

May 03, 2023

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Absent: Daniel J. Pinner Councilman

Recording Secretary: Kirstie Mattson Deputy Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Rob Hafele, Janice Stickle.

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 19, 2023 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlinaye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Julie Markert-absent, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried.

Councilwoman Julie Markert entered the meeting at 5:06pm.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none.

CORRESPONDANCE: none.

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

- Town Justice Conrow- \$21,508.00 reported for April 2023.
- Town Justice Edel- \$7,845.00 reported for April 2023.
- Cooks Falls Water District- \$4,145.03 reported for April 2023.
- Downsville Water District- \$24,479.15 reported for April 2023.
- Town Clerk- \$2,843.00 reported for April 2023.
- Colchester Police April 2023 report
- Planning Board Minutes for March 16, 2023 meeting.

Councilwoman Julie Markert reported that the Water District Committee received a response from The CEO of The Rural Water Association. The email stated that the Association may be able to help Downsville Water District with their mapping of the existing water infrastructure if we meet their criteria. The email contained questions about the water system and the supervisor stated that he will work with Water Plant Operator Ron MacDonald to get accurate answers for the Association.

Supervisor Merrill reported that the mobile office is still being worked on. The doors were delivered and the electrical work is nearly complete.

The Supervisor reported that the next step for the Paddle Park is to order lumber for the deck.

Supervisor Merrill stated that he has spoken to Josh Taggart of Taggart Electric, Inc. about the Transfer Station. Josh Taggart has set a date with NYSEG to switch over the services. The Transfer Station will need to be closed on Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023- as NYSEG is only available in our area on Thursdays.

The Supervisor reported that Titan Drilling Corp. is currently working on the discussed plan for Cooks Falls Water District. They are pulling the old pump and replacing it with a temporary

pump, which will allow us to run tests on the water. The results on those tests will determine how to proceed.

The Board members discussed the current Cooks Falls Water Plant Operator.

**NO. 33-2023 05/03/23 Appoint William Klinegardner as Acting CFWD WPO**

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, William Klinegardner has shown interest in the position of Cooks Falls Water District (CFWD) Water Plant Operator (WPO) and has been working with past WPO, Noma Lacey; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health will allow us to work under another WPO, namely Ron MacDonald;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby appoints William Klinegardner as Acting WPO for the Cooks Falls Water District and will be paid \$300.00 per month with no benefits.

Resolution seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

The Supervisor stated that Kirstie Mattson needs to be added to the necessary Bank Accounts at Community Bank. There is paperwork from the bank that needs an authorizing signature from the Board.

**NO. 34-2023 05/03/23 Town Clerk Banking Access for Kirstie Mattson**

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Kirstie Mattson is acting as the Colchester Town Clerk it is necessary to have access to the Town Clerk and Water Clerk Accounts at Community Bank, N.A.; and

WHEREAS, Community Bank, N.A. requires the Town to authorize this for the Town Accounts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Kirstie Mattson, to have access to the following Community Bank, N.A. Accounts:

Acct. No. ####2798- Town of Colchester Town Clerk;

Acct. No. ###0329- Town of Colchester Downsville Water Dist Clerk;

Acct. No. #####7124- Town of Colchester Cooks Falls Water Dist Water Clerk.

Resolution was seconded by Greg Lavorgna. Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

The Board then asked returning Pool Director Janice Stickle to discuss the needs at the Town Pool for this upcoming season. Janice gave the board a list of potential pool employees that she recommends. She also explained that after 17 years of being the Town Pool Director, she would like to spend this summer training somebody to eventually take over the position. She recommended that Corra Nocella spend this summer training to be her successor in addition to her lifeguard duties. The Board discussed.

**NO. 35-2023 05/03/23 Appoint 2023 Pool Personnel**

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires the following pool personnel for the 2023 Pool Season:

Janice L. Stickle	Pool Director	\$18.00 per hour
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Corra A. Nocella	Returning WSI/Lifeguard	\$16.20 per hour
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Resolution seconded by Julie Markert. Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

The board then asked Janice about specific issues at the pool that should be addressed before the season begins. Janice stated that the pool should be sealed and painted- Highway Superintendent Eck said that the highway department could help with that project. The Board also discussed

purchasing a building, which would allow the employee lockers to be moved away from the pool chemicals in the pump house. Councilwoman Merkert and Councilwoman Champlin both spoke about the need for new concrete at the pool and the possibility of expanding the area of the current concrete. There are also cracked depth tiles that will need to be replaced. The board discussed options and will be looking to hire somebody in the near future for this job.

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wed., May 17, 2023 at 5PM.

**SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES:** Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. **Abstract No. 09-2023 Voucher No. 231-260 ; Totaling \$67,051.83**

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 5:57PM Board held discussion. Janet Champlin made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 6:29PM.

**NO. 36-2023 05/03/23 Appoint 2023 Seasonal Cemetery Laborer**

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Aaron Early as a New Seasonal Cemetery Laborer at the rate of \$14.20 per hour with no benefits. Resolution seconded by Julie Markert. Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, resolution adopted.

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester appoints Kirstie Mattson to the Town Clerk position. Resolution seconded by Art Merrill. Janet Champlin-nay, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-nay, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent. Resolution was not adopted.

With no further business, Julie Markert made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Dan Pinner- absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:02PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kirstie Mattson, Deputy Town Clerk