

March 06, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, March 06, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Bonnie Seegmiller and Cat Scott- Delaware River Solar.

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, February 20, 2019 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, Mark Mattson-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried.

GUESTS: Cat Scott of Delaware River Solar gave a presentation on “Community Solar – No Panels on Your Property”: no installation or maintenance fees; sign up and receive a discount off your electric utility rate; Go Green and Save Green; great for renters, homeowners and businesses alike; each Solar Farm offsets 5 million pounds of carbon emissions annually; solar farms are twenty acres that are close to the substation; takes 18-24 months to start up a new farm; no fees to sign up or discontinue; for more info contact Cat.Scott@DelawareRiverSolar.com.

Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that 8 contractors have purchased bid packets for the Downsville Water System Improvement Project: Contract #TC1-G-2019; the Pre-Bid meeting is March 27th at 10am at the site on Tub Mill Road; Bid Opening is April 10th at 10am.

Bonnie Seegmiller reported on the Clean Energy Communities Program: there is a write-up in “A Time and A Place” regarding the Colchester EV Charging Station; waiting on the second grant funds and reimbursement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- MTC- Pending rate adjustments for MTC Cable services effective April 01, 2019.
- Del. Co. DPW- Notice of Temporary Road Closure with a gross weight in excess of four tons on any one axle, effective March 13th - Colchester: County Routes 7 and 26.
- NYCDEP- 2019 Watershed Recreation Newsletter.
- NYCDEP- DEP begins two-month shutdown of Shandaken Tunnel for Rehabilitation Work at Intake Chamber- should last until April 30th.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- February 2019- 19 customers balance due \$950.00; Receipts of \$400.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- February 2019- 39 customers balance due \$3,678.10; Receipts of \$2,525.63 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- February 2019- Total disbursed \$549.51 of which \$501.01 was Town revenues.
- Police- February 2019 Activity Report.
- Planning Board- December 20, 2018 Minutes.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have requested our first reimbursement on the Tiffany Hollow NFPP Grant- Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Replacement Project; another bill in tonight.

Supervisor reported that Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering is going to get estimates for NYCDEP to hook-up to the Downsville Water District; going to be costly.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have submitted some documents to the Office of Community Renewal for the NYS CDBG Project #260HR301-18 \$500,000 Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Supervisor reported that we need a resolution to accept the grant funds for the Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project and to authorize him to sign the contract. Board discussed.

NO. 29-2019 03/06/19 Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project

Greg Lavorgna 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 has applied 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, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation has contributed to funds to the Consolidated Funding Application; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester has been awarded a matching grant of \$276,200 from the Consolidated Funding Application under the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby accept said grant award funds in the amount of \$276,200 from the Environmental Protection Fund Grant Program for Parks, Preservation and Heritage;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign a contract with NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for Project #182471, the Downsville Park Paddle Trail Development Project and any other documents to complete said project.

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

Supervisor commented that he would like to see if anyone picks up a petition for the two Town Assessor positions before we move forward with going to a Sole Appointed Assessor. Board discussed. Town Attorney explained that once we go to a sole Assessor we cannot go back to three elected Assessors; we will also need a public hearing before adopting a local law.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., March 20 at 7PM

Supervisor reported that Janet Champlin on behalf of the Pepacton Park Committee has submitted an application for a Public Facility Permit to use Pepacton Park for their Farmers' Markets. Board discussed.

NO. 30-2019 03/06/19 Public Facility Permit No.02-2019

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Janet Champlin on behalf of the Pepacton Park Committee has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use Pepacton Park located at 15500 State Hwy 30 on eight Saturday, from May 25th to Sept. 14th from 9:00AM to 2:00PM for vendors of agricultural producers, antiques, artisans, crafts and for parking;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No.02-2019 to the Pepacton Park Committee for the use of Pepacton Park located at 15500 State Hwy 30, Downsville, NY. Resolution was seconded by Mark Mattson, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-abstain, Julie Markert-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we had ordered a time clock for the highway department and it is not working well, a cheaper brand; we will bring it back to Town Hall to use. Highway Supt Eck commented that we got one of the older ones working, not sure for how long; we need two and would like the ones we had before, they cost \$1400 each; one will go to Cooks Falls Garage and then to the Cemetery when the season changes. Board discussed.

NO. 31-2019 03/06/19 Purchase Two Simplex 500 Automatic Electronic Time Recorders
Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester does hereby authorize Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to purchase two Simplex 500 Automatic Electronic Time Recorder/Time Clocks from TimeClockWorld.com at a price of \$1,479.99 each for the use of the Highway and Cemetery Departments.

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

Highway Supt Eck reported that we are required additional training this year for 811 Dig Safe Excavator; he will be sending 4 or 5 men who run the excavator; training costs \$25.00 per man and the certificate is good for 4 years.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Mark Mattson made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Mark Mattson-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.04-2019 Voucher No.123-146; Totaling \$38,062.05.

Greg Lavorgna made the motion to go into executive session to discuss Highway personnel, seconded by Janet Champlin, Mark Mattson-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Highway Supt. Was invited to stay. Board entered executive session at 7:58 PM. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, Mark Mattson-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:05 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, Mark Mattson-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk