

July 03, 2019

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, July 03, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Vicky Klukkert-The Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Alan Donner, Gene & Ruth Wilhowsky and James Shields.

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 19, 2019 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Mark Mattson, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Alan Donner asked when NYSDOT was going to pave NYS Route 30. Supervisor replied that he had heard next year. Hwy Supt Eck and Councilman Mattson said they heard this October.

Joan Homovich inquired to the Town's share of the paddle park grant and the walking bridge project. Supervisor replied that the walking bridge is part of the paddle park grant and funds used on the walking bridge will count toward the Town's share.

Ms. Homovich inquired on the Downs Brook Project. Supervisor replied that things are moving, survey done, preliminary drawings done; we will need permits; cannot state it will be done this year as deadline is Sept. 30th; Tracey Brown of Trout Unlimited is working on it.

Ruth Wilhowsky inquired about the Gregory Hollow Project. Supervisor replied that we were under contract with DOT, DEC and engineer over a year ago; we are now putting this out to bid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- NYCDEP- Emergency Action Plan.
- NYS Real Property System Delaware County- Assessor's Edit/Warning Report for the 2019 Assessment Roll.
- NYS Environmental Facilities Corp- NYS Revolving Fund Project No. D0-16601 is Paid in Full- Cooks Falls Water District.
- Delaware County Office for the Aging- Looking for volunteers for Non-Emergency Medical Transportation; Delaware Opportunities monthly food distributions will take place the last Friday of every month; OFA bus pickup at Downsville Country Store at 9am must make bus reservation.
- Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch- 2019 legislative session has adjourned for the year and will reconvene in January 2020; he will introduce to legislation for the Town of Colchester the bridge dedication for the NYSDOT Bridge #1020790 on Routes 30 and 206 as the "Colchester Veterans Memorial Bridge".
- NYS Agriculture and Markets- Municipal Shelter Inspection Report on 06/19/19 Satisfactory and on 06/21/19 Satisfactory.
- NYSDEC- Survey conducted on the tributary to Gregory Hollow Brook to evaluate the trout population upstream and downstream of a perched culvert slated for replacement.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- June 2019- 22 customers balance due \$1,820.00; Receipts of \$50.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- June 2019- 41 customers balance due \$5,111.86; Receipts of \$376.41 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- June 2019- Total disbursed \$1,495.26 of which \$1,457.26 was Town revenues.
- Police- June 2019 Activity Report.
- Planning Board- April 18, 2019 Minutes.
- Supervisor- Operating Statement for the Period Ending 06/30/2019.

Supervisor Merrill asked the Board to re-appoint Janet Champlin to the Town Council; she had to resign last meeting due to retiring from DCS. Board discussed.

NO. 75-2019 07/03/19 Appoint Janet Champlin to the Town Council

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints Janet Champlin to fill the current Town of Colchester Member of Council vacancy for the period of 07-03-2019 to 12-31-2019.

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

Supervisor reported that Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering had called today and stated that DOH said that we could borrow more funds to do the DWD Filtration of the Spring System; we would have to borrow and bond for the additional funds; we have a 30year loan at zero percent now for this project, \$127,390.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has spoken with NYCDEP regarding the hookup to the DWD; we had sent an estimate for the cost and they were shocked with cost amount; they did their own estimate and would like to put this out to bid; they would like us to administrate the project at a fee of 10%; they would pay up front to the Town and then we would pay contractor; we need to talk with our Town Attorney and draw up a contract agreement.

Supervisor reported that at the last meeting we authorized to re-bid for a 2019 or newer 4x4 Pickup Truck off the NYSOGS Mini-Bid #19070011 of the NYS Vehicle Marketplace.

Supervisor reported that it is time to renew the 2019 Agreement with the Humane Society of Central Delaware County, Inc. (d/b/a Heart of the Catskills Humane Society); agreement is the same as the last few years. Board discussed.

NO. 76-2019 07/03/19 Humane Society Agreement 2019

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to sign the Agreement between the Town of Colchester, NY and the Humane Society of Central Delaware County, Inc. (d/b/a Heart of the Catskills Humane Society) of Delhi, NY to utilize the Humane Society's Shelter for the care and confinement of those stray or lost dogs which are picked up by the Town of Colchester Dog Control Officer or Police Officers.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Mark Mattson-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-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, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.12-2019 Voucher No.349-387; Totaling \$133,082.97.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Town Clerk's Office Closing at Noon on Fridays starting June 21st through August 30th
- Town Clerk's Office Closed Thurs. July 4th and Friday July 5th
- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., July 17th @ 7PM

Councilwoman Markert reported that the pool bath house project is almost complete; waiting on new windows; will do the concrete walkway after the season; Health Inspector was in and stated that the gate is still not self-closing; 4-H Group donated items to the pool, a thank you should be sent; need new door on pump-house; the gate on pump-house side is bent, can we get it fixed. Highway Supt will look at it. Supervisor suggested putting something down over the concrete.

Councilwoman Markert commented that the Colchester Chamber of Commerce asked her to read a letter they received from an irate driver who received a speedy ticket after he was given a courtesy card from another agency.

Jim Shields commented that the Music in the Park was very nice but not well attended.

Upon recommendation of the Supervisor, Councilman Mattson made the motion to go into executive session to litigation, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:45 PM. Town Attorney and Town Clerk were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Mark Mattson made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 7:56 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

Supervisor reported that he has received a Ballot for Executive Committee of the Coalition of Watershed Towns. Board discussed and agreed to cast the proposed ballot.

NO. 77-2019 07/03/19 CWT Ballot

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Watershed Towns has submitted the ballot for the election of Executive Committee Members for Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, said ballot must be received by Midnight on August 16, 2019;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to cast the following ballot: Regular Members- Pat Davis, Wayland Gladstone and Mark Tuhill and Alternate Member- Tom Hilson to represent Delaware County in the Executive Committee of the Coalition of Watershed Towns.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that the DWD Bond is at a balance of \$71,000 and will be paid off in six years.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Mark Mattson-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk