

August 01, 2018

A Public Hearing was held by the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York on Wednesday, August 01, 2018 in the Town Hall for the purpose of said Town Board to consider submitting an application to NYS for funding under the Small Cities, Community Development Block Grant Program.

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
	Janet L. Champlin	Councilwoman
	Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
	Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
	Mark W. Mattson	Councilman
Recording Secretary:	Julie B. Townsend	Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Lynda Hitt-Delaware Opportunities, Anthony Morgano-The Reporter, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Alan Donner, Jim Shields, Manny & Marge Zanger and Joyce Steflik.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the Public Hearing was called to order by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill.

Lynda Hitt of Delaware Opportunities explained the program; this year's program has not been announced yet; last year the maximum amount was \$500,000; a lien of 5years would be place on homes and 10years (second mortgage) on mobile homes, that must be on a foundation. The Town Board was interested in home rehabilitation and mobile home replacement project for the Town of Colchester.

Joan Homovich stated that she was in favor of repairs by local contractors (home rehabilitation) but was not in favor of the giving mobile homes (no local mobile home vendors).

No one else spoke in favor of the proposed Community Development Block Grant Program.

No one else spoke against of the proposed Community Development Block Grant Program.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk

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The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held immediately following the public hearing on Wednesday, August 01, 2018 at 7:17 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
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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, July 18, 2018 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that Louis Banker was given a punch list for final completion of the Cooks Falls Water District #TC1-G-2015 Project that must be completed in 30days; Mr. Banker must have in place a Maintenance Bond in the amount of 1% of the project, for one year from today; NYSDOH Matt Currey was there last week and found one valve not working properly, Boil Water Notice was issued, Ron MacDonald fixed, all is well. Supervisor was authorized to sign the Certificate of Substantial Completion and Mr. Francisco will sign and issue when project is complete.

Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that he hopes to have the final bid packet within a month for the Downsville Water District- Filtration of the DWD Spring System- DWSRF Project No.17537; we hope to go to bid this fall for construction in spring 2019.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Manny Zanger a resident of Beaverkill Mtn Road stated that on July 21<sup>st</sup> his neighbor had a loud party with approximately 75 people and they set off fireworks; he inquired to his legal rights regarding noise control. Supervisor replied that fireworks are illegal in NYS unless done by professional company. Town Attorney replied that the Town does not have a noise ordinance, they should call the police and they may address the situation under penal law. Joan Homovich commented that visitors were in the park at 11:30pm and being very noisy; they stated they did not see the park sign. Ms. Homovich commented that the street light is still out and that the signage at the covered bridge is still a problem.

Discussion of park benches going along Main Street was held.

#### CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance- On July 26, 2018 the State Office of Real Property Tax Services established a final State equalization rate of 2.97 for the Town of Colchester.
- NYS Dept. of Health- 2 Swimming Pool Inspections- Pool Fence does not self-close, but does self-latch and no flow meter.
- Catskill Recreation Center- CRC in partnership with Overlook Mountain Bicycles is a gain hosting the Catskill Mountain Cycling Challenge on Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>; their planned routes pass through the Town of Colchester.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- July 2018- 26 customers balance due \$2,921.00; Receipts of \$2,955.01 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- July 2018- 75 customers balance due \$11,046.85; Receipts of \$11,278.51 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- July 2018 -Total disbursed \$1,271.00of which \$1,206.00 was Town revenues.
- Planning Board- June 21, 2018 Minutes.
- Police Report- July 2018.
- FEMA- as of 7/26/2018.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Cooks Falls Garage Project has not started yet; Highway Dept. needs to do prep work before Paul G. Ryder III Construction can start.

Bonnie Seegmiller reported that the Clean Energy Communities Program/Grant is making a little progress; we need insurance certificate and easement; they are also asking for copy of map.

Supervisor reported that he has spoken with Michael O'Reilly of Principle Design & Engineering; he will be drafting suggestions/plan for the Walking Bridge over Downs Brook.

Town Attorney reported that two changes need to be made to the Local Law to Regulate & Prohibit the Parking of Trucks and Oversize Vehicles Exceeding 10,500 Pounds on Town Highways; he hopes to have final draft by next meeting; the next step is a public hearing.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Tiffany Hollow NFPP Grant- Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Replacement project is moving slowly.

Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck reported that he would like to add another road to the Seasonal Limited Use Highway List. Town Attorney will look into this.

Highway Supt. Eck reported that we sold a truck to Andes for \$125,000, we got approximately \$33,000 from the auction and have \$15,000 left in budget; he suggests buying a new truck now to get in Feb. 2019; if we wait until Jan. we won't get until fall 2019; new truck without plow would be approximately \$187,000; may have buyer for truck he wants to rotate out; we have purchased six new trucks within a five year rotation; we have saved money in repairs due to warranties on new trucks. Supervisor asked about the 2019 Budget, Hwy Supt replied that he would still like to order another new truck in the beginning of the year. Board discussed. Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that research should be done on purchasing a new truck now, all in favor, motion carried. Highway Supt. will have proposal for next meeting.

Highway Supt. Eck proposed to widen River Road where feasible to 20 feet with blacktop; 2½ inch thick should last 8 years; one estimate to do ourselves from Al's Sport Store to Corbett would be \$362,125.50; second estimate to have Cobleskill Stone do would be \$442,045.00. Board discussed. Funds would come from fund balance.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

Councilman Lavorgna commented that "talk" has it that Greg Barnes would be willing to sell his newly purchased property on Tannery Road. Board discussed. Supervisor commented that to add three walls to the highway garage for the police dept. would cost approximately \$150,000-175,000. Board discussed further. Councilwoman Markert stated that she preferred the highway garage over Tannery Road. Board suggested that the Supervisor talk with Greg Barnes.

Councilwoman Markert commented that last meeting we were given an operating statement; after reviewing she has a concern with the police budget lines. Supervisor replied that we are down to 40% left and will probably go over by 10%. Councilwoman Markert inquired if we should cut back on some of the part-time hours. Board discussed. Supervisor commented that if the police are more active then fines will go up; fines go into the general fund, they could go into police lines. Town Attorney asked the question are expenses offset by fines. Supervisor added that we had more hours for the firemen's field days and a lot more coverage.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Greg Lavorgna made the motion, seconded by Mark Mattson, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, all in favor, motion carried. Abstract No.13-2018 Voucher No.383-413; Totaling \$300,790.61.

Greg Lavorgna made the motion to go into executive session to discuss pool personnel issues, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:40 PM. Board held discussion. Julie Markert made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 9:02 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Julie Markert, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk