use of all or portions of the property in commercial farming operations. To the extent not defrayed from project grants or land sale proceeds, the appropriation will be funded, as to be determined by the Board of Finance, from available unencumbered general fund balance or the proceeds of borrowings.

**For the Board of Selectmen S. Soby moved the following resolution. Seconded by G. Cordova. All members of the Board of Selectmen present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLVED, That such recommendations, be presented to a Town Meeting to be held at Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue in the Town of Colchester, Connecticut, on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, immediately following Annual Town Meeting scheduled for 7:00 p.m., and acted upon at referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the aforesaid resolutions shall be placed upon the paper ballots or voting machines under the following headings:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXPEND A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$3,275,000 FOR THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER FISCAL YEAR 2013 TEN-YEAR ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"SHALL THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXPEND A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$1,200,000 FOR REFURBISHMENT OF A HEAVY

RESCUE VEHICLE AND ACQUISITION OF A FIRE SUPPRESSION ENGINE TANK, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"SHALL THE TOWN OF COLCHESTER APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO EXPEND A SUM NOT TO EXCEED \$615,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF 110 PROSPECT HILL ROAD IN COLCHESTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING FARMLAND PRESERVATION AND FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUE OF BONDS AND NOTES TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION TO THE EXTENT NOT DEFRAID FROM PROJECT GRANTS OR LAND SALE PROCEEDS, OR GENERAL FUND BALANCE?"

Voters approving said resolutions will vote "Yes" and those opposing said resolutions shall vote "No". Electors and persons qualified to vote in town meetings who are not electors will vote at the following polling place: Colchester Town Hall, 127 Norwich Avenue in Colchester. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on 2012-2013 Budget

This discussion was held for the Regular Board of Finance Meeting to take place on Wednesday, March 21, 2012.

8. Citizen Comments

None

9. Adjournment

For the Board of Selectmen R. Coyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. Seconded by G. Cordova. All members of the Board of Selectmen present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

For the Board of Finance R. Esteve made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm. Seconded by A. Shilosky. All members of the Board of Finance present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Candace Barnes
Clerk