

June 21, 2017

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present: Arthur M. Merrill Supervisor
Janet L. Champlin Councilwoman
Julie A. Markert Councilwoman
Gregory L. Lavorgna Councilman

Absent: Mark W. Mattson Councilman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael P. DeGroat-Town Attorney, Glenn Nealis, Jeff Francisco, Lillian Browne-The Reporter, Joan Homovich and Pio DeRoda.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, June 07, 2017 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

GUEST COMMENTS: Glenn Nealis, Director of Economic/Industrial Development presented another grant application to the Town Board; last year's grant application was for the River Walk, Paddle Trail & Pepacton Park Project to attract people to the area; it was denied; we have revised the application and would like to move forward with the grant application. Supervisor added that we would like to connect to other trails; we would like to do the bridge crossing and include a pavilion; this is a 50/50 grant up to \$400,000 (our \$200,000 could include in-kind work). Board discussed.

NO. 49-2017 06/21/17 Authorizing the Submission of an Application to the NYS
Department of State, Office of Planning and Development in
The 2017 Funding Consolidated Funding Application Round

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has identified a need for the development of a park, recreation trail, and paddle trail project within the Town of Colchester; and

WHEREAS, the Town has worked to complete the planning phase of the project and has identified an appropriate funding opportunity and intends to apply for funding; and

WHEREAS, the project will create a more enjoyable and walkable community and result in a safer and healthier community; and

WHEREAS, the project will require grant funding in order to bring the project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, applications are being accepted by way of the Consolidated Funding Application for requests under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program through the Department of State, Office of Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said municipality or not-for-profit must obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby approve and endorse the submission of applications for a grant under the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for a park, recreation trail, and paddle trail project within the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering submitted a pay requisition for Louie Banker; just found out about Louie's accident; he recommends that we look at plugging the box if Louie is not going to be able to work soon.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYSDEC- Notice of Complete Application- Shim Property, 315 Rockland Rd, Roscoe; Comments on this project must be submitted in writing no later than 7/6/17.
- Sarah Hood of Head to Toe Fitness Studio- She has offered an Aqua-Fit Class the last few years at the Town Pool and would like the Board to consider approving the class again this year; class is twice a week during adult lap swim hour, the first week of July until August 10th. Supervisor added that for the 12 classes it would cost the Town \$360. Board discussed.

NO. 50-2017 06/21/17 Authorize Aqua-Fit Program at Town Pool

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Sarah Hood of Head to Toe Fitness Studio to hold an Aqua-Fit Program this summer at the Town of Colchester Pool located at 14728 State Hwy 30, Downsville, New York.

Resolution was seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

REPORTS- written reports on file at Town Clerk's Office:

- Planning Board- May 18, 2017 Minutes.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the DWD SAM Grant seems to be moving along; received some phone calls and we responded by email.

Supervisor reported that we are waiting for a quote on the library replacement windows.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we received funds electronically the other day for the CFWD DWSRF #16601 Project in the amount of \$41,206.25; this is the amount we have paid Louie Banker for the work he did last year; we need to make a budget amendment. Board discussed.

NO. 51-2017 06/21/17 Budget Amendment for CFWD

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Cooks Falls Water District has made Requisition Number 1 to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in the amount of \$41,206.25 for the CFWD DWSRF #16601 Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has received said NYSEFC funds in the amount of \$41,206.25;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to amend the 2017 Budget by increasing the CFWD Revenue State Aid/Water Capital Project Fund #3991.9 by \$41,206.25 and increasing the CFWD Appropriations Rehabilitation Grant Fund #8668.4.09 by \$41,206.25.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor commented that last meeting Sarah Hood was here inquiring about the Best Dam Race; we stated there should be no problem but we need a Public Facility Permit Application. Board discussed.

NO. 52-2017 06/21/17 Public Facility Permit No.09-2017

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Sarah Hood on behalf of the Best Dam Race, have applied for a Public Facility Permit to use sections of River Road and Bridge Street and the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street on Saturday, September 30th from 8:00AM to 11AM for the 5K Color Run, River Paddle & ½ Marathon Race and Awards Ceremony;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No. 09-2017 to Sarah Hood for the use of River Road, Bridge Street and the Covered Bridge Park located at 48 Bridge Street, Downsville, NY.

Resolution seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have had a few issues at the park; we need to look at some rules and post them: no overnight camping; dawn to dusk; parking overnight with permit or permission. We should also post events going on at the park. Board discussed and approved.

Supervisor commented that he would like to hire Delaney Brown under the Youth Program to help out at Town Hall; we have filing, shredding and cemetery mapping that could use some help; the Youth Program pays \$9.70 per hour, the Town's minimum is \$9.75. Board discussed.

NO. 53-2017 06/21/17 Delaware County's Summer Youth Employment Program

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Delaware County has a Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester recognizes the need to hire a youth through this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to submit an application to the Delaware County's Summer Youth Employment Program to hire Delaney Brown to assist with Town Hall filing and paper work at the hourly rate of \$9.75.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor reported that Highway Supt. Eck has mentioned that he could use someone to clean the garage area and vehicles for the summer; hours of 6am to 2:30pm Monday - Thursday as the highway dept. is working four 10 hour days; youth can only work 8 hours; Matthew Hale has made an application for summer work. Board discussed.

NO. 54-2017 06/21/17 Appoint Summer Youth for Highway Dept.

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Delaware County has a Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester recognizes the need to hire a youth through this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Matthew M. Hale as a Summer Youth Employee at the hourly rate of \$9.75 per hour for the Town Highway Department through the Delaware County Summer Youth Employment Program.

Resolution seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Clerk's Office Closed Tuesday, June 27th – Training
- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday July 3rd and Tuesday July 4th
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., July 5th at 7PM

Councilwoman Markert inquired about the status of the pool. Supervisor replied that the pool is being filled tonight; should open on Monday; diving board delivered today; need a new large pump, it has been giving us problems for the last few years; pump costs around \$6,000-7,000.

Councilwoman Markert commented that the Route 30/206 bridge is getting close to being open. Supervisor replied that once we have two lanes and the traffic light is gone, we will contact the County to open the Covered Bridge.

Councilwoman Markert commented that we had previously stated that two mowers could be seen on the road at one time; she saw three the other day. Supervisor replied that we need to get the job done.

Councilwoman Markert commented that a guy broke down on Friday night; he contacted DEP and stated there was no one to tow vehicle; Sheriff Deputy came along and had Fred's tow the vehicle; cost the guy \$275.00. Is there anything we can do? Doesn't look good for us to have people come to our area. Supervisor replied not sure what we can do. Officer Cawley stated that we cannot control the Sheriff's Officers.

Councilwoman Champlin commented that she heard that Trout Unlimited is supporting the "catch and release" rule between the two bridges (Downsville Motel and Covered Bridge); we have a lot of kids who fish by the covered bridge and a lot of people who eat the fish they catch. Supervisor replied that NYSDEC is reviewing the fishing rules on the Delaware River System; they held a meeting recently in Hancock; we are the upper east end of the Delaware River; people should comment to the NYSDEC in Stamford; anyone who fishes on the other end of the covered bridge would not apply to the "catch and release" rule. Board discussed. Councilman Lavorgna stated that the "catch and release" rule brings people to the area, as they know there are fish there and therefore voted no to the following resolution.

NO. 55-2017 06/21/17 Oppose "Catch and Release" Rule in the Town of Colchester

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, NYSDEC is reviewing and updating fishing rules for the Delaware River System; and

WHEREAS, NYSDEC is proposing a "Catch and Release" Rule (no kill zone) within the Town of Colchester;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Supervisor to write a letter to NYSDEC opposing the "Catch and Release" Rule within the Town of Colchester.

Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Greg Lavorgna-no, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.11-2017 Voucher No.283-302; Totaling \$121,861.78.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Highway Supt. Eck would like to post an ad for an HEO1 (Heavy Equipment Operator) due to the retirement of Arnold Sherwood; we will run the ad for one week with applications due by July 7th. Board approved.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk