

June 06, 2018

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 06, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall.

Present:

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

Absent:

Recording Secretary:

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Michael DeGroat-Town Attorney, Melissa Johns-The Reporter, Jeff Francisco-Delaware Engineering, Bonnie Seegmiller, Joan Homovich, Mary Brawley-Fuat and 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, May 16, 2018 had been distributed earlier. Janet Champlin made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

GUESTS: Jeff Francisco of Delaware Engineering reported that the pump for the CFWD has finally arrived; getting ahold of Louie Bunker with punch list that needs to be completed and then we will make finally payment to him.

Mr. Francisco reported that we are still waiting for NYSDOH to approve the final plans for the DWD Filtration Project. Supervisor reported that Titan Drilling has been to the DWD well house; we have been having problems with the pump; Titan states that the pump at the well house is not big enough for the job.

VISITOR COMMENTS: none

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Excellus BCBS- Notice of Proposed Premium Rate Change for 2019- SimplyBlue Plus Platinum 2 is 1.5%.
- Excellus BCBS- Notice of Proposed Premium Rate Change for 2019- COBRA SimplyBlue Plus Platinum 2 is 1.5%.
- NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance, Office of Real Property Tax Services- Tentative Equalization Rate is 2.97 (last year was 3.04).

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

- Cooks Falls Water District- May 2018- 18 customers balance due \$1,675.50; Receipts of \$805.00 disbursed to Supervisor and Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017.
- Downsville Water District- May 2018- 44 customers balance due \$6,401.84; Receipts of \$2,697.01 disbursed to Supervisor and Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2017.
- Town Clerk- May 2018 -Total disbursed \$3,242.21 of which \$3,200.21 was Town revenues.
- Town Justice DeRosia- May 2018.
- Town Justice Edel- May 2018.
- Planning Board- February 15, 2018 Minutes.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Bonnie Seegmiller and Mary Brawley-Fuat have worked many hours on the ZEV Grant Application for the EV Charging Station with PlugIn Stations Online; grant application was submitted online before the deadline.

Supervisors reported that we contacted Radio Shack and have ordered nine air conditioners for a total of \$4,881.00; Paul Ryder has quoted us \$3,625.00 to do the installation of the nine units.

Supervisor Merrill reported that we overlooked doing a budget amendment when we received on March 8th requisition #3 from NYSEFC for the CFWD in the amount of \$10,721.62; we need to do this to keep the budget up to date. Board discussed.

NO. 59-2018 06/06/18 Budget Amendment for CFWD

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Cooks Falls Water District has made Requisition Number 3 to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in the amount of \$10,721.62 for the CFWD DWSRF #16601 Project; and

WHEREAS, on March 08, 2018 the Town of Colchester received said NYSEFC funds in the amount of \$10,721.62;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby authorizes Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill to amend the 2018 Budget by increasing the CFWD Revenue State Aid/Water Capital Project Fund #3991.9 by \$10,721.62 and increasing the CFWD Appropriations Rehabilitation Grant Fund #8668.4.09 by \$10,721.62. Resolution was seconded by Julie Markert.

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

Town Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill	voting aye
Councilperson, Janet Champlin	voting aye
Councilperson, Julie A. Markert	voting aye
Councilperson, Mark W. Mattson	absent
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 commented that Lillian Browne asked him to write a letter in support of maintenance on NYSDEC hiking trails; NYS has to make the order for DEC to do. Councilwoman Markert commented that the snowmobile club has made recommendations. Board discussed and approved Supervisor to write a letter.

Supervisor Merrill reported that Lynda Hitt of Delaware Opportunities has stated that their new Director was wondering if we wanted to file a new application for financial assistance to rehabilitate some housing units within the Township, mobile home replacement program or both. Board discussed.

NO. 60-2018 06/06/18 CDBG Housing Rehab Project

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves moving forward with a CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Project with Delaware Opportunities Inc. for the best interest of the Township.

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

Supervisor reported that Highway Supt. Kenneth Eck has submitted a list of surplus inventory; we would like to place these items on the next available online auction with Auctions International. Board reviewed and discussed.

NO. 61-2018 06/06/18 Surplus Inventory to Auction

Julie Markert made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Colchester has accepted the following as Surplus Inventory:

#120	1999	International Dump Truck	1HTGJAET5XH610134
#135	1999	International Dump Truck	1HTGLAET8XH201268
#144	2006	GMC Dump Truck	1GDE5C3296F06401
Police	2009	Chevrolet SUBN	1GNFK13079R178557
	1990	Case Tractor with alamo boom axe and flail mower	
	1990	Sweepster Broom	
	1969	Colman Achey Screening Plant	
		Brush Bandit Chipper- 253 Detroit Engine with extra Knives	

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby authorizes Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill to advertise such equipment with Auctions International of 11167 Route 20-A, East Aurora, New York, for an online auction being held through July 18, 2018, in the best interest of the Town.

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

Supervisor Merrill presented a resolution to support a nomination of a new Subcommittee on Ecological Flows (SEF); this resolution has been presented to the Del. Co. Board of Supervisors and was adopted by the Town of Hancock last night; Jeff Skelding, Executive Director of Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and Chair of the UDRTC is a very good candidate for this subcommittee. Board discussed.

NO. 62-2018 06/06/18 Support for the Nomination by the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition to the SEF of the RFAC of the DRBC Watershed Affairs

Greg Lavorgna offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters Coalition (UDRTC) is comprised of elected officials from Delaware County, NY municipalities, business groups, and non-profit organizations who work together to improve public safety, economic, and environmental conditions in the Upper Delaware River region of New York State and northeast Pennsylvania below the NYC Delaware River basin reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the UDRTC is develop and implement science-based initiatives and policies that enhance the local economy, the cold water fishery and recreational opportunities, and mitigate flooding in the Upper Delaware River Tailwaters; and

WHEREAS, the UDRTC includes elected officials from Deposit Town and Village, Hancock Town and Village, and the Town of Colchester to enhance collaborative efforts to manage and protect waterways and generate resources for those purposes; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2018 under Resolution 2018-2, the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) reestablished the Subcommittee on Ecological Flows (SEF) of the Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC) and is seeking qualified candidates to fill six "non-reserved" seats from watershed organizations fisheries organizations, environmental groups, academia, and the business/industry sector; and

WHEREAS, the work of the SEF will have a direct impact on the social, economic, cultural, and ecological conditions of the Upper Delaware River region; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the SEF is to provide scientifically-based information and recommendations to the DRBC-RFAC, as requested, regarding:

- Flows for the maintenance of healthy aquatic ecosystems, including consideration of water quality impacts over a range of regulated flow
- Sensitive species that could be impacted by regulated flow
- Flow regimes, thermal mitigation, and flows on habitat and ecological health
- Such other, related matters as the RFAC may deem necessary or appropriate; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Skelding, Executive Director of Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and Chair of the UDRTC has helped to successfully build and lead broad based

coalitions comprised of diverse interests to ensure the sound management of waterways in the Upper Delaware River Basin for the benefit of people, communities, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skelding has 25 years of experience in water quality policy and watershed protection and management work, coalition building, working in partnership with government, lobbying, public education, and environmental communications; and

WHEREAS, flow management, flood mitigation, habitat protection, and the Flexible Flow Management Program are all priorities for the UDRTC in the Upper Delaware River Basin and will be an important focus of the SEF; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Skelding and the UDRTC have energetically engaged in each of these issues at every level of government with responsible, collaborative, solution based approaches for the Upper Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of FUDR and the UDRTC, a broad-based community driven Stream Corridor Management Plan will soon be finalized for the Upper Delaware River Basin that will serve as a blueprint for future waterway management activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester strongly supports the UDRTC nomination of Jeff Skelding, Executive Director of Friends of the Upper Delaware River (FUDR) and Chair of the UDRTC, as a qualified candidate to fill one of the non-reserved seats on the Subcommittee on Ecological Flows and represent the interests of the UDRTC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be forwarded to the following: Delaware River Basin Commission, Division of Water Dept. of Environmental Conservation, and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

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

Supervisor reported that we would like to hire the summer youth help for this season; it was recommended to have Matthew Hale to work at the highway dept. again this year; Highway Supt. Eck stated that Matt will work 4 eight hour days as the highway does not work on Friday's. Supervisor stated that we have one returning application and two new applications for the cemetery; Supervisor reminded the Board that Lucas Elmore has already been hired, but may not stay the complete summer. Board discussed and then adopted the following two resolutions.

NO. 63-2018 06/06/18 Appoint Summer Youth for Highway Dept.

Janet Champlin made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Delaware County has a Summer Youth Employment Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester recognizes the need to hire a youth through this program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires Matthew M. Hale as a Summer Youth Employee at the hourly rate of \$11.15 per hour for the Town Highway Department through the Delaware County Summer Youth Employment Program (work week will consist of four 8 hours days for a total of 32 hours per week).

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

NO. 64-2018 06/06/18 2018 Seasonal Cemetery Laborer

Upon the recommendation of the Cemetery Supervisor, 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 2018 Season with no benefits.

Dakota R. Fletcher Returning Seasonal Cemetery Laborer \$11.15 per hour

Gavin R. Champlin	New Seasonal Cemetery Laborer	\$10.40 per hour
Kailee F. Young	New Seasonal Cemetery Laborer	\$10.40 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 Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, resolution declared adopted.

Janice Stickle presented ideas for the 2018 Pool Staff; she has suggested having four full-time lifeguards and three part-time lifeguards; one of the part-time girls will be a call-in as she has another full-time job and is willing to help out; the part-time will get many hours; she would like more part-time guards but no one has submitted an application who is certified; six guards are currently taking the WSI classes at Catskill Recreational Facility in Arkville; pool will open up Monday following graduation, June 25th; lesson start July 2nd and run for four weeks with water carnival on July 28th. Board discussed. Once WSI Training is completed and they are certified instructors, those lifeguards will receive a 35cents increase and will be reimbursed ½ the training cost at the end of this season.

NO. 65-2018 06/06/18 Appoint 2018 Pool Personnel

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby hires the following pool personnel at corresponding wages for the 2018 Pool Season:

Janice L. Stickle	Pool Recreation Director	\$13.50 per hour
Kacie S. Bunker	Full-time Lifeguard	\$10.40 per hour
Corra A. Nocella	Full-time Lifeguard	\$10.40 per hour
Gabrielle L. Ryan	Full-time Lifeguard	\$10.40 per hour
Luccia L. Martucci	Full-time Lifeguard	\$10.40 per hour
Kenzy M. Hammond	Part-time Lifeguard	\$10.40 per hour
Mackenzie B. Burnham	Part-time Lifeguard	\$10.40 per hour
Mollie E. Engle	Part-time Lifeguard	\$10.40 per hour

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

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting Wed., June 20th at 7PM
- Town Clerk's Office is Closed Friday, June 8th

Highway Supt. Eck reported that he has applied for a permit with NYSDEC about three weeks ago and have not heard anything from them; permits expire June 30th.

Supervisor reported that the repairs to Knox Avenue have taken a \$45,000 hit to the highway's general repairs budget line. Highway Supt. commented that the problem was a chemical reaction.

Councilwoman Markert commented that it has been reported of high speeders on Lindsley Avenue after school hours. This will be passed on to the police.

Councilwoman Markert inquired about a sidewalk on Knox Avenue. Highway Supt. replied that there is not enough room on the sides of the road near the intersection of Montgomery Ave.

Councilwoman Markert inquired to the status of the Firemen's Tourism Grant check. Supervisor replied that it is being cut this Friday to the Town of Colchester. Janet Champlin made the motion, seconded by Julie Markert to pay the Firemen from the Grant/Parks account and put the grant check back into this account, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried.

Councilwoman Markert inquired about a TAP Grant. Supervisor replied that we do not qualify under Parks & Recreation for the Riverwalk.

Councilwoman Markert commented that Depot Street seems to have a drainage issue. Highway Supt Eck will look into it.

Councilwoman Markert inquired if the Wooden Eagles were back; the Post Office Staff stated that they would like two to display in the windows. Supervisor replied that they are back and that the building owner needs to sign off. Councilman Lavorgna inquired if there was a request form. Supervisor replied he has the forms and that anyone who would like to display an eagle or help repair them, should contact him.

Board held discussion on lawn maintenance, the electronic digital sign and police schedule.

Councilwoman Markert inquired who the contact person was for the Farmers' Market. Contact Janet Champlin at 607-363-9705.

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Julie Markert made the motion, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Abstract No.10-2018 Voucher No.258-294; Totaling \$31,899.85.

Supervisor commented that a business contacted him about sponsoring someone to become a citizen. Town Attorney replied that character references should be done individually, not the Town Board on behalf of the Township.

Janet Champlin made the motion to go into executive session to discuss property negotiations, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Board entered executive session at 8:13 PM. Town Attorney and Town Clerk were invited to stay. Board held discussion. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to enter back into regular session, seconded by Janet Champlin, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Board entered regular session at 8:24 PM. Board made no decision forthcoming.

With no further business, Janet Champlin made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Greg Lavorgna, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Mark Mattson-absent, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Julie B. Townsend, Town Clerk