

January 02, 2020

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, January 02, 2020 at 7:16 PM following the Organizational Meeting at the Town Hall.

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

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Bonnie Seegmiller, Alan Donner, Mary Brawley-Fuat, Louie Banker and Nathan Homovich.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, December 18, 2019 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Supervisor Merrill stated that we will continue to have Visitor Comments as long as everyone does it civilly and with decorum; only at this time will we hear from the visitors; once a topic is over it is over; if not then visitors will need to request to be placed on the agenda 48 hours in advance. Town Attorney offered to draft a policy regarding rules of decorum. Board discussed and agreed.

Mary Brawley-Fuat announced that Congressman Delgado is holding a webinar on Twitter on Jan.8th regarding Volunteer Fire Dept.

Louie Banker asked how the Town Attorney was coming on his research of the Town becoming a Sanctuary Township for the 2nd Amendment? Town Attorney replied that only one Town in NY is adopting this; he has some issues with the resolution presented; the Board needs to consider why they are making any resolution and making a resolution a policy and how they are going to enforce the policy; a Town cannot adopt a local law beyond their power; there are rules of the Federal Government and State Government that need to be enforced by all. Board discussed and agreed to explore options.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Association of Towns- The 2020 Training School and Annual Meeting will be held at the Marriott Marquis, New York City, February 16-19, 2020. Info packet filed with Town Clerk.
- NYSDOH- Notice of Violation ID: 2020 16129-Operations Report for CFWD Sept.2019 not submitted and Notice of Violation ID: 2020 16130- Monitoring, Routine, Major (RTCR) Report for CFWD Sept.2019 not submitted. Town/Water Clerk has replied to NYSDOH that both reports were sent on time and she has copy that they received both reports.
- Del. Co. Dept. of Economic Development-Tourism Advisory Board is accepting applications for funding under the 2020 Tourism Promotion & Development Grant; deadline 2/14/2020.
- Friends of the Upper Delaware River- Federal Government Boosts Delaware River Funding; \$9.7million appropriated for the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- December 2019- 2 customers balance due \$100; Receipts of \$100 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District- December 2019- 7 customers balance due \$489.50; Receipts of \$443.30 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Town Clerk- December 2019- Total disbursed \$467.20 of which \$448.20 was Town revenues.

- Police- December 2019 Activity Report.

Supervisor Merrill reported on the Tiffany Hollow NFPP Grant- Gregory Hollow Road Culvert Replacement Project: DOIG Excavating, Inc. was awarded the Gregory Hollow Road Stream Crossing Project; project is on hold until spring when blacktop can be done and the temporary bridge can be taken down.

Supervisor reported that he has spoken with NYCDEP in regards to the contract of hooking up to the DWD System; they are making changes and will contact us soon.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Downsville Paddle Park Project is ready to go out to bid and asked for a motion to advertise for bids for the building and materials. Board discussed.

NO. 10-2020 01/02/20 Advertise for Bids Downsville Park Paddle Project

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M Merrill to advertise for sealed bids for the building and materials of the Downsville Paddle Park Project; bids are due by Noon on March 31, 2020.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, resolution declared adopted.

Officer Cawley explained that because of the GM strike all stock orders have been canceled; we adopted Resolution NO.114-2019 on 10/02/19 to purchase a 2020 Chevrolet Tahoe; over 3000 units were canceled; Officer Cawley presented a quote for a 2020 Ford or suggested that we wait for a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe. Board discussed and agreed to wait until August and order a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe.

Supervisor reported on the Downs Brook Flood Mitigation Project: surveyors have been out doing a study of the layout of the project; what had been planned to do, will not be sufficient; they would like to expand the project and extend the time frame; another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow; this is a high priority project; they would like to study three stages: mouth of the river; bench on the school side; and bridge and removal of Daniel's house (house is falling into river).

Supervisor Merrill reported that the Downsville Water District is having financial difficulties; WPO MacDonald does a lot of work for the Town and gets paid extra; if we extended title with annual salary with work at the pool, cemetery, and Town Hall, his health insurance could be paid by the general side of the budget; Ron also covers Cooks Falls Water District, they operate under his license. Supervisor would like the Board to consider sharing the health insurance costs. It was suggested to talk with the auditors for their opinion. Board also discussed meter repairs and backup WPO.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting Wed., January 15th following Getaway Campground Public Hearing at 7PM
- Town Hall Offices Closed Monday, January 20th- Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Councilman Mattson commented that he feels that the McFarland property is a no go for the County. Supervisor replied that the County Board of Supervisors have said that we do not want this property brought back up again; we said no and should move on.

Councilman Lavorgna inquired if the Dodge has gone back to dealer for repairs and who paid for the tow. Hwy Supt Eck replied that the Robert Green Co has the truck again.

Councilman Lavorgna asked how the security system was going for Cooks Falls Garage/Court? Office Cawley replied that hopefully it would get installed this month. Councilman Lavorgna added that the Cooks Falls Garage looks spotless, guys are doing a great job.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Janet Champlin 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.01-2020 Voucher No.01-25; Totaling \$228,342.45.

Julie Markert made the motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:22 PM. Town Attorney and Town Clerk were invited to stay. 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 8:28 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Mark Mattson made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk