

January 07, 2015

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, January 07, 2015 immediately following the Organizational Meeting, at 7:36 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:                    Arthur M. Merrill                    Supervisor  
                                 Janet Champlin                    Councilwoman  
                                 Mark W. Mattson                    Councilman  
                                 Julie A. Markert                    Councilwoman  
                                 Gilbert D. Close                    Councilman

Recording Secretary: Julie B. Townsend                    Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Tom Coddington- Walton Reporter, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Pio Deroda, Maureen Pedersen, Cindy Herrmann and Elizabeth Champlin

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill. Supervisor commented that there were a lot of transfers to clean up the over spent appropriation lines; he will be sending out a memo to all department heads to manage their 2015 Budget more carefully.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, December 17, 2014 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Gilbert Close, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering stated that a Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 & 2 needed to be performed for the Cooks Falls Water District Grant Project of installing a new 10,000 gal Chlorine Contact/Storage tank, new flow metering system and piping; the remaining \$62,000 DWSRF Grant is not enough to complete the project; we will need 35,000 to 50,000 out of the new grant. Board reviewed and adopted the following resolution. Supervisor Merrill signed the necessary documents; Mr. Francisco will attach to grant application.

NO. 10-2015    01/07/15                    SEQR Review-Negative Declaration- CFWD Spring Supply Rehab  
Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester, as Lead Agency, has conducted a review pursuant to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act-SEQR) and in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 617 for this Unlisted Action Project, and has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed project, "Cooks Falls Water System Spring Supply Rehabilitation Project", to install a new 10,000 gal Chlorine Contact/Storage Tank and a new flow metering system and piping; and

WHEREAS, the project scope does not appear to have any adverse environmental impacts based upon Town determination; and

WHEREAS, the Town needs to render a SEQR determination; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the requirements of the state environmental review process (6NYCRR Part 617) have been met;

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby resolves that, to the best of their knowledge:

1. The requirements of 6NYCRR Part 617.11 have been met; and
2. Consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the action is the one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating conditions to the decision those mitigating measures that were identified as practicable; and
3. (if applicable) Consistent with the applicable policies of Article 42 of the Executive Law, as implemented by 19NYCRR Part 600.5, this action will achieve balance between the protection of the environment and the need to accommodate social and economic considerations; and
4. The project will not result in any large or important impact(s) and therefore, is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore a negative declaration is hereby declared.

Resolution seconded by Mark Mattson.

This resolution was put to a vote by roll call and resulted as follows:

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill                    voting aye  
Councilperson, Janet Champlin                    voting aye  
Councilperson, Gilbert D. Close                    voting aye  
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert                    voting aye  
Councilperson, Mark W. Mattson                    voting aye

The resolution was declared to be duly adopted by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester.

Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering stated that a Short Environmental Assessment Form Part 1 & 2 needed to be performed for the Downsville Water District Grant Project of installing a new 5,000 gal Raw Storage tank and building, an overflow piping, new booster pumps and cartridge filters, reservoir & new tank level control, new flow metering system, relocation of existing Chemical feed system and associated piping; Board reviewed & adopted the following resolution; Supervisor signed the necessary documents; Mr. Francisco will attach to grant application NO. 11-2015 01/07/15 SEQR Review-Negative Declaration- DWD Spring Supply Upgrade Gilbert Close made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester, as Lead Agency, has conducted a review pursuant to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act-SEQR) and in accordance with 6NYCRR Part 617 for this Unlisted Action Project, and has prepared a Short Environmental Assessment Form; and

WHEREAS, the Town's proposed project, "Downsville Water System Spring Supply Upgrade Project", to install a new 5,000 gal Raw Storage Tank and Building with an overflow piping, New booster Pumps and Cartridge Filters, Reservoir and New Tank level control, New flow metering system, relocation of existing Chemical feed system and associated piping; and

WHEREAS, the project scope does not appear to have any adverse environmental impacts based upon Town determination; and

WHEREAS, the Town needs to render a SEQR determination; and

WHEREAS, the Town believes that the requirements of the state environmental review process (6NYCRR Part 617) have been met;

THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby resolves that, to the best of their knowledge:

1. The requirements of 6NYCRR Part 617.11 have been met; and
2. Consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the action is the one that avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable by incorporating conditions to the decision those mitigating measures that were identified as practicable; and
3. (if applicable) Consistent with the applicable policies of Article 42 of the Executive Law, as implemented by 19NYCRR Part 600.5, this action will achieve balance between the protection of the environment and the need to accommodate social and economic considerations; and
4. The project will not result in any large or important impact(s) and therefore, is one which will not have a significant impact on the environment, and therefore a negative declaration is hereby declared.

Resolution seconded by Julie Markert.

This resolution was put to a vote by roll call and resulted as follows:

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Gilbert D. Close	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	voting aye
Councilperson, Mark W. Mattson	voting aye

The resolution was declared to be duly adopted by the members of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester.

Cindy Herrmann commented that back in November the Town Board gave money to the indoor soccer group for insurance; that was a quote for 29 players as the school was requiring insurance for practices. Councilwoman Champlin and Markert commented that they heard there were some parents upset as their children cannot join. Ms. Herrmann commented that there is a waiting list; we are just a small group just starting out; I cannot handle any more players; Downsville does not have a booster club; we hope to have a tournament and the proceeds will go to next year's insurance policy. Councilwoman Markert stated that we need to be more cautious choosing to sponsor groups with limited numbers.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- Cooks Falls Water District- Notice that was sent with January 2015 Water Bills "Important Information About Your Drinking Water-Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the CFWD".
- Association of Towns- 2015 Training School and Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton New York Midtown, NYC, and February 15-18, 2015.
- Catskill Watershed Corp.-Watershed Currents- December 2014.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- December 2014- 1 customers balance due \$50.00; Receipts of \$205.00 disbursed to Supervisor; Annual Report for 2014.
- Downsville Water District- December 2014- 6 customers balance due \$350.79; Receipts of \$411.68 disbursed to Supervisor. Annual Report for 2014.
- Town Clerk- December 2014- Total disbursed \$921.00 of which \$886.00 was Town revenues. Annual Report for 2014.
- Town Justice Arthur C. Edel- December 2014.
- Colchester Historian Report for 2014.
- Current FEMA Projects- as of January 07, 2015 and recap of 2014.

Supervisor Merrill reported on the following:

- Nothing new on the FEMA Projects.
- Holiday Brook Bridge Project is completed and OPEN
- 2015 Freightliner should be here in 1-2 weeks; we are holding all bills until delivered.
- NYSOCR- New York Main Street Grant Project was denied.
- CDBG- Housing Rehabilitation Program- grant approved –Supervisor has signed contract.
- Mike O'Reilly is working on the SEQR for the new salt shed.
- Surplus items have been sold, some items need to be picked up and we still are waiting for final payment from Auctions International.
- Ice Skating Rink at Pepacton Park is filled and hoping to open this weekend.
- Roxbury Arts Group- Streetscape Arts (Eagles) Project was approved for \$5,000 and O'Connor Foundation is also matching at \$5,000.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we need a resolution to move forward with the 2014 Catskill Smart Growth Implementation Grant Project; we need to renew the land leases with DCS and Mark Butcher and sign a new one with the Downsville Fire Dept.; this is for the Colchester Recreational/Fitness Trail; we have asked Colleen Griffith to work on including Mark Butcher's property to Down's Point (Down's Grave). Board discussed.

NO. 12-2015 01/07/15 2014 Catskill Smart Growth Implementation Grant

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has grant funding through their Environmental Fund for the 2014 Catskill Smart Growth Implementation Grant; and

WHEREAS, said grant will support capital projects and community development initiatives that link environmental protection, economic development and community livability located within the Catskill Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester deems it to be necessary and in the public best interest to apply to said grant program for the development of the Colchester Recreational/Fitness Trail;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign all necessary documentation including land leases, revocable license agreement and/or other documents for said grant application subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., January 21, 2015 at 7PM

Councilwoman Markert commented that she was looking through the recent "Talk of the Towns & Topics" and inquired if we had a replacement for the DWD Water Plant Operator. Supervisor replied that about five years ago the CFWD WPO would get certified and be the backup; now they are thinking of retiring; we need to find someone for CFWD and be backup for DWD. Board discussed further.

Councilwoman Markert commented that the LP gas bill for the highway garage was very high.

Supervisor reported that the Delaware County Board of Supervisors' Organizational Meeting was held this afternoon.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Julie Markert, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No.01-2015; Voucher No.01-28/; Totaling \$43,964.78.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session upon recommendation of the Supervisor to discuss highway personnel and possible litigation issues, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:55 PM. Highway Supt. and Town Attorney were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Gilbert Close made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 9:13 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk