

January 8, 2025

The organizational meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, January 08, 2025 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  
                             Daniel J. Pinner       Councilman

Recording Secretary: Allison R. Gill, Town Clerk

Others present: Kenneth R. Eck, Jr.-Highway Supt., Robert Hafele, Roger Lynker, Officer Cawley, Dawn D'Addezio, Elizabeth DeFalco(The Reporter)

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held immediately following the Organizational Meeting on Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:17PM by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on December 18, 2024 had been distributed earlier. Julie Markert made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Janet Champlin, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, motion carried.

GUEST: None

VISITOR COMMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Nona Lavorgna for Notice to Audit Board that her records for 2024 were ready, Association of Towns Newsletter, IRS Mileage Rate Increase, AG Environmental Lab-increase per sample fee, Collation of Watershed Town Minutes and Justice Conrow had a letter stating her court hours were changing from Wednesday Evenings to Wednesday daytime, 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Ag and Markets Dog Control Officer Inspection Report;

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

- Town Clerk—\$1996.14 disbursed to Supervisor
- Downsville Water District-13 customers in arrears, \$1282.54 disbursed to Supervisor
- Cooks Falls Water District-11 customers in arrears, \$405.03 disbursed to Supervisor
- Town Justice Lavorgna- \$7432.00 disbursed to Supervisor
- Police Report – December 2024

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSR #17537: Meters & Installation – No new update
- Public Safety Building: Waiting on quote for new heating system.
- NYCDEP hookup to DWD- Project Complete, Monies will be paid as we receive from the NYCDEP.
- Park Paddle Project –
- Town of Colchester Comprehensive Plan-. Zoom meeting with Fisher Assoc1-16-25.
- Cemetery Drainage Project –Will be a 2025 Project.
- DR4825- FEMA

- WQIP Grant-Salt Shed- Did not get awarded Grant.

#### NEW BUSINESS :

#### **NO. 10-2025 01/08/25 Accept Fisher Associates Proposal for development of Town Comprehensive Plan**

Greg Lavorgna made the following resolution;

WHEREAS, the Town of Colchester received funding from NYS DEC Smart Growth Catskill Park grant to update the Town's 2003 Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town issued a Request for Proposals to qualified planning firms, and

WHEREAS, the Town received one response from Fisher Associates, 180 Charolette Street, Rochester, NY 14607 and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan Committee has reviewed the proposal and recommends to the Town Board to enter in to contract with above company, Fisher Associates,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester accepts the said proposal and authorizes Supervisor, Arthur M. Merrill to sign the contract with Fisher Associates for \$89,920.00.

The fire hydrant on Clark Street has been dug out but is currently still under water. Will talk with Ron about an extension to get it out of the standing water. Most likely atleast a 4 foot extension will be needed.

#### **NO. 11-2025 01/08/25 Purchase Extension for Fire Hydrant on Clark Street**

Julie Markert made the following resolution,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the Purchase of a pipe extension for the Clark Street fire hydrant repair, Janet Champlin seconded the motion, all in favor, Aye. So passed

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Meeting is Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 5PM.

#### GENERAL/FINAL DISCUSSION:

Greg Lavorgna asked about the status of someone to do the sanding on the floors in the Town Hall building. Board discussed options, Art was asked to speak to Scott O'brien again and see if he is interested. Possibly, the solution would be to get a quote per room on the job.

#### PERSONNEL:

Executive session is needed to discuss personnel. Janet Champlin made a motion to go in to Executive Session, with Greg Lavorgna seconding the motion. Entered executive session at 5:32PM.

Entered back in to Regular Session at 6:30PM

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Dan Pinner made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin, that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, motion carried. Abstract No. 01-2025 Voucher No. 01-38 Totaling \$139,589.37.

With no further business, Greg Lavorgna made the motion for adjournment, seconded by Janet Champlin, Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Arthur Merrill-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Allison R. Gill, Town Clerk