

May 05, 2021

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, May 05, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
	Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
	Janet L. Champlin	Councilwoman
	Mark W. Mattson	Councilman
	Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman

Recording Secretary:	Julie B. Townsend	Town Clerk
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Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt. and Rob Hafele. ZOOM attendees: Randy Shephard-The Reporter, Bonnie Seegmiller, Ron MacDonald and Darlen Beers.

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, April 21, 2021 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Darryl Houck- Asking Town Board for a variance to allow a sub-division on his property located on Montgomery Avenue. Supervisor would like to discuss this further in executive session as possible litigation.

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- April 2021- 26 customers balance due \$2,015; Receipts of \$2,850.01 disbursed to Supervisor. Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2020.
- Downsville Water District- April 2021- 73 customers balance due \$7,926.90; Receipts of \$25,797.16 disbursed to Supervisor. Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2020.
- Town Clerk- April 2021- Total disbursed \$1,942.01 of which \$1,885.51 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice DeRosia- April 2021.
- Town Justice Edel- April 2021.
- Town Historian- Colchester History Connections Newsletter Spring 2021 Volume 11, Issue 1.

Supervisor Merrill reported that WPO Ron MacDonald is researching new water meters for the Downsville Water District; he is looking into finding some meters like the ones we have as we have some parts but not complete set-ups; we have \$108,000 left in the DWSRF #17537 Project. Councilwoman Markert asked if this needed to go out to bid. Supervisor replied that he did not think so; we will try to do in house.

Supervisor reported that he has spoken with Mike Vanderworth in regards to the NYCDEP Downsville Water District Contract; money has been approved, waiting on Contract.

Supervisor Merrill reported that he has sent some papers in for the permit for the Downsville Park Paddle Project.

Supervisor reported that he has done some work on the Speed Zone River Road Project; he asked Councilman Lavorgna to clock the mileage for the Speed Zone Fuller Hill Rd/Horton Brook Rd.

Supervisor Merrill introduced a Local Law increasing the term of Office of the Town Superintendent of Highways from two years to four years; a public hearing is needed next; after the public hearing the Board will need to adopt the local law subject to a mandatory referendum, this will go on the November Election Propositions; if passed the local law will take effect with the term starting 01/01/2022. Board discussed.

NO. 44-2021 05/05/21 A RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester held on May 5, 2021 at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York, the following resolution was offered by Janet Champlin and seconded by Julie Markert:

WHEREAS, a local law entitled "A LOCAL LAW INCREASING THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE TOWN SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS" was introduced at this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the adoption of said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Colchester on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall, 72 Tannery Road, Downsville, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

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

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet L. Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	voting aye
Councilperson, Mark W. Mattson	voting aye
Councilperson, Gregory L. Lavorgna	voting aye

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

Supervisor reported that the Colchester Senior Citizens have requested to use the Pepacton Park for parking their vehicles while attending 2 different bus trips. Board discussed.

NO. 45-2021 05/05/21 Public Facility Permit No.05-2021

Mark Mattson made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Alfretta Doig on behalf of the Colchester Senior Citizens has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use Pepacton Park located at 15500 State Hwy 30 on Thursday, June 10, 2021, from 8:30AM to 7:00PM for parking approximately 15-20 cars for a bus trip to Silver Birches, PA;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No.05-2021 to the Colchester Senior Citizens for the use of Pepacton Park located at 15500 State Hwy 30, Downsville, NY on June 10, 2021.

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

NO. 46-2021 05/05/21 Public Facility Permit No.06-2021

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Alfretta Doig on behalf of the Colchester Senior Citizens has applied for a Public Facility Permit to use Pepacton Park located at 15500 State Hwy 30 on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 9:00AM to 7:00PM for parking approximately 15-20 cars for a bus trip to Skaneateles Lake for a boat ride and lunch;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes the Town Clerk to issue Public Facility Permit No.06-2021 to the Colchester Senior Citizens for the use of Pepacton Park located at 15500 State Hwy 30, Downsville, NY on July 28, 2021.

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that he sent Danella a final bill for using Pepacton Park and that their agreement has been terminated as of May 31, 2021.

Supervisor stated that it was time to do the annual Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials. Board discussed.

NO. 47-2021 05/05/21 SWD & Reporting Resolution for Elected & Appointed Officials

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Colchester/Location Code 30554 hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping systems records or record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body.

Title	Name	Social Security Number (Last 4 digits)	Registration Number	Standard Work Day (Hrs./day)	Term Begins/Ends	Participates in Employer's Time Keeping System (Y/N)	Days/Month (based on Record of Activities)
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Elected Officials

none

Appointed Officials

Code Enforcement Officer	Thomas R. Zampolin			6	01/01/2021-12/31/2021	N	14.97
Supervisor's Bookkeeper/Account Clerk	Dawn R. D'Addezio			6	01/01/2021-12/31/2021	N	24.11
Sole Assessor	D. Joseph Gifford			6	10/01/2019-09/30/2025	N	10.06
Water Superintendent	Ronnie L. MacDonald			6	01/01/2021-12/31/2021	N	16.00

Resolution was 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 L. Champlin-voting aye

Councilperson, Julie A. Markert-voting aye

Councilperson, Mark W. Mattson-voting aye

Councilperson, Greg L. Lavorgna-voting aye

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

Supervisor Merrill reported that we have received a few more applications for Summer Employment. Board discussed.

NO. 48-2021 05/05/21 Appoint Additional 2021 Seasonal Cemetery Laborer

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town's Summer/Youth Employment Policy states that youths must be students continuing their education and must be enrolled full-time status and verification of student status is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hire the following students for the 2021 Season with no benefits.

Olivia Brunner	Returning Seasonal Cemetery Laborer	\$13.00 per hour
Steven R. Brown	New Seasonal Cemetery Laborer	\$12.50 per hour

FURTHER RESOLVED, that verification of all necessary documents must be completed and filed before anyone will be allowed to start work.

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

NO. 49-2021 05/05/21 Appoint 2021 Seasonal Highway Laborer

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town's Summer/Youth Employment Policy states that youths must be students continuing their education and must be enrolled full-time status and verification of student status is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Nathan Valentine as a 2021 seasonal highway laborer at a rate of \$13.00 per hour with no benefits.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that verification of all necessary documents must be completed and filed before he will be allowed to start work.

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

NO. 50-2021 05/05/21 Appoint 2021 Pool Director

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Janice L. Stickle as the 2021 Town Pool Director at a rate of \$15.50 per hour with no benefits.

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

Supervisor suggested that the Pool Committee contact the Pool Director in regards to this year's summer program. Supervisor will prepare and submit the Pool Permit to the Dept. of Health.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., May 19th - Live and ZOOM Public Hearing at 7PM.
- Assessor available with Tentative Assessment Roll:
 - Tues. May 11th 4:30-8:30pm; Wed. May 12th 4:30-8:30pm;
 - Thur. May 13th 4:30-8:30pm; Sat. May 15th 10am-2pm.
- Grievance Day is Tuesday, June 8th 4-8pm.

Supervisor commented that he has spoken with Del. Co. Board of Supervisors Chairman, Tina Mole' in regards to a Paid County Emergency Services and it is being looked into.

Councilman Mattson asked if we can do anything about gravel bars. Hwy Supt Eck replied probably not; FUDR, Friends of the Upper Delaware River are doing some projects. Supervisor added that Earth to Sky has talked about gravel bars and it is a topic of conversation for Graydon Dutcher also.

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. 10-2021 Voucher No.244-278; Totaling \$23,913.31.

Greg Lavorgna made the motion to go into executive session to discuss possible litigation issue, seconded by Mark Mattson, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 7:35 PM. Board held discussion. Janet Champlin made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, all in favor, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:04 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town

Clerk