

June 4, 2025

The regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Colchester, Delaware County, New York was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025.

Present:	Arthur M. Merrill	Supervisor
	Gregory L. Lavorgna	Councilman
	Julie A. Markert	Councilwoman
	Daniel J. Pinner	Councilman
	Janet Champlin	Councilwoman
	Kenneth Eck Jr.	Highway Superintendent
Recording Secretary:	Allison R. Gill	Town Clerk

Others present: Rob Hafele, Elizabeth DeFalco (The Reporter), Alan Donner, Dawn D’Addezio, Cindy Conrow, Jody Reed, Asa Hafele, and Officer Bell.

The Meeting was called to order at 5:02PM by Supervisor Arthur M. Merrill and he led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last regular meeting on May 21, 2025 had been distributed earlier. Greg Lavorgna made the motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dan Pinner. Greg Lavorgna-aye, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, motion carried.

GUEST- None

VISITORS COMMENTS- Jody Reed, pool director, was at the meeting to speak to the Board about opening of the pool. She stated that there is a grant that would allow the Town to open the pool a few days earlier. Jody also requested a meeting to discuss all of this years plans with the Pool committee. They will set up a date to have this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Merrill read a Thank You card from the Colchester Senior Citizens group thanking the Town Board for the support of their trip to the Villa Roma and the fees the Town paid for.

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

- Town Clerk- May 2025 Report- \$4,448.24 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Downsville Water District May 2025 Report-\$4,385.34 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Cooks Falls Water District May 2025 Report-\$1,366.19 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Justice Conrow May 2025 Report-\$24,895.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Justice Lavorgna May 2025 Report-\$3,504.00 disbursed to Supervisor.
- Colchester Police Department- May 2025 Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS :

- Downsville Water System Improvement Project DWSR #17537: Meters & Installation
- Park Paddle Project – Work is under way again. Concrete to be done in another week.
- Town of Colchester Comprehensive Plan- Reviewed survey results. Next meeting will discuss a new Vision Plan.
- Cemetery Drainage Project- Waiting on Soil and Water survey to be completed.
- Fire Hydrant on Clark Street- Materials have arrived for this. Ron will need some of the Highway Department crew to complete this. The leak at the Dollar General end of town has

taken precedence over this and the highway crews are stretched thin with paving and road work now that it is nice.

- Knox Avenue and Montgomery Avenue Intersection- A Hidden Intersection sign will be installed with red flags on it.
- Town of Colchester Website- Content has been migrated from the Word Press current website. Weekly meetings are taking place now, set up is being completed and then training will begin.
- Cemetery Mapping- Dan Pinner spoke again with Shelly Johnson at Delaware County Planning. She will get everything together to apply for a grant.

NEW BUSINESS :

There were two more applications brought in for employment at the pool for the summer.

NO. 53-2025 06/04/2025 Appoint 2025 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 2025 Pool Season:

Tyler Reed- Returning Guard \$16.00/hr

Shantel Knorr- Returning Guard \$16.00/hr

Araav Patel- New Guard \$15.50/hr pending the passing of the test.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Colchester hereby approves the hiring of these seasonal pool personnel.

Resolution seconded by Greg Lavorgna . Janet Champlin- aye Julie Markert—aye Dan Pinner – aye Greg Lavorgna—aye Supervisor Merrill—aye, resolution declared adopted.

GENERAL/FINAL DISCUSSION:

Julie Markert spoke to the Board about the leak at the Dollar General/Dukes entrance. Ron had stated the leak would not be fixed until he got the pool up and running. Julie was upset that the Town Highway had dug a ditch from where the leak was to her building. She was concerned about the water running in to the basement of her building. The Highway Department guys left the pool and went over to dig the ditch further to the back of the building so that the water will not be running in to the road. Ron MacDonald stated that he would fix the leak at the beginning of the week of 6/9. Water will need to be shut off in town for the leak to be repaired. It was brought up that the Highway Department employees could come in on Friday to work on the leak, however that would be overtime for them as they are now working four, ten hour days.

Janet Champlin also asked about the eagles in town. She has seen them out front of the building on the corner and has seen Scott and Jen O'brien working on them. Supervisor Merrill stated that he has them cleaning them up and getting them ready to be put in town. Janet and Julie both questioned if the Town was paying the wages for Scott and Jen to be working on them. Supervisor Merrill stated that he is paying them from the Park grant not out of the Town general fund. Both Julie and Janet had volunteered their time to work on the eagles. Supervisor Merrill stated that they will need help once they are ready to be installed on Main Street.

Dan Pinner spoke to Rick Haiser about the paving in town. Rick has requested that Ron MacDonald have replacement parts for the water mains in town in case the State runs in to a problem when paving on Main Street. Next time Dan sees Rick, he will ask him about the repair of the sidewalks in town that need to be addressed. Supervisor Merrill has tried to contact Rick in regards to the sidewalks.

Janet Champlin also spoke to Highway Superintendent in regards to the drain at the end of Depot Street. A lot of mud and debris is around the drain. Will most likely need the front end loader to

clear it all out so that the water can run down the drain again. Superintendent Eck will have the guys come take a look at it.

PERSONNEL: Executive session needed for personnel.

Executive Session called to order at 5:34PM by Janet Champlin, seconded by Greg Lavorgna. Recording secretary left the building before they entered in to executive session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Merrill made the following announcements

- June 18, 2025 Meeting will be at 3PM (**Please note the time change**)

SUBMISSION OF BILL/EXPENSES: Greg Lavorgna made the motion, seconded by Janet Champlin that the vouchers be approved, subject to any corrections or deletions, Dan Pinner-aye, Julie Markert-aye, Janet Champlin-aye, Greg Lavorgna-aye, motion carried. Abstract No. 11-2025 Voucher No. 360-387 in the amount of \$206,008.63.

Respectfully Submitted:

Allison R. Gill, Town Clerk